

**Muskegon County  
Transportation Committee**  
Via Cisco WebEx

Rillastine R. Wilkins, Chair

Gary Foster, Vice-Chair

**MINUTES**

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**May 14, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Transportation Committee meeting was called to order by Chair, Rillastine Wilkins, at 3:30 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, John Snider, Rillastine R. Wilkins

Excused: None

Also

Present: Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Lahring, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2020 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Lahring, to accept and place on file the Informational Items.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (on an agenda item)

None

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

TR20/05-14 It was moved by Commissioner Mahoney, supported by Commissioner Scolnik, to approve award of the generator construction portion of the AIP 3-26-0071-4420 grant to the low bidder, Korthase & Sons, in the amount of \$75,500.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

Roll Call:

Yes: Foster, Hovey-Wright, Hughes, Lahring, Mahoney, Nash, Scolnik, Snider, Wilkins.

No: None

TR20/05-15 It was moved by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve the Muskegon Area Transit System Public Transit Agency Safety Plan and to have the Transit Systems Manager named as the Accountable Executive for PTASP efforts. **MOTION CARRIED**

Voice Vote

TR20/05-16 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Lahring, to authorize elimination of vacant MATS full-time positions G13011, G13019, G57502, G86004, G28002 and N84004. **MOTION CARRIED**

Roll Call:

Yes: Foster, Hovey-Wright, Hughes, Lahring, Mahoney, Nash, Scolnik, Snider, Wilkins.

No: None

TR20/05-17 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Snider, to authorize MATS to publish a summary of proposed service changes, publicize a 15-day public comment period in June of 2020 and schedule a public hearing for June 11, 2020. **MOTION CARRIED**

Roll Call:

Yes: Foster, Hovey-Wright, Lahring, Mahoney, Scolnik, Snider, Wilkins.

No: Nash

Hughes was offline from the meeting and unable to vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nash, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright to table TR20/05-17.

**MOTION FAILED**

Roll Call:

Yes: Hovey-Wright, Nash, Snider.

No: Foster, Hughes, Lahring, Mahoney, Scolnik, Wilkins.

TR20/05-18 It was moved by Commissioner Mahoney, supported by Commissioner Nash, to authorize MATS to place an order in the amount not to exceed \$2,481,250 for up to five (5) heavy duty transit buses from Gillig Corporation using the existing FTA compliant procurement conducted by ITP-The Rapid, with 100% of the cost of the purchase to be paid with grant funds.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Roll Call:

Yes: Foster, Hovey-Wright, Hughes, Lahring, Mahoney, Nash, Scolnik, Snider, Wilkins.

No: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Lahring asked Jim Koens, Transit System Manager, if riders are required to wear face masks. Mr. Koens responded saying that MATS is asking riders to comply, but they are not enforcing the Governor's order.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (on a new topic)

None

**FINAL BOARD COMMENT**

An amendment to motion TR20/05-17 was made by Commissioner Lahring, supported by Commissioner Foster to extend the public comment period from May 26, 2020 to June 9, 2020. After discussion the amendment to the motion was adopted as follows:

TR20/05-17            [As amended] Authorize MATS to publish a summary of proposed service changes, publicize a 15-day public comment period beginning May 26, 2020 and schedule a public hearing for June 11, 2020.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Roll Call:

Yes:                    Foster, Hovey-Wright, Hughes, Lahring, Mahoney, Scolnik, Snider, Wilkins.

No:                     Nash

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Transportation Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm.