



ROCK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Friday, November 11, 2016

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Nolan at 8:45 a.m. at the Rock County Job Center, 1900 Center Avenue, Janesville, Wisconsin.

**Adoption of Agenda:** A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Rob Wilkinson, seconded by Steve Skelly. Motion carried.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Patty Hansberry, Lynn Jones, Dave Lowe (alternate), TJ Nee, Terry Nolan, Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, Joe Scharenbroch (alternate), Ryan Schomber, Steve Skelly, James Thompson, Rob Wilkinson,

Absent: Joyce Lubben, Mike Warren

Unexcused: None.

**Introduction of Visitors:** Ryan Booth was introduced as the new Mobility Manager.

**Approval of September 9, 2016 Minutes:** A motion was made by Dave Lowe to approve the September 9, 2016 minutes, seconded by Rob Wilkinson. Motion carried.

**Citizen Participation, Communication and Announcements:** None.

**Public Hearing on Rock County Council on Aging's 2017 s.85.21 Application:**

Chair Nolan gave a summary of the application. The application is to continue operations of Rock County's transit system. The service is a core service in the County and is consistent with the TCC Coordinated Plan because it serves elderly and disabled individuals. Steve Skelly explained Rock County Council on Aging's service hours remain the same in 2017 but the number of miles of service has been increasing over the years as demand from outlying areas of the county has increased. Dave Lowe asked why vehicle MV-1 had low mileage. Skelly replied that the vehicle does not work well with larger mobility devices and so has limited use. Also, the vehicle was delivered in 2015, not 2014, so it has not been in use as long.

Chair Nolan opened the public hearing. No public made comment. Chair Nolan closed the public hearing.

**Approval of Rock County Council on Aging's 2017 s.85.21 Application:** A motion was made by Lynn Jones to approve the Rock County Council on Aging 2017 s.85.21 application, seconded by Rob Wilkinson. Motion carried.

**Sub-Committee Reports:**

Advocacy: None.

Mobility: The sub-committee continues to review the TCC plan and record accomplishments. Group discussed plan elements 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5 related to personal mobility.

**Old Business:**

Member Vacancies: Nolan stated the following member assignments will be presented to the Rock County Board on November 17<sup>th</sup>: re-appointment of Patty Hansbury, Joyce Lubben, Dave Lowe; new appointments of Roseann Tremain, Kim Burkhalter, Supervisor Karl Dommerhausen and Joe Scharenbroch (as alternate).

New Concrete Slab at Rock County Healthcare Center: The new slab is in place and exceeds ADA requirements. This will allow JTS buses to pick up/drop off wheelchairs.

Update/Progress on Coordinated Plan Action Items: Nolan stated this item was covered in the sub-committee report. The purpose of the update is to have a living document that tracks the Plan's progress. A new plan will be due in 2018.

**New Business:**

Election of Chair for 2017: Dave Lowe made a motion to table the item until the January meeting, seconded by Rob Wilkinson. Motion carried.

Election of Vice Chair for 2017: Chair Nolan made a motion to table the item, seconded by James Thompson. Motion carried.

**Member Reports:** Nolan stated she will likely be bringing a request to the TCC to submit a letter to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation supporting the Janesville Area MPO's request to repurpose Surface Transportation Program funding from a road project to the purchase of Janesville Transit buses. Nolan presented a grant opportunity from Easter Seals Project Action Consulting to increase and improve independent mobility for people with disabilities and older adults. The Committee was receptive to submitting a grant.

Lynn Jones encouraged people to check out the diverging diamond interchange at Avalon Road.

Joe Scharenbroch attended the MTM public hearing, in which a major topic was the level of need form.

T.J. Nee stated the long range transportation plan for the Stateline area has been adopted. The transit development plan for the Stateline Mass Transit District is wrapping up.

James Thompson stated Beloit Transit routing changes will go into effect December 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Thompson is leaving BTS on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Dave Lou stated Edgerton's shared ride taxi service ridership is down 3-4% in 2016 likely due to low gas prices.

Steve Skelly stated Rock County Transit is usually booked 2-3 weeks ahead and that they are trying to hire more drivers.

**Future Agenda Items:** Special meeting in December to approve a grant submittal, election of officers

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, seconded by Chair Nolan. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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