

Transportation Authority of Calhoun County Board Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2024
Marshall City Hall Training Room
323 West Michigan Avenue
Marshall, MI 49068

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erick Stewart at 9:04 a.m.

Roll Call

Present Members: Erick Stewart, Linda Morrison, Amy Evans, Tom Tarkiewicz, Vivian Davis and Jenasia Morris

Staff Present: Matthew McKee, Doug Ferrall, Mallory Avis, Kristy Grestini

Absent Member: Dr. Paul Watson

Approval of Agenda

Motion: It was moved by Linda and supported by Tom to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

Approval of February 27, 2024 – Motion:

Motion: It was moved by Tom and supported by Linda to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2024, meeting as amended. Change the word flexibility to accessibility under Responsibilities of the LAC, add the k in Tom Tarkiewicz's name, and under Additional Discussion, the millage rates and additional costs of an average home in the impacted communities with a millage rate of 2.662.

Motion Carried.

Public Comments

There were no public comments. No community members were in attendance.

Unfinished Business

- 2024 Ballot Initiative

Discussion was held regarding the overall components that may impact the ballot initiative.

- Presently there are no pending bond proposals that will present barriers for the Transportation Millage Proposal.
- Written language for the TACC proposal is due May 14, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
- Following a discussion, members reached a consensus that a request for up to 2.6 mills can be used as the barometer to move forward.

New Business

No new business items were noted in the agenda; however, members discussed the following:

- Criteria for LAC Members will include county-wide representation.
- The Goal of LAC is to give community members the opportunity to become involved in the decision-making process to meet transportation needs in Calhoun County by:
 - Valuing diversity, opinions, and ideas to provide reliable transportation.
 - Giving citizens a voice, input, and feedback in the determination of service hours, service levels, barriers to service through pre-submission updates, and public comments.

- A Job description and application of the two groups will be posted on city websites.
- TACC LAC will replace local LAC Committees once the TACC becomes operational.

City and County Report

Review map of TACC service area

- Board members viewed maps of TACC service areas.
- Each community has specific challenges and transportation needs that will be addressed.
- Members will address concerns of outlining areas including Albion, Marshall, and Springfield by removing transportation barriers.

Update of TACC Consultant

Potential consultants have been identified. A single contractor will be selected in the next 2-3 weeks with the Board making a recommendation to the Battle Creek City Commission to award a contract.

Appropriations

Battle Creek applied for a 3 million dollar grant for the formation of TACC. 1.5 million was received to be used for capital startup expenses. Funds, available in August or September, will be used for start up capital such as vehicles, radios, dispatch software, etc., for Marshall, Battle Creek, Springfield and Albion.

Member Comments

- TACC meetings should be posted as public notices.
- Meetings should be rotated to the various communities.
- Special meetings will be held as needed.

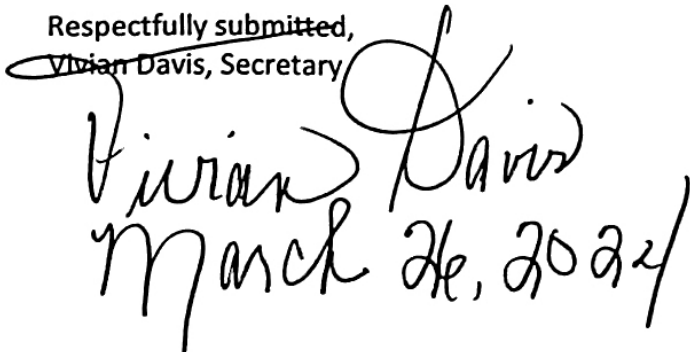
Public Comments

No public comments were made. No community members were in attendance.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m. The next meeting will be held March 26, 2024, 9:00 a.m., Marshall City Hall Training Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Vivian Davis, Secretary



Vivian Davis
March 26, 2024