

Transportation Authority of Calhoun County (TACC)

April 9, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Marshall City Hall Training Room

323 West Michigan Avenue, Marshall, MI 49068

9:02 Call to order by Chairperson Erick Stewart

9:02 Roll Call

- **Present Members:** Erick Stewart, Tom Tarkiewicz, Amy Evans, Dr. Paul Watson, Linda Morrison, Vivian Davis, and Jenasia Morris
- **Present Staff:** Mallory Avis, Doug Ferrall, Matt McKee, Kristy Grestini
- **Absent Members:** No absent members
- **Absent Staff:** No absent staff

9:03 Approval of Agenda moved by Linda M. and supported by Tom T. to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

9:04 Approval of March 26th minutes moved by Linda M and supported by Paul W to accept the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

9:05 Public Comments. The group welcomed Chuck Asher, LAC member, who attended as an observer.

9:06 Unfinished Business:

a. 2024 Ballot Initiatives:

- **The board discussed sample ballot language from other transportation authorities, cities, and townships that offer transportation services. Focus on renewals and initial mileages including budgets and the need to address locality differences.**
- **The consultant's contract will be brought before the City commission May 7**
- **Clarification on other authorities such as DDA, Brownfield areas, Libraries, 911, and other authorities that capture taxes to address what is needed in reference to state law and its impact on the transportation proposal.**

10:10 New Business:

- Erick Stewart called a special meeting to be held Tuesday, April 16th, 9:30 – 11:00, Marshall City Hall Training Room, to review ballot proposal language. Public notification will be posted.**
- The school millage election language was distributed by Tom for review and use as a resource for language usage.**
- The board discussed community conversations that involves transportation talking points to enhance community support including recreation, providing services outside of the boundaries, and localized services.**
- Additional education and marketing strategies will be added to upcoming agendas.**

10:40 Budget and Finance Report

10:45 LAC Updates

- a. A 7th member of LAC is being recruited.
- b. Additional suggested areas for recruitment including Albion College and the Kool Center.

10:56 City and County Report

- a. The TACC Consultant recommendation will be brought before the Battle Creek Commission May 7

10:56 Member Comments

- a. Members were asked to identify citizens to serve on the Friends of Transportation Committee who has background in community outreach to strengthen conversations regarding local transportation.
- b. Grant Opportunities
 - Mallory shared information on transportation grant opportunities to secure funds to support transportation.

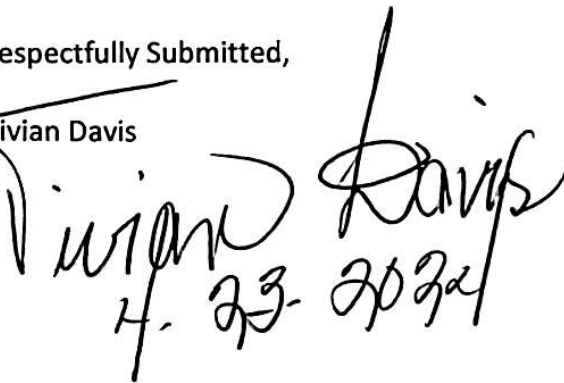
11:03 - Public Comments

None

11:04 - Meeting Adjourned by Erick Stewart.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Davis



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