

Meeting Minutes
LEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, April 24, 2014
10:00 am at the Enrichment Center, Classroom A

Present: Michelle McCorrison, Lesa Price, David Montgomery, Sidney Morgan, Roger Bailey, Rockie Dillon, Debbie Davidson, Bill Dugan, Bob McCarthy, Josephus Thompson, Shirley Rjkse, Melanie Rodgers

10:00 a.m. Bob McCarthy called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made. Josephus Thompson alerted the group that ESC is now Division of Workforce Solutions.

Melanie Rodgers distributed and read the minutes from the January 23, 2014 meeting. Lesa Price made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Josephus Thompson, all were in favor.

Sidney Morgan provided a COLTS quarterly update for January 2014 – March 2014: service miles were 99,000 and revenue miles were 88,217; passenger trips were 13,551; service hours were 6,279. Revenue hours were 5,229. There were 542 no shows for the quarter.

Sidney Morgan reported that there are changes going on with Harnett County Transportation. No connections will be established until a Transportation Coordinator is hired. Moore County Transportation is in transition with changes as well. COLTS is working towards connections with Moore County's system.

Debbie Davidson provided NCDOT/PTD and grand⁺ updates. The FY2015 grants have not yet been approved. NCDOT/PTD has allowed one FY2015 replacement vehicle to be ordered at this time due to remaining ARRA, American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, dollars being available. The vehicle should arrive July 2014. For a COLTS vehicle to be eligible for replacement under 5311 grant funds, it must have at least ~~110,000~~ miles on October 1 of the year the grant is being written. Bob McCarthy asked who made the ~~110,000~~-miles rule. Debbie advised NCDOT/PTD. The recent safety audit by NCDOT/PTD, which was a FTA (Federal Transit Authority) and State, was passed. The Safety Plan was approved. Bob McCarthy asked which vendor performs routine vehicle maintenance. Sidney Morgan advised Atlantic Truck & Tire on Horner Blvd.

Debbie Davidson provided updates related to the Lee County CTP 5-year plan. Regarding co-locating of vehicles and offices, to renovate or pay for a facility using NCDOT/PTD funds, a feasibility study must be performed, which is costly. The brick building adjacent to the Government Center is vacant and is a possibility. The request has been taken to the Board of County Commissioners for their approval. Co-locating is the last step in meeting our 5-year plan goals. Debbie asked for input from the TAB for COLTS stops, improvements and suggestions. There were no additional comments or questions.

Old/New Business

Roger Bailey provided information about the Stevens Center's Rideability program. Anyone with a disability can apply with the program. Rideability provides transportation through COLTS Thursdays & Fridays 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Contact Roger Bailey at the Stevens Center for complete details and to apply, 919-776-4048.

David Montgomery advised that eight weeks of outdoor movies begins Friday. There is a Fitness Fest coming up. Concerts are the 1st Thursday, June – September, 2014. Downtown shops are open second Sundays, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Josephus Thompson advised that the Lee County Division of Workforce Solutions is now under the Department of Commerce. The Lee County office passed certification, which is good for 3 years. Josephus recommended using the www.ncworks.gov system for workforce solutions: Job Seekers, Employers, Labor Market Analysis and Resources & Services.

With no further business, the Board agreed to adjourn. The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 24, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at The Enrichment Center.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Rodgers on behalf of Debbie Davidson, Secretary,

Debbie Davidson

Bob McCarthy, Chairman

Bob McCarthy