



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Specialized Transportation Commission

Thursday, September 18, 2014

5:15 PM

CCB, 210 MLK Blvd. Room 321
Madison, WI

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A. Call To Order

Chair O'Loughlin called the meeting to order at 5:16 pm.

Others Present: N. Cashin, J. Betzig, M. Zutter and L. Sherrington

Present 5 - Supervisor RONN FERRELL, Supervisor MATT VELDRAN, Supervisor DENNIS O'LOUGHLIN, ROBIN SCHMIDT, and CARL DUROCHER

Excused 4 - JENNIFER HARDESTY, MICHAEL CONLEY-KUHAGEN, Supervisor DOROTHY KRAUSE, and PAUL BITTORF

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

1. Zutter reported that RSVP is facing a financial shortage because of increased mileage reimbursement. Due to a projected decrease in the cost of gas mileage reimbursement for RSVP drivers was changed from \$.54/mile to \$.51/mile effective 10/1/14. She also distributed the updated brochure, "Wanted: Drivers with a Heart".

2. O'Loughlin commented that at the Wisconsin County Association Annual Conference attendees were amazed by the Dane County RSVP statistics regarding number of meals delivered, rides provided, miles driven and donations collected.

C. Consideration of Minutes

2014 **STC July 24, 2014 Minutes**
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Attachments: [2014 0724 Minutes .pdf](#)

A motion was made by VELDRAN, seconded by FERRELL, that these Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - FERRELL, VELDRAN, O'LOUGHLIN, SCHMIDT and DUROCHER

Excused: 4 - HARDESTY, CONLEY-KUHAGEN, KRAUSE and BITTORF

D. Action Items

1. Final 2015 Budget

Cashin reported that the 2015 budget was not finalized, as we have not yet received notification of our 85.20 funding from Metro Transit. She did note that the total funds in the 85.21 state budget for 2015 increased .03% from the 2014 budget. Fund distribution is based on the percent of elderly in each county compared to the total state elderly population. Dane County will receive \$930,184 in the 2015 budget compared to \$927,284 in 2014. Unfortunately, the increase in dollars to Dane County in the 2015 budget will result in a decrease in dollars to other counties. No action taken at this time.

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COUNTY ELDERLY 2015 ALLOCATION

Attachments: [Copy of 2015 Draft Trans Budget July 2014.pdf](#)

O'Loughlin noted that the elderly population in Wisconsin will increase significantly in 2035. He referenced the data from a presentation at the Wisconsin County Association Annual Conference which can be reviewed on the wca.com website. No action taken on this item.

E. Presentations

1. Employment Transportation

Betzig reported that Dane County individuals seeking employment are eligible for a 31 day bus pass to assist them with job search. To determine job search success clients are contacted 45 days after receiving a bus pass and asked if they were able to find a job. January through June 2014, 73% of all clients contacted had successfully found employment. Not all recipients are able to be contacted.

2. 5310 Projects – 2015

Cashin distributed two handouts regarding the 5310 projects for 2015. The handouts describe the projects and the financial funding attached to each project.

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PROGRAM OF PROJECTS - 2015

Attachments: [Program of Projects_2015.pdf](#)

3. NEMT Update

Cashin reported that part of the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT), brokerage audit includes reviewing how NEMT was provided prior to the brokerage. Dane County was chosen as one of the past NEMT providers to review.

The present state NEMT brokerage, MTM, receives a capitated per member rate to serve MA clients regardless of the number of rides they provide. Presently Dane County is transporting MA children and refugees that should receive MTM transportation. The County is providing the rides because MTM will not disclose the screening protocols they use to approve drivers that transport children, expects refugees to use Metro Transit which is ineffective due to language barriers and will not allow some refugee women to travel with a companion which is culturally unacceptable. Dane County funds are used to transport these clients even though MTM has already been paid to transport them.

F. Reports to Committee

Cashin reported that the Wisconsin Urban Transit Association (WURTA) conference in September 2014 will include a Veterans Transportation component. Dane County speakers include Norah Cashin, Dane County Transportation Manager and Tom Poppe, Vets Helping Vets Program manager. The other two panelists are Terry Dwyer from the Tomah VA and Patty Davis from DAV.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting October 23, 2014

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jane Betzig, Mobility Program Specialist

Note: These minutes are the notes of the recorder and are subject to change at a subsequent meeting of the committee.