



Effingham County Board  
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February 14, 2024 1:30 P.M.  
**Transportation Committee Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

Committee Members Present: Norbert Soltwedel, Chair; Jeremy Deters

Committee Member Absent: Elizabeth Huston

Other Board Members Present: Josh Douthit

Others Present: Peter Niccum (CSS), Beth Beck-Marts (CEFS), Kelly Lockhart, Darren Tabbert (Probation)

### **Minutes**

- Amended minutes from January 10, 2024 were approved. J. Deters motioned/J. Douthit seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

### **Unfinished Business**

- Effingham County Public Transportation (ECPT)
  - IDOT Compliance Review Update – B. Beck-Marts reported last year’s review will not be provided by IDOT. K. Lockhart stated ECPT is scheduled for RLS audit in April. K. Lockhart explained the IDOT Compliance Review is annual and the RLS audit with a third party is every three years. B. Beck-Marts stated maintenance records will be reviewed to ensure compliance.
  - E-Trax Update – B. Beck-Marts reported 74% increase between December and January with 383 units.
    - Rotary Club Bus Stop Shelter – B. Beck-Marts shared information and pictures of a bus stop she recommends purchasing which includes a bench and marketing space. B. Beck-Marts stated the shelter is approved for marketing space through the grant as revenue, but will not work as match dollars. B. Beck-Marts to research mobile marketing with complete bus wrapping. B. Beck-Marts shared the Rotary can donate and designate as shelter and it will be match, or the Rotary can purchase and put up and ECPT could provide a form letter for them to show as donation in kind. K. Lockhart recommended donation with designation of shelter. J. Douthit recommended City involvement for concrete pour. J. Douthit to speak to City.
  - Rebuild Round 3 Grant (Maintenance Facility) – B. Beck-Marts reported contract is signed, but need appraisal of appraisal. B. Beck-Marts stated RFP is complete and under review by IDOT, and now working on getting information documentation needed for submission to state for land purchase.

### **New Business**

- Opportunities to Increase Use of 5311 (DOAP Funding) – K. Lockhart shared difficulty in obtaining full DOAP funding without a significant increase in vans and drivers. B. Beck-Marts shared donations from counties, townships, service contracts, in kind and 5311 funding can serve as match for DOAP funding. K. Lockhart reported match for FY23 was \$640,831.00.

## General Information/Public Comments

- N. Soltwedel inquired with Probation on needs for transportation. D. Tabbert shared there is some need, however need is variable. B. Beck-Marts shared billing agreement could be utilized for Probation use.
- B. Beck-Marts reported CVP awards have been received and ECPT was awarded 2 mini vans, 4 medium duty vans, and one super duty van.
- Update on Disposal of Excess Vehicle – K. Lockhart stated he continues to wait for paperwork to release title to county. K. Lockhart shared his contact with IDOT, Jeff Waxman, to assist in title release.
- D. Tabbert stated Probation has a Ford Crown Victoria sitting at old Courthouse Parking lot for 2 years, however now has become more of an expense than a benefit. J. Deters inquired on Sheriff's Enterprise program. J. Douthit stated Animal Control has a truck that needs to be dealt with as well. J. Douthit to investigate Probation and Animal Control excess vehicles.
- CSS Vehicle Update – P. Niccum shared mileage update report. P. Niccum stated CSS has applied for buses through CVP and has been awarded two medium sized buses. P. Niccum confirmed CSS plans to buy a bus each year.
- PCOM Update
  - GTFS Data – K. Lockhart stated this has been completed, however wants to validate the results. K. Lockhart recommended it be posted on Effingham County website, however will check to confirm necessity.

## Closed Session

## Adjournment

- J. Deters motioned and J. Douthit seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator