



ROCK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Chair Ryan Booth at the Rock County Court House, 51 South Main Street, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, seconded by Supervisor Karl Dommershausen. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Ryan Booth, Kim Burkhalter, Supervisor Karl Dommershausen, Patty Hansberry, Lynn Jones, Dave Lowe, Joyce Lubben, T.J. Nee, Terry Nolan, Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, Ryan Schomber, Roseann Tremain, Michael Warren
Excused: Steve Skelly

Introduction of Visitors: Tina Counsell and Nate Andrews from Forward Services

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None

Approval of September 8, 2017 TCC Minutes: A motion was made by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, seconded by Patty Hansberry, to approve the September 8, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Advocacy Sub-Committee: Joyce Lubben reported that a meeting with healthcare providers will be scheduled for February or March 2018. Carrie Porter, GWAAR, will be asked to facilitate that meeting. The meeting with transportation providers will be held second in order to gain information on how to access transportation, cost, etc. and to discuss any opportunities there may be to improve service to healthcare facilities. Potential locations for the meetings are the airport, Job Center or Blackhawk Tech. Ms. Lubben will bring a draft agenda for those meetings to the next TCC meeting.

Mobility Sub-Committee: Ryan Booth asked the committee to let him know of any transportation providers that we may not be aware of in the county. Mr. Booth is looking for ways to promote safety for pedestrians when they are walking due to recent news of pedestrians being involved in accidents. Mr. Booth is going to work with Janesville and Beloit Transit System in 2018 to promote transportation by working together to promote senior/disabled ID cards for them.

Old Business:

Discussion of Forward Services Grant Application and Possible Approval: Tina Counsell reported on their grant application that would serve citizens living below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level to help them with maintenance of vehicles. Forward Services' current loan program has approximate \$2200 left of its \$7500 allocation. There are requirements that have to be met and an agreement for the loan process. Ms. Counsell and Nate Andrews stated they have applied for funding for a van pool program to start in 2018. This program would help a person who meets the requirement get transportation to their place of employment. Ms. Lubben asked Ms. Counsell and Mr. Andrews what type of funding they applied for through the state as there was discussion that maybe this grant application needs to be approved by the RCTCC. Ms. Counsell was going to have the grant writer contact Chair Booth and the committee.

New Business:

Public hearing for the 85.21 Application: Chair Booth declared the public hearing for the 2018 85.21 application open. No one from the public spoke. Chair Booth declared the public hearing closed.

Approval of Rock County's s.85.21 Grant Application: Joyce Lubben reviewed Rock County's 2018 s.85.21 Specialized Transportation Assistance Program for Counties grant application. A motion was made by Terry Nolan, seconded by Ryan Schomber, to approve Rock County's 2018 s.85.21 grant application. Motion carried.

Discussion on Sub-Committee Structure: It was agreed that, while the sub-committee structure would not change, the chair of each committee will determine the need for a meeting and when it should be convened.

Planning for Transportation and Healthcare Providers Meetings: Report given under "Advocacy Sub-Committee."

Rock County Transit Program Overview: Joyce Lubben provided an overview of Rock County Transit, distributed brochures and responded to questions.

Community Action's Employment Funding: Lynn Jones reported that Community Action's Board approved using funds from the car loan program to support costs association with drivers' education in 2018. The program is for low income younger adults who would apply for a scholarship. Another use of the funds will be for drivers' license reinstatement. Funds would not be used to pay fines, but rather the \$75 license fee. Community Action also received a bus formerly used by IDS for mentoring youth and the fatherhood initiative (education/employment services).

Election of Officers for 2018: A motion was made by Dave Lowe, seconded by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, to elect Ryan Booth as Chair of the TCC for 2018. Motion carried. A motion was made by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, seconded by Supervisor Karl Dommershausen, to elect Joyce Lubben as Vice-Chair of the TCC for 2018. Motion carried.

Review of Committee Terms: Lynn Jones and Terry Nolan agreed to serve another term on the TCC, if appointed. There will be two other vacant positions, possibly filled by Beloit Transit and a consumer.

Member Reports:

Ryan Booth: Mr. Booth reported on the outreach he has done in the community at Latino Community Events in Janesville and Beloit, Beloit Transit Presentation at Brother Dutton School for the Latino Community, Resource Fair at Blackhawk Technical College, Transition Fair for students, resource for transportation at Job Fairs, and Travel Training. Mr. Booth stated that Wednesday Walks is done for the year. Next year this program will be transferred to the Health Promotion Coordinator.

Kim Burkhalter: Mr. Burkhalter expressed his concerns over transportation organizations being prepared for disasters with recent events. Mr. Burkhalter talked about extended services for nights and weekends for those who rely on public transportation.

Items for Future Agendas: Items for the January 2018 meeting will be the TCC Plan Update and the healthcare and transportation providers' meeting agendas.

Future Meeting Dates: The 2018 meetings are scheduled for January 12, March 9, May 11, July 13, September 14, and November 9.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, seconded by Mike Warren. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Minutes not official until approved by the Rock County Transportation Coordinating Committee.