



Effingham County Board
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September 11, 2024 1:30 P.M.
Transportation Committee Meeting
MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Norbert Soltwedel, Jeremy Deters
Committee Member Absent: Mike Buzzard
Other Board Members Present: Josh Douthit, Doug McCain
Others Present: Pete Niccum (CSS), Beth Beck-Marts (CEFS), Kelly Lockhart

Minutes

- Minutes from August 14, 2024 were approved. J. Deters motioned/J. Douthit seconded. Unanimous.
Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- Effingham County Public Transportation (ECPT)
 - E-Trax Update –
 - B. Beck-Marts shared August service report of 2,971 total passenger trips, 8 new riders, 24 unmet rides, and 395 non-ambulatory rides.
 - B. Beck-Marts shared August demand response trip purpose report of 348 medical, 2,036 employment, 55 nutrition, 64 business, 63 shopping, 55 social/recreational, 336 other, and 14 educational purposes.
 - B. Beck-Marts shared total E-Trax units of 291 for August.
 - Rebuild Round 3 Grant (Maintenance Facility) – B. Beck-Marts stated no update to report.
 - Update on IDOT Monthly Monitoring Outcome Report Requirements – B. Beck-Marts stated CEFS prepares PCOM report and K. Lockhart submits.

New Business

General Information/Public Comments

- CSS Vehicle Update – P. Niccum shared mileage update for buses. P. Niccum reported receiving all buses back from A/C repairs and the purchase of a new bus in August. P. Niccum stated CSS has many new people in program, so overflowing in transportation needs. B. Beck-Marts would like to create an intracity route between Teutopolis and Effingham to assist in some of the transportation for CSS as well as other county residents with grant possibility. B. Beck-Marts to research and report back. B. Beck-Marts reported additional route would require more drivers in addition to three driver positions still open.
- PCOM Update
 - Update on Excess Vehicle – K. Lockhart stated State has had all needed, however still no updates. K. Lockhart to contact again for update.

- Review of Existing Service Contracts and Efforts to Obtain Additional Service Contracts – K. Lockhart reported having met with P. Cox, program manager for IDOT on August 29th and conversation about service contracts. B. Beck-Marts stated will need to look into other options for service contracts. B. Beck-Marts reported struggle obtaining service contracts because contracts are required to be social service organization, but Effingham being a rural area makes this difficult. J. Deters inquired on probation department being on service contract. Committee to investigate.
- Any Complaints Received and Disposition of Complaints – No complaints reported.
- DOAP Funding Used and Remaining – No report.
- K. Lockhart shared B. Beck-Marts has provided the financial procedures CEFS utilizes and recommended it for the county. K. Lockhart to provide to A. Jones and D. Ruholl for review. K. Lockhart reported should complete of audit findings. K. Lockhart shared conversation with IDOT allowing additional time to complete.
- N. Soltwedel inquired on public transportation concerns for CIPT and possible effects for Effingham County. B. Beck-Marts stated it should not affect Effingham County. J. Douthit requested draft overview of what CIPT would look like if Effingham County assisted. B. Beck-Marts to provide at next meeting.

Closed Session

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator