



ROCK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
September 08, 2017

**Call to Order:** The meeting of the Rock County Transportation Coordinating Committee was called to order by Chair Ryan Booth at 8:46 a.m. at the Rock County Court House 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 51 South Main Street, Janesville, Wisconsin.

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

**Roll Call:**

Present: Ryan Booth, Kim Burkhalter, Supervisor Karl Dommershausen, Patty Hansberry, Lynn Jones, Dave Lowe, Joyce Lubben, T.J. Nee, Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, Ryan Schomber

Alternates: Joe Scharenbroch

Excused: Terry Nolan, Steve Skelly, Roseann Tremain, Michael Warren

**Introduction of Visitors:** Also present were Gregg Schneider and Cody Webster from the Beloit School District and Jess Krueger and Paul Skoglund from MTM.

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:** None

**Approval of July 14, 2017 TCC Minutes:** Supervisor Karl Dommershausen made a motion to approve the minutes with a change in the title from "Agenda" to "Minutes," seconded by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant. Motion carried.

**Sub-Committee Reports:**

Advocacy Sub-Committee: Joyce Lubben reported that discussion centered on learning more about how the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program operates their Seniors Volunteering for Seniors program. The program is administered on a subscription basis where once enrolled in the program, clients can then request transportation. It is not on a first come, first served basis. If a person is over age 90 or the situation is life or death, membership can be waived. Currently, there are approximately 80 drivers and 319 clients. In order for one person to be added three clients need to come off the list. The waiting list is approximately eight months. There is no cost to the client for transportation. Volunteers are reimbursed at 42 cents per mile. Funding comes from various sources. It was determined that a meeting of all transportation providers in Rock County should be convened with the goal of learning more about how each provider operates, discussing gaps in service, and determining how providers may coordinate to meet those gaps.

Also, another meeting of healthcare providers should be convened to discuss issues surrounding medical transportation.

Mobility Sub-Committee: Ryan Booth reported the DMV office in Beloit was moving from its current location to 1900 Sutler Ave. in Beloit on 09/18/2017. Supervisor Dommershausen requested information on Rock County Transit. This will be a future agenda item.

#### **Old Business:**

MTM Updates: Jess Krueger, Senior Manager of Education and Research for MTM and Paul Skoglund, also from MTM were invited to the meeting to provide updates on questions previously posed to MTM regarding service in Rock County. Ms. Krueger provided some feedback in written form to the TCC. Several members asked questions and expressed concerns to MTM. Ryan Schomber asked about on an average, how many vehicles “fail” inspections per year and what MTM’s process is for complaints. Mr. Schomber asked how the client is aware of this process such as information posted in the drivers’ vehicles.

#### **New Business:**

Cody Webster: Cody Webster, a transitional student from Beloit School District, provided a PowerPoint presentation on “My Future.” He discussed who he is, what his goals are for life and how transportation plays an integral part in how he wants to live his life. Discussion followed on the need for second and third shift transportation to accommodate those jobs that end later hours in the day. The TCC thanked him for coming and sharing his story. Gregg Schneider provided information on the transportation challenges faced by students he works with.

Forward Services Grant Application: No report.

MSAA Grant Status: No report.

#### **Member Reports:**

Kim Burkhalter: Kim Burkhalter discussed his recent experience using rail transit going to Iowa.

Dave Lowe: Dave Lowe reported City of Milton is looking into shared-ride transportation and is in final stages in getting the service operational.

Joe Scharenbroch: Joe Scharenbroch reported Independent Disability Services is closing down and will cease operations due to do financial reasons.

Lynn Jones: Lynn Jones reported they have received approval to use DOT funds for employment purposes other than for car loans. She stated Community Action has purchased the Merrill Community Center and will be initiating programs there.

Ryan Booth: Ryan Booth reported there are two Wednesday Walks left for the year. He continues to do public transportation presentations and Travel Training. Mr. Booth discussed how he worked with Beloit Transit and the Scoville Center in Beloit, assisting residents in obtaining transit ID cards for a discounted fare. Mr. Booth recently attended the Wisconsin Mobility Managers Association legislation and advocacy event at the State Capitol to discuss

s.85.21 funding, volunteer driver insurance and reimbursement with representatives' staff members.

Joyce Lubben: Joyce Lubben reported that a resolution will be going to the County Board for approval of the trishaws for the Cycling Without Age program. It has been passed by the EVAS and Finance committees. T.J. Nee asked if this program will be accessible county-wide. Ms. Lubben stated that is the intention. Ms. Lubben also reported that the Rock County Transit scheduler/dispatcher position is vacant. To date, 115 applications have been received. Also, the Joint Finance Committee has approved a 2% increase in the 85.21 funding.

**Items for Future Agendas:** The November agenda will include planning for a transportation providers meeting, along with a meeting with healthcare providers. Lynn Jones also requested an agenda item regarding uses for Community Action's employment funding. There will also be discussion on the future of the sub-committee meetings.

**Future Meeting Dates:** The next TCC meeting will be held on Friday, November 10, 2017 at the Rock County Courthouse.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Supervisor Karl Dommershausen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

*Minutes not official until approved by the TCC Committee.*