

Transportation Authority of Calhoun County
Meeting Minutes
Marshall City Hall – Council Chambers
323 West Michigan Avenue, Marshall, MI 49068
February 25, 2025

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erick Stewart at 9:05 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Jenasia Morris, Dr. Paul Watson, Amy Evans, Vivian Davis, Erick Stewart

Members Absent: Tom Tarkiewicz

III. Agenda

It was motioned by Jenasia and Vivian simultaneously and supported by Dr. Watson to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes

It was motioned by Amy and supported by Jenasia to approve February 11, 2025 Minutes.

Motion Carried.

V. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Doug Ferrall, Calhoun County Assistant Administrator, stated he spoke with Maya Williams on February 24, 2025 regarding the TACC's recommendation of her to the County as their new TACC representative. She seemed enthusiastic. Her appointment recommendation will be on the March 6, 2025 County Commission Meeting Agenda.

Eric Scott, BC Transit employee and ATU President, thanked the Board and BC Transit staff for providing the By-Laws he requested at the last TACC Board Meeting and for updating Ride Calhoun's Facebook page. He appreciates the responsiveness and efforts.

VI. Consent Agenda

None.

VII. Finance and Budget Report

- \$2,895,498.98 taxes paid by municipalities to date, which is 54% of the \$5,366,486 anticipated taxes per the Budget prepared to set the up to 2.66 millage rate. \$2,470,987.02 remaining anticipated taxes to be paid to TACC.
- SMB&T interest earnings to date are \$8,214.82.
- Current SMB&T account balance is \$3,097,367.45 with two outstanding checks totaling \$3,890.

VIII. Public Hearings and Subsequent Board Action

None.

IX. Unfinished Business

- a) Appointment of new Board Member: Appointment discussed by Doug Ferrall in Public Comments on Agenda Items above.
- b) RFP updates: The Accounting Services RFP is drafted and should be shared/posted in the near future. The Marketing and Communications Services RFP was posted on ridecalhoun.org on February 19th and emailed to four vendors who responded to the City of Battle Creek's Marketing RFP for TACC last year. The submission deadline is March 5th at 5:00pm.
- c) Chamber of Commerce Affiliations: Amy shared the annual local Chamber of Commerce membership costs are Marshall \$550, Battle Creek Area (which includes The City of Springfield) \$399 this year, and Greater Albion \$250. It was motioned by Dr. Watson and supported by Vivian for TACC to join the Marshall, Battle Creek Area and Greater Albion Chambers of Commerce and to authorize TACC's Acting Treasurer to complete the applications and pay the membership costs.

Motion Carried.

X. New Business

- a) Amy stated the Legal Services RFP submissions were reviewed by Erick, Tom and Amy on February 21st. Based on the results of their completed Score Sheets, they recommend Miller Johnson for both Legal Counsel and Labor Counsel. The recommendation to contract with Miller Johnson for Legal Counsel and Labor Counsel services was motioned by Dr. Watson and supported by Jenasia.
- b) Erick mentioned TACC's BCATS membership. Jeff Franklin, BCATS Executive Director, stated TACC's membership cost is based on a formula of 18.15% of the FTA planning dollars for the Battle Creek urbanized area, which could approximate \$10,500. BCATS will notify TACC in June 2025 of the membership amount, will submit a bill to TACC in October 2025 and the payment will be due November 2025 to January 2026. TACC's BCATS membership and cost approval were motioned by Amy and supported by Vivian.

Motion Carried.

XI. Public Comments and Non-Agenda Items

None.

XII. Board and Staff Comments

- a) Communications to the Board - None
- b) Legislative Updates – Mallory Avis, BC Transit Director, shared BC Transit staff joined an APTA webinar last week for federal funding updates. There have been a lot of Executive Orders related to federal funding and there are a lot of unknowns. So far, BC Transit's formula funds are not impacted, however the federal Budget has yet to be approved. Operating funds have not been impacted, but Capital funding related to electric vans and buses has been.

- c) BCATS Updates - Jeff Franklin stated he is also monitoring the federal funding situation. MDOT's guidance is to continue working. The federal government has implemented what they're calling an extra step, but it's effectively a pause. Jeff is working on BCATS' next fiscal year Budget. He shared their Finance Director posting closed mid-February and they have three qualified candidates to consider. BCATS next Policy Meeting is February 26th at 1:30pm in the City of Springfield Municipal Building Council Chambers.

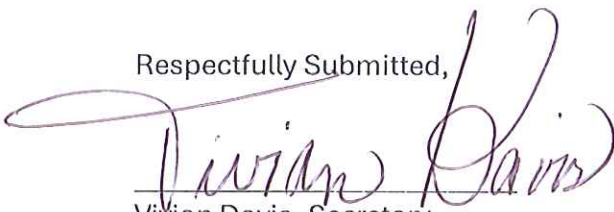
XIII. Next Meeting

Next Meeting – March 11, 2025

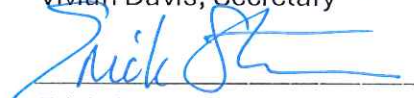
XIV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:37am

Respectfully Submitted,



Vivian Davis, Secretary



Erick Stewart, Chair