



Effingham County Board  
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March 12, 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: Josh Douthit

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

**Minutes**

- Minutes from February 12, 2025 were approved. M. Buzzard motioned/N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

**Unfinished Business**

- Effingham County Public Transportation (ECPT)
  - J. Deters shared his attendance at Teutopolis Village meeting to encourage township cooperation and contribution for ECPT. J. Deters shared Teutopolis Village Council expressed interest in contribution, however unsure of amount at this time.
  - February Service Report
    - B. Beck-Marts report showed February service report of 2,346 total passenger trips, 12 new riders, 45 unmet rides, and 290 non-ambulatory rides.
    - B. Beck-Marts report showed February demand response trip purpose report of 272 medical, 1,652 employment, 32 nutrition, 53 business, 70 shopping, 48 social/recreational, 24 other, and 5 educational purposes.
    - B. Beck-Marts report showed reduced fair report of 309 seniors, 276 disabled residents, 16 veterans for demand response.
  - E-Trax Update –
    - B. Beck-Marts reported 200 total units with 10 as the average per day and 1.25 as the average rides per hour.
    - B. Beck-Marts reported reduced fair for E-Trax of 81 seniors, 42 disabled residents, and 14 veterans.
  - Rebuild Round 3 Grant (Maintenance Facility) – Beth Beck-Marts reported final stages of finishing up plot work prior to purchase and state review of RFQ for architectural work.

**New Business**

- Resolution Authorizing Execution & Amendment of Section 5311 Grant Agreement. J. Deters requests resolution combined with ordinance for approval. N. Soltwedel moves to send both agreements to full board for approval. M. Buzzard seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- Ordinance Authorizing Execution & Amendment of Section 5311 Grant Agreement – See above

- Special Warranty - M. Buzzard move to approve special warranty. N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- Vehicle Lease Agreement – M. Buzzard moved to approve vehicle lease agreement. N. Soltwedel seconded Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- Purchase of Service Agreement Between CEFS and Effingham County – N. Soltwedel moved to approve purchase of service agreement between CEFS and Effingham County. M. Buzzard seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

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

- B. Beck-Marts reported rider survey showed 70% service satisfaction with no interest in scheduled rides between townships or special trips services. B. Beck-Marts reported suggestions received for weekend service and expansion to south side.
- B. Beck-Marts reported attendance to RTAC Conference with special training on 5310 CVP Grant in which it was learned that 2025 is last year for 10% increase in 5311. B. Beck-Marts reported IPTA is working on legislative process of reducing match from 35% to 20% for FY27.
- B. Beck-Marts reported graphics are currently in production for E-TRAX shelter located at County Building.
- B. Beck-Marts reported meeting with CSS to go over renovation plans to ensure no disruption in transportation services with final determination there would be no trouble meeting contract needs during renovations.
- B. Beck-Marts reported current staffing remains same as January staffing with one 1 substitute driver.
- B. Beck-Marts reported no update on audit compliance with submitted changes.
- B. Beck-Marts shared public transportation grants will be due April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- B. Beck-Marts reported updated post-inspection forms to further improve compliance.
- Vehicle Update – P. Niccum shared mileage update of 5395 miles on buses. P. Niccum stated one bus seems to have a longer trip than other buses, so plans to rotate buses to balance out miles between buses are in place. P. Niccum shared a meeting with all providers determined providers will be receiving funding for transportation, however reimbursement per individual is \$120 per month which does not cover full costs. P. Niccum stated to save on costs, CSS may eliminate one CIPT route and swap out with individual routes. P. Niccum reported CSS closure date of May 28 2025 for driver safety.
- PCOM Update
  - Update on Excess Vehicle – K. Lockhart reported IDOT requested another letter from senior center claiming IDOT did not receive previous letter. K. Lockhart reported with new buses, it may be best to disposition bus and allow for IDOT to repurpose with another entity, place for sale, repurpose for another use, or dispose of entirely.

### **Closed Session**

### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator