



Effingham County Board  
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December 13, 2023 1:30 P.M.  
**Transportation Committee Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

Committee Members Present: Norbert Soltwedel, Chair; Jeremy Deters; Joshua Douthit, Elizabeth Huston  
Committee Member Absent:  
Other Board Members Present:  
Others Present: Peter Niccum (CSS), Beth Beck-Marts (CEFS), Kelly Lockhart, Sheriff Kuhns, Chief Deputy Buhnerkempe

**Minutes**

- Minutes from November 8, 2023 were approved. J. Deters motioned/E. Huston seconded. Unanimous.  
*Motion carried.*

**Unfinished Business**

- Effingham County Public Transportation (ECPT)
  - IDOT Compliance Review Update – No update.
  - Deviated Route Update – B. Beck-Marts reported ECPT is active MTM provider. B. Beck-Marts was contacted by Saferight Health (work with UnitedHealth) and reported in negotiations for contract of services. B. Beck-Marts shared partnership with Midland for funding of senior medical transportation for Effingham and Clay seniors starting in June. This funding was awarded to increase accessibility and staffing for transportation needs for area seniors and will help fund the Medical Coordinator position. B. Beck-Marts reported the mobility manager presented at Heartland Human Services on E-TRAX to help promotion and education on the program. B. Beck-Marts continues to work on county donation process for seniors. Report provided by B. Beck-Marts shows denied rides are down and ridership has increased even with holidays. B. Beck-Marts anticipates program will continue to show increase in ridership and dispatchers are now utilizing E-TRAX and promoting the program. N. Soltwedel shared Noon Rotary is interested in assisting with bench, etc. for bus stops and would like to be able to have donation sign associating Rotary. B. Beck-Marts reported one township donation received from Lucas Township.
  - Rebuild Round 3 Grant (Maintenance Facility) – No update.

**New Business**

- Title VI Transportation Plan and Ordinance – K. Lockhart shared completed Title VI Transportation Plan with updated contact information and a few other minor updates. Kelly stated an updated Title VI plan specific to property for maintenance facility will need to be in place prior to construction of building. Kelly shared Title VI Transportation Plan and complaint form will need continued posting on county website. No Title VI complaints have been made to this date. J. Deters motioned to recommend

approval of Title VI Transportation Plan and Ordinance to the full board. E. Huston seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

- 2024 Meeting Schedule – E. Huston motioned to approve 2024 Meeting Schedule for Transportation Committee. J. Deters seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

#### **General Information/Public Comments**

- Mileage update provided by P. Niccum (CSS)
- K. Lockhart shared options for reporting to be submitted to Transportation Committee.
- Update on Disposal of Excess Vehicle – No update.

#### **Closed Session**

#### **Adjournment**

- E. Huston motioned and J. Deters seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator