

**Emmet County
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, November 4, 2013**

Present: Commissioner Les Atchison; Commissioner Charles MacInnis; Commissioner Bert Notestine.

Staff: Controller Lyn Johnson; Director Transportation and Development Kelley Atkins; Recording Secretary Vickie Carpentier.

Absent:

Others in Attendance: Linda Ward, McLaren Northern Michigan; Valerie Shultz, MDOT; Michael Couture, Straits Regional Ride; Ryan Bentley, Petoskey News-Review; Martha Lancaster, F.E.E.T.; Terry Newton, Harbor Hall.

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Atchison in the Controller's Office Conference Room.

Agenda:

The proposed Agenda was presented.

Motion by MacInnis to accept the Agenda as presented. Supported by Notestine.

Motion carried in an unanimous voice vote.

Communications:

Linda Ward, at Committee's request, brought information on the Emmet County Friendship Centers' Budget.

Minutes:

The proposed minutes of the October 16, 2013 meeting were presented and reviewed.

Motion by Notestine to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2013 meeting. Supported by MacInnis.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Recap of 10-16-13 meeting:

Atkins provided a summary of the October 16, 2013 meeting with Matt McCauley. Mr. McCauley suggested a very well drafted survey may be the best method to obtain the data the Committee is looking for, but there would be cost involved in doing a survey.

MacInnis recapped the information Matt McCauley, NWMCOG, provided to the Committee.

Friendship Centers' Budget:

Linda Ward, McLaren Northern Michigan, provided Friendship Centers' Budget information. She expressed the Friendship Centers concern with the possibility of losing the transportation funding [millage] should the Center discontinue providing transportation.

Michael Couture with Straits Regional Ride (SRR) provided information on its system and the possibility to expand its system.

The Committee discussed public transportation, including current programs, services and observations. Received input and information from meeting attendees.

Atchison summarized the information provided regarding public transportation in Emmet County.

Discussed how SRR service in Emmet County could be expanded.

Atkins recapped the current County voucher system.

MacInnis stated that prior to the next meeting the Friendship Center should be contacted to determine what service it wanted to give up, what services it wanted to retain, the dollars that would go with the service it would be giving up, what would Emmet County be assuming in terms of the ridership responsibility and what would the cost implications to the Friendship Center be.

The Committee requested Mr. Couture work with the Emmet County Friendship Centers to look at its numbers for hours, miles and any other data he may require to provide information/ proposal for service. Atkins was directed to meet with the Friendship Center to assist with coordination of gathering data.

Public Comment:

Martha Lancaster commented on the current transportation services and systems. She expressed the need to have only one service and indicated that it was her opinion this would be more cost effective.

Other Business:

None.

Announcement:

The next meeting of the Committee has been scheduled for Monday, December 9, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.