

COLUMBUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD TO THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Minutes of March 14, 2022

12:00 Noon

Telephone Conference Call

Present: Kim Smith, Algernon McKenzie (Chair), Briana K. Williamson, Eddie Beck, Patrick Flanagan (Vice Chairman), Anne Galamb, David Ransom
Absent: Sylvia Cox, Charles Garrett, Michael Lee, Kay Stephens, Selena Rowell, Gary Lanier, Trelonnie Owens, County Manager Eddie Madden, Assistant County Manager Nick West
Staff: Director Joy Jacobs, First Transit Site Manager Tony Rowell

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm. Chair Al McKenzie presided.

Chairman Al McKenzie opened the floor to close nominations for a new Secretary. Also opened the floor to vote in new Secretary, Briana K. Williamson.

Action: A motion to close nominations for the position of Secretary, was made by Patrick Flanagan and seconded by Kim Smith. The motion was passed. No discussion.

A motion to vote in Briana K. Williamson, as secretary was made by Patrick Flanagan and seconded by Kim Smith. The motion was unanimous. No discussion.

A motion to approve the minutes from November 9, 2021 meeting was made by Kim Smith and seconded by Eddie Beck. The motion was unanimous. No discussion.

Reports:

A. Director's Report-

A printed report was distributed by email that detailed the topics that would be discussed at today's meeting.

Director, Joy Jacobs presented Director's Report.

Topics covered in the report included:

- Trips and miles are up from last year, but still not back to normal
- Slightly understaffed, but in process of hiring 4 new drivers
- We are currently offering free rides to help increase trips. This has been advertised in the newspaper, on Facebook, the county website and flyers have been distributed
- ROAP funding must be used for this fiscal year to show FTA that more funding is needed
- We have gone live with Modivcare, a broker that will be providing Medicaid trips for PHPs
- The replacement buses that were ordered in Sept 2021, have still not come in. Vendor came by in January and unsure as to when Ford buses will be made. Ford did not make any new buses last year. Buses may not come in this FY
- Mask mandate until March 18, 2022, unless extended
- We will be receiving another round of CARES funding in the amount of \$235,183.00. NCDOT suggests using some for scheduling software
- Total ROAP funds for this FY are \$192,048.00. Breakdown is for \$80,018.00 for EDTAP, \$16,953.00 for Employment and \$95,077.00 for General Public
- Applied for grant with NCACC for \$4,500.00 to have 3 more arm guards installed on lifts. This gives us a total of 6 lifts with arm guards
- Possibly to expand current facility for more offices and storage space. Quotes have been requested, with only one respondent. Hoping to qualify for a grant to partially or fully cover the expansion

B. First Transit Site Manager's Report:

- Mr. Rowell reported that there were no accidents, injuries, complaints or other incidents, this quarter.

Old Business – None.

New business –Covid rate for Columbus County at 4.8%

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 pm.

Next meeting will be Monday, May 9, 2022. It will be determined closer to that date if we will meet in person or still do this as a conference call. If we still have to do it as a conference call the number to call will be 701-802-5411, access code 3547016.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Jacobs, Director

*Members who were absent may request
their printed reports from the director.*