



Effingham County Board  
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September 10, 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 August 13, 2025 were approved. M. Buzzard motioned/N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

**Unfinished Business**

- Effingham County Public Transportation (ECPT)
  - August Service Report provided by B. Beck-Marts.
    - August service report of 2,604 total passenger trips, 27 new riders, 43 unmet rides, and 327 non-ambulatory rides.
    - August demand response trip purpose report of 368 medical, 1,703 employment, 42 nutrition, 40 business, 70 shopping, 49 social/recreational, unreported other, and 0 educational purposes.
    - Reduced fair report of 329 seniors, 217 disabled residents, 35 veterans for demand response.
  - E-Trax Report provided by B. Beck-Marts.
    - 300 total units with 14.29 as the average per day and 1.79 as the average rides per hour.
    - Reduced fair for E-Trax of 114 seniors, 24 disabled residents, and 16 veterans with \$0.00 donations received.
  - Rebuild Round 3 Grant (Maintenance Facility) – K. Lockhart stated no update at this time. All has been submitted for architectural bid, still waiting for approval moving forward on bid.

**New Business**

- FY24 ECPT Audit – N. Soltwedel moved approval of FY24 ECPT audit to full board. M. Buzzard seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

**General Information/Public Comments**

- N. Soltwedel inquired on ability for ridership report per township. B. Beck-Marts confirmed ability to get close on numbers for report.
- B. Beck-Marts provided report to committee.
  - Current staffing needs 3 full time driver positions and 1 dispatcher/driver with 2 new sub drivers scheduled for orientation and operations manager interviews on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

- Local Project Funding awardees have been selected. Grant supplements the capital grant for the maintenance facility.
- Midland has applied for another year of Connecting Rural Older Illinoisians Grant for \$100,000 to be shared with Clay and Fayette counties and will supplement cost of Medical Transportation Coordinator position and medical transport for seniors.
- Ability to now negotiate no show, deadhead mileage and wait time reimbursements with Modivcare and MTM non-emergency medical transports.
- Vehicle Update – P. Niccum provided mileage report for buses. P. Niccum shared CSS has changed day program locations and are running three pick up and drop off locations rather than two. P. Niccum reported buses working well.
- PCOM Update
  - Update on Excess Vehicle – K. Lockhart reported he has requested of IDOT the ability to re-do paperwork and submit for IDOT to take possession.

### **Closed Session**

### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator