



Effingham County Board  
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January 8, 2025 1:30 P.M.  
**Transportation Committee Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

Committee Members Present: Norbert Soltwedel, Mike Buzzard, Jeremy Deters

Committee Member Absent:

Other Board Members Present: Joshua Douthit

Others Present: Pete Niccum (CSS), Beth Beck-Marts (CEFS), Kelly Lockhart

**Minutes**

- Minutes from December 11, 2024 were approved. N. Soltwedel motioned/M. Buzzard seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

**Unfinished Business**

- Effingham County Public Transportation (ECPT)
  - B. Beck-Marts reported Midland notified CEFS of grant approval in the amount of \$100,000.00
  - No FY26 allocations at this time
  - B. Beck-Marts reported no service on Monday, January 6 due to weather conditions.
  - 2 minivans; 4 14 passenger and 1 26 passengers to arrive hopefully March
  - November Service Report
    - B. Beck-Marts shared December service report of 2331 total passenger trips, 16 new riders, 66 unmet rides, and 304 non-ambulatory rides.
    - B. Beck-Marts shared December demand response trip purpose report of 306 medical, 1577 employment, 35 nutrition, 65 business, 58 shopping, 26 social/recreational, 18 other, and 5 educational purposes.
    - B. Beck-Marts shared reduced fair report of 275 seniors, 255 disabled residents, 17 veterans for demand response.
  - E-Trax Update –
    - B. Beck-Marts reported 241 total units with 12.7 as the average per day and 1.6 as the average rides per hour.
    - B. Beck-Marts reported reduced fair for E-Trax of 84 seniors, 56 disabled residents, and 8 veterans.
    - B. Beck-Marts shared “Free Fridays” in December had 31 riders.
  - Rebuild Round 3 Grant (Maintenance Facility) – No updates.

## **New Business**

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

- N. Soltwedel shared updated resolution for DOAP funding to be sent to Legislative Committee for review. B. Beck-Marts to share with other counties at annual meetings.
- CSS Vehicle Update – P. Niccum shared mileage of 3760 total miles for month of December serving 107 clients.
- PCOM Update
  - Update on Excess Vehicle – K. Lockhart reported status unchanged.
  - ECPT – Financial Policies & Procedures – K. Lockhart reported IDOT is in review of documents.

### **Closed Session**

### **Adjournment**

- M. Buzzard motioned and N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator