



Effingham County Board
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July 9, 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 June 11, 2025 were approved. M. Buzzard motioned/N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous.
Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- Effingham County Public Transportation (ECPT)
 - June Service Report
 - B. Beck-Marts' report showed June service report of 2,716 total passenger trips, 12 new riders, 19 unmet rides, and 405 non-ambulatory rides.
 - B. Beck-Marts' report showed June demand response trip purpose report of 428 medical, 1,759 employment, 37 nutrition, 47 business, 64 shopping, 51 social/recreational, 80 other, and 8 educational purposes.
 - B. Beck-Marts' report showed reduced fair report of 358 seniors, 253 disabled residents, 33 veterans for demand response.
 - E-Trax Update –
 - B. Beck-Marts reported 242 total units with 11.5 as the average per day and 1.4 as the average rides per hour.
 - B. Beck-Marts reported reduced fair for E-Trax of 93 seniors, 24 disabled residents, and 17 veterans with \$0.00 donations received.
 - Rebuild Round 3 Grant (Maintenance Facility) – K. Lockhart to have everything for architect to IDOT approved before bringing back for board approval. B. Beck-Marts' reported no update on second grant with added funding.

New Business

General Information/Public Comments

- B. Beck-Marts reported current staffing needs of one full time driver and one dispatcher/driver. B. Beck-Marts stated Maintenance Supervisor interviews are complete and decision to be made by next week
- B. Beck-Marts reported all staff training is July 22nd where IDOT will be providing pre-trip best practices with Effingham Fire Department providing fire extinguisher training and bus smoke out training.

- B. Beck-Marts reported receiving \$500.00 donation from Montrose.
- Vehicle Update – P. Niccum provided mileage report for buses for June and July covering a total of 10,863 miles with no disruptions.
- PCOM Update
 - Update on Excess Vehicle – K. Lockhart reported IDOT requesting an update letter including the reason of need for vehicle. K. Lockhart shared vehicle isn't needed, but need disposed. Committee confirmed disposal of vehicle as best plan.

Closed Session

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator