



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

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

Committee Member Absent:

Other Board Members Present:

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

**Minutes**

- Minutes from September 10, 2025 were approved. N. Soltwedel motioned/J. Deters seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

**Unfinished Business**

- Effingham County Public Transportation (ECPT)
  - September Service Report provided by B. Beck-Marts.
    - September service report of 2,368 total passenger trips, 9 new riders, 16 unmet rides, and 253 non-ambulatory rides.
    - September demand response trip purpose report of 338 medical, 1,574 employment, 28 nutrition, 40 business, 68 shopping, 48 social/recreational, unreported other, and 0 educational purposes.
    - Reduced fair report of 283 seniors, 214 disabled residents, 28 veterans for demand response.
  - E-Trax Report provided by B. Beck-Marts.
    - 261 total units with 12.43 as the average per day and 1.55 as the average rides per hour.
    - Reduced fair for E-Trax of 108 seniors, 27 disabled residents, and 11 veterans with \$0.00 donations received.
  - Rebuild Round 3 Grant (Maintenance Facility) – K. Lockhart reported waiting on IDOT to review architecture bids.

**New Business**

- Transportation Schedule Access for Shelby County – B. Beck-Marts stated scheduling software is currently shared with Shelby County and IDOT is requesting full PCOM access for both counties in software. Discussion on information included in software. P. Niccum raised concerns with Shelby PCOM having access to any possible HIPAA information in the system for Community Support System clients. N. Soltwedel motioned to restrict access of Shelby County PCOM to only Shelby County related data. M. Buzzard seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

## General Information/Public Comments

- N. Soltwedel spoke with UCCI on lobbying effort for raise the sharing match. N. Soltwedel shared topic was scheduled to be on the agenda along with Chicago transportation this fall, however will now be pushed back. N. Soltwedel stated UCCI is favorable of raising sharing match and Farm Bureau plans to add topic to the agenda with no limitation in match.
- Discussion on any need for additional bus shelters for E-TRAX
- B. Beck-Marts provided report to committee.
  - Current staffing needs 2 full time driver positions and 1 dispatcher/driver with Operations Manager position filled
  - Awarded \$600,000.00 for FY24 Local Project Funding to supplement Rebuild Illinois Capital Grant bringing total funds for maintenance facility to \$2,745,537.00.
  - Attended Illinois Public Transportation Association Annual Conference and was introduced to another opportunity for capital funding at the end of the year along with another CVP grant in spring 2026. B. Beck-Marts shared other topics being compliance reviews will be held next year, discussion on government shutdown with IDOT setting aside funds that will keep payments flowing short term.
  - Review for south route will be in December with possible roll out in spring.
- Vehicle Update – P. Niccum provided mileage report for buses and client transportation needs report. P. Niccum reported no maintenance issues.
- PCOM Update
  - Update on Excess Vehicle – K. Lockhart reported anticipation this topic will be resolved before next committee meeting date.

## Closed Session

## Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator