

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

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erick Stewart at 9:07 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Members Present: Dr. Paul Watson, Amy Evans, Erick Stewart, Tom Tarkiewicz, Maya Williams

Members Absent: Jenasia Morris, Vivian Davis

**III. Agenda**

It was motioned by Amy and supported by Tom to approve the agenda with two amendments to New Business. Item a. Approval of a Marketing and Communications Vendor was tabled to the next meeting and Tom requested an addition to discuss Albion Service Expansion.

Motion Carried.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

It was motioned by Dr. Watson and supported by Maya to approve February 25, 2025 Minutes.

Motion Carried.

**V. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None.

**VI. Consent Agenda**

None.

**VII. Finance and Budget Report**

- Amy made a change from previous reports to calculate the percentage of tax revenue collected.
- 70% of tax payments have been received with anticipation of 100% collected by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- SMB&T interest earnings to date are \$17,287.29.

It was motioned by Tom and supported by Dr. Watson to approve the Finance and Budget Report.

Motion Carried.

**VIII. Public Hearings and Subsequent Board Action**

None.

**IX. Unfinished Business**

None.

**X. New Business**

- a) Approval of a Marketing and Communications Vendor was tabled for the next meeting.
- b) Tom spoke about the Albion-Marshall Connector and his intention to provide curb-to-curb service in Albion soon. Mallory, BCT Director, agreed to put together an Albion Service Expansion proposal for the Board to review at the next meeting. Mallory updated the Board on new vehicle purchases and anticipated delivery timelines.

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

Eric Scott, BCT Employee and ATU President asked the Board if it is possible to obtain meeting agenda's before arriving.

**XII. Board and Staff Comments**

- a) Tom congratulated Chuck Asher on being elected to Board Chair of the Senior Millage Allocation Committee.
- b) Legislative Updates – Mallory Avis, BCT Director, shared Battle Creek Transit staff met with legislative staff in Washington DC last week about public transportation. A trip to the State Capitol is planned for the following day for the same purpose. Mallory and the Board discussed our local representatives and communicating with them.
  - i. Peter Varga, Board Consultant, asked the Board for an original plan to increase service and advised on fare structure and wages.
  - ii. Peter has completed a draft job description for Executive Director position and would like to submit it.
  - iii. Erick spoke on the progress of the Authority.
- c) BCATS Updates - Jeff Franklin informed the Board that BCATS recognizes the TACC as a financially participating member. Jeff talked about a more positive outlook on funding approval from his last Board update.
  - i. Erick welcomed Maya Willams as the newest TACC Board member.

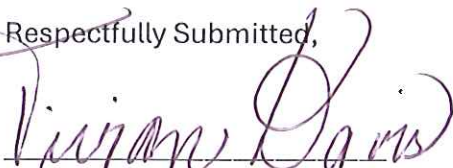
**XIII. Next Meeting**

Next Meeting – March 25, 2025

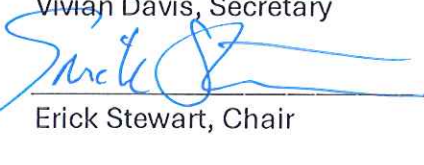
**XIV. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:42am

Respectfully Submitted,



Vivian Davis, Secretary



Erick Stewart, Chair