

Emmet County
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Board of Commissioners' Room, Emmet County Building
Wednesday, May 23 2007
MINUTES

Present:	Chairperson Tom Shier, Les Atchison, Tom Foltz, Kelley Atkins
Absent:	None
Guest:	None

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by Chairperson Tom Shier

Minutes

No minutes were presented for approval at this meeting.

Discussion

This meeting was called in order for the Committee to come to a consensus regarding the necessary steps/events and direction to be taken to achieve the goal of establishing a ride system program to serve the private sector needs of the community.

Tom Foltz mentioned that Atchison was pushing too hard on this project. Shier stated the reason for this meeting was to determine the proper direction on this subject. After a lengthy discussion, Shier stated that in order to accurately determine these needs, a meeting should be held with the townships. Transportation Director Kelley Atkins will contact the various townships to explain the program and request they identify any needs in *their* respective areas, etc., for a transportation system. Shier stated a meeting should also be held in order to define a ride system for the underprivileged or handicap people - that is, how many and where they are located.

Atchison suggested contacting the private sector to see if they would be willing to give a rate per mile, and also discussed the possibility of a voucher system or reimbursement program, using different social service entities as a clearing house/reimbursement program.

He provided the Committee with an internet report on making transportation work for people with disabilities in rural America entitled "The Supported Volunteer Rural Transportation Voucher Program". Tom Foltz suggested looking at a model system that has already been established.

In conclusion, it was determined that Kelley Atkins will present a draft letter to the Committee for approval addressing the 16 Townships explaining the County is currently assessing the public transportation needs and is requesting their respective input on this issue. Kelley Atkins will follow-up with a phone call to the townships as well.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved: 09/11/07