



Effingham County Board
101 N. 4th Street, Suite 301, Effingham, IL
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June 11, 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: John Althoff (CEFS), Kevin Bushur (CEFS), Kelly Lockhart

Minutes

- Minutes from May 14, 2025 were approved. N. Soltwedel motioned/M. Buzzard seconded. Unanimous.
Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- Effingham County Public Transportation (ECPT)
 - May Service Report provided by J. Althoff
 - B. Beck-Marts' report showed May service report of 2,570 total passenger trips, 12 new riders, 40 unmet rides, and 380 non-ambulatory rides.
 - B. Beck-Marts' report showed May demand response trip purpose report of 401 medical, 1,720 employment, 49 nutrition, 43 business, 55 shopping, 74 social/recreational, 17 other, and 0 educational purposes.
 - B. Beck-Marts' report showed reduced fair report of 342 seniors, 301 disabled residents, 42 veterans for demand response.
 - E-Trax Update –
 - B. Beck-Marts reported 211 total units with 9.6 as the average per day and 1.2 as the average rides per hour.
 - B. Beck-Marts reported reduced fair for E-Trax of 66 seniors, 48 disabled residents, and 12 veterans with \$0.00 donations received.
 - N. Soltwedel inquired on any interest in new stops. J. Althoff responded at point of re-evaluation and may possibly eliminate one of TA Truck Stop stops and add others.
 - Rebuild Round 3 Grant (Maintenance Facility) – K. Lockhart stated bid out architectural and engineering. Received 7 responses. Scored Farnsworth Group the highest. In next 30 days will work with Farnsworth to get a contract and get approval from IDOT. Will then bring back to the board for approval.

New Business

General Information/Public Comments

- J. Deters reported obtaining \$500.00 contribution from Village of Montrose.

- J. Althoff stated CVP vehicles are ready and graphic installation has been completed and expected to be live end of June/early July.
- J. Althoff reported July 22nd is all staff training with Effingham Fire Department.
- J. Althoff stated 1 full-time position remains open.
- Vehicle Update – P. Niccum not in attendance. No report
- PCOM Update
 - Update on Excess Vehicle – K. Lockhart reported no update.

Closed Session

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator