

Muskegon County Transportation Committee

Rillastine R. Wilkins, Chair
Terry Sabo, Vice-Chair
Benjamin Cross
Marvin Engle

Susie Hughes
Kenneth Mahoney
Charles Nash
Robert Scolnik

White River Township Hall
7386 Post Road, Montague

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CALL TO ORDER

The Transportation Committee meeting was called to order by Chair, Rillastine Wilkins, at 4:36 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cross, Engle, Hughes, Mahoney, Nash, Sabo, Scolnik, Wilkins

Excused: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Engle, seconded by Hughes, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2014, Transportation meeting. MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Moved by Hughes, seconded by Mahoney, to accept and place on file the Informational Items. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT (on an agenda item)

John Holter, Egelston Township Supervisor, voiced displeasure with the lack of communication with local municipalities regarding the implementation of the new MARC (Muskegon Area Regional Connections) pilot program for rural bus routes.

Bob Lukens, Community Development Director, and Jim Koens, Transit Manager, explained the program and gave details. This is a six-month pilot program from November 3, 2014, through May 1, 2015, and consists of four new rural bus routes to White Lake, Montague, Holton, and Ravenna. Intentions are to continue the routes after this period. Changes will be made to the routes, if needed, to improve routes and ridership. The grant received for this pilot program states the program needs to begin in Q1 of FY2015. Discussion ensued. Informational meetings will be held for the public on October 21, 22, and 23 at various locations. Prior to the

start of the program, meetings with local municipalities will take place to gain input regarding the program and routes.

ACTION ITEMS

TR14/10-28 Authorization to Operate Regional Route Pilot Services

Transit recommends, moved by Sabo, seconded by Engle, to authorize MATS to implement regional route services with pilot routing and scheduling for the period November 3, 2014 through May 1, 2015 as described.

Roll Call

Yes: Cross, Engle, Mahoney, Nash, Sabo, Scolnik, Wilkins

No: Hughes

MOTION CARRIED

TR14/10-29 Authorization to Dispose of Buses

Transit recommends, moved by Nash, seconded by Sabo, to authorize MATS to dispose of one small bus and three medium duty buses that have met their useful life through the County Purchasing Department vehicle auction.

Roll Call

Yes: Cross, Engle, Hughes, Mahoney, Nash, Sabo, Scolnik, Wilkins

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

TR14/10-30 Authorization to Issue RFP(s) for Support Vehicles

Transit recommends, moved by Cross, seconded by Engle, to authorize MATS to issue or participate jointly in one or more Request(s) for Proposals, in cooperation with other transit systems where feasible, for the purchase of support vehicles for the MATS program.

Roll Call

Yes: Cross, Engle, Hughes, Mahoney, Nash, Sabo, Scolnik, Wilkins

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Sabo said everyone did a tremendous job in organizing and implementing the Legends flight at the Airport for World War II veterans.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (on a new topic)

John Holter, Egelston Township Supervisor, thanked the County for providing the new rural bus routes. He wanted the County to be aware of the lack of communication between the County and the local municipalities regarding this program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Transportation Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.