

# Transportation Authority of Calhoun County (TACC)

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
April 23, 2024, 9:30 am- 11:00 am  
Marshall City Hall, Council Chambers  
323 W. Michigan Avenue Marshall, MI 49068

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erick Stewart at 9:03 a.m.
2. Roll Call
  - Members Present: Erick Stewart, Tom Tariewicz, Jenaisa Morris, Linda Morrison, Dr. Paul Watson, and Vivian Davis
  - Present Staff: Mallory Avis, Doug Ferrall, Kristy Grestini, Matthew McKee
  - Absent Board Member: Amy Evans
3. Approval of agenda moved by Tom Tarkiewicz and supported by Linda Morrison.  
Motion Carried.
4. Approval of April 9, 2024, minutes moved by Jenasia and supported by Tom. Motion Carried.
5. Approval of April 16, 2024, special meeting minutes moved by Jenaisa and supported by Linda.  
Motion Carried
6. Public comment – No public comments were made. No one from the public was in attendance.
7. Unfinished Business
  - a. 2024 Ballot Initiative

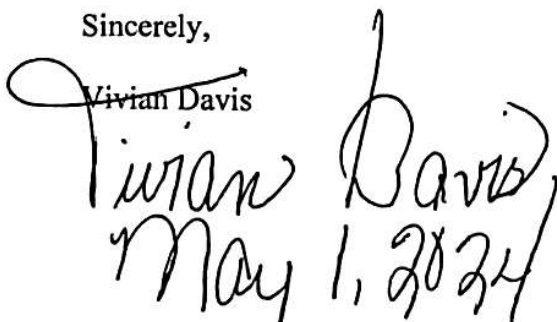
The board discussed concerns regarding the transportation ballot proposal; including budget implications and proposal timing for the Battle Creek coverage areas that may create confusion or impact success of a mil request for the region, timelines for the August and November vote, strategies for the education campaign for both dates, and the option and consequences of a special election were discussed around pros and cons of said regional success. In conclusion of the above discussion, a motion was formed that the Authority Board adopt formation of ballot language aimed at an August ballot timing, with an education campaign of any sort be delayed until June timing. This motion was formed then tabled to give member Amy Evans (absent) an opportunity to represent her region on the motion.

#### b. Draft Ballot Language Review

MOTION: It was moved by Linda and supported by Janaisa to adopt the draft language for the ballot proposal to expand transportation services in the TACC service areas in accordance with recommendations of the Calhoun County Corporation Counsel. A final approval of the election date and amount will be made at the May 14 TACC meeting. Motion Carried.

8. New Business
  - Community Outreach and speaking engagements have been put on hold until further notice.
9. Budget and Finance Report
  - The authority discussed the following focused areas including:
    - Contact will be made with city managers to get the city purchasing policy for competitive bids.
    - A marketing contract will be developed by the authority for messaging in the TACC areas.
    - A consultant's agreement/marketing support plan will be developed in accordance with the City Battle Creek Procurement-Contractor process based on the \$250,000 contributed funds from all participating municipal partners to the TACC.
    - The TACC treasurer will implement TACC banking instruments and follow up on transfer of our partner contributed funds into established TACC accounts for implementation of duties. Support and investigation of City if Battle Creek process is warranted within this step.
10. City/County Report
  - Doug talked with the consortiums and Preston Hicks about finding transportation solution for underserved areas, recruit friends of TACC.
  - Community outreach, speaking engagements, and announcements will be delayed until after the May 14 meeting.
  - 2024 Calhoun County Senior Expo will be held on May 23, 2024, at the Kellogg Arena.
  - Other actives this summer are:
    - Tekonsha Senior Expo
    - Senior Day at the Calhoun County Fair – May 23, 2024
    - Festival of the Forks in Albion - September 20-21, 2024
11. Member Comments
  - Bank accounts and statements will have to be developed for the authority.
12. Public comment – No public comments were made. No one from the public was in attendance.
13. Adjournment by Chairperson Erick Stewart at 10:58. The next meeting will be held May 1, 2024.

Sincerely,

Vivian Davis  
  
May 1, 2024