



Effingham County Board  
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August 13, 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

**Minutes**

- Minutes from July 9, 2025 were approved. N. Soltwedel motioned/M. Buzzard seconded. Unanimous.  
*Motion carried.*

**Unfinished Business**

- Effingham County Public Transportation (ECPT)
  - July Service Report provided by B. Beck-Marts.
    - July service report of 2,633 total passenger trips, 16 new riders, 32 unmet rides, and 386 non-ambulatory rides.
    - July demand response trip purpose report of 400 medical, 1,744 employment, 56 nutrition, 59 business, 68 shopping, 50 social/recreational, unreported other, and 0 educational purposes.
    - Reduced fair report of 327 seniors, 242 disabled residents, 44 veterans for demand response.
  - E-Trax Report provided by B. Beck-Marts.
    - 245 total units with 11.14 as the average per day and 1.4 as the average rides per hour.
    - Reduced fair for E-Trax of 102 seniors, 29 disabled residents, and 11 veterans with \$0.00 donations received.
  - Rebuild Round 3 Grant (Maintenance Facility) – K. Lockhart reported bids for architecture sent to IDOT which then requested more information on comparison of independent cost estimate. K. Lockhart stated no bid has been awarded at this time. K. Lockhart reported easement has been approved and able to move forward with gravel driveway.

**New Business**

**General Information/Public Comments**

- J. Deters reported attending City of Effingham Council meeting to encourage donation for ECPT of which the Council will be making decision on donation next week.
- B. Beck-Marts provided report to committee.
  - Current staffing needs of one full time driver, one dispatcher/driver, and an Operations Manager due to reassignment to Maintenance Manager.

- Preliminary planning for shuttle to serve southern section of town to ETrax will begin early September. On Tuesdays and Thursdays Shuttle that will link to ETrax route. Shuttle allows for more flexibility with train tracks. May implement in late winter/early spring to evaluate if would be successful. Stops have not yet been determined. Discussion on possible stops.
- Received \$2,500.00 donation from Dieterich.
- Illinois Public Transportation Association Annual Conference is September 29-October 1
- Vehicle Disposals – Planning on writing for title release/disposal of E22-1, ESC-1, ESC-2. Will be completed within next couple of weeks.
- Vehicle Update – P. Niccum provided mileage report for buses for July/August of 6,190 miles added on buses from last meeting. P. Niccum reported buses working well with no complaints.
- PCOM Update
  - Update on Excess Vehicle – K. Lockhart reported IDOT requested more information on mechanical to determine if vehicle will be salvaged for another county or organization.
  - K. Lockhart stated J. Althoff has taken over maintenance of buses and maintenance of buses has been smooth since the transition.

### **Closed Session**

### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator