

**Transportation Authority of Calhoun County  
Meeting Minutes  
Marshall City Hall – Council Chambers  
323 West Michigan Avenue, Marshall, MI 49068  
February 11, 2025**

- I. **Call to Order**  
The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Tom Tarkiewicz at 9:00 a.m.
- II. **Roll Call**  
Members Present: Jenasia Morris, Amy Evans, Vivian Davis, Tom Tarkiewicz  
Members Absent: Erick Stewart, Dr. Paul Watson
- III. **Agenda**  
It was motioned by Amy and supported by Vivian to approve the agenda.  
Motion Carried.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**  
It was motioned by Amy and supported by Vivian to approve January 28, 2025, minutes.  
Motion Carried.
- V. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**  
None.
- VI. **Consent Agenda**  
None.
- VII. **Finance and Budget Report**
  - \$3,930.91 interest accrued in January.
  - Certificate of Liability Insurance from Worgess was received for Mailbox Agreement with BCU.
  - Current account balance is \$2,614,605.54
- VIII. **Public Hearings and Subsequent Board Action**  
None.
- IX. **Unfinished Business**
  - a) Tom discussed new Board Member appointment with Doug Ferrall, no action taken.
  - b) A Legal Services RFP is out until February 19<sup>th</sup> with the Board planning to take action at the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Accounting Services and Marketing and Communications Services RFPs will be going out soon.
- X. **New Business**

- a) Discussion about joining local Chambers of Commerce was had with a recommendation from Tom to gather more information and take action at a later meeting.

**XI. Public Comments and Non-Agenda Items**

- Eric Scott introduced himself as the Local Amalgamated Transit Union President and a Battle Creek Transit employee.
- Eric inquired about how to access the Board's by-laws. The Board will update the Ride Calhoun website and staff will provide Eric with a copy.
- Eric asked about potential future public meetings to address how collected tax money will be used. The Board informed Eric of LAC meetings and local public engagement as well as the goal of TACC to become a designated funding recipient.
- Eric mentioned the marketing and education contract with Blufish and his concern for lack of communication since the election. The Board is hoping to have more social media presence and communication with the public after hiring marketing and communication help soon mentioned in new business.
- Eric inquired on behalf of a union member about who answers questions asked on the Ride Calhoun website. The Board referred to staff currently answering questions asked on the website.
- Doug Ferrell spoke about townships that opted out may now have some interest in participating with the TACC.

**XII. Board and Staff Comments**

- a) The Board discussed topics brought up at a presentation Tom recently gave to the Senior Millage Allocation Committee Board.
- b) Tom mentioned funding from the Governor for road improvement and public transit.
- c) Jeff Franklin updated the Board on an open Finance Director position with BCATS. Jeff is also monitoring the current Federal funding situation.

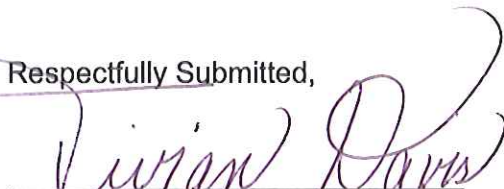
**XIII. Next Meeting**

Next Meeting – February 25, 2025

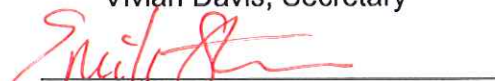
**XIV. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30am

Respectfully Submitted,



Vivian Davis, Secretary



Erick Stewart, Chair