

## **TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2010**

The Taylor County Transportation Coordination Committee regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Bizer at 10:00 AM, December 1, 2010 at the Multipurpose Building, Medford, Wisconsin.

**Members Present:** Dave Bizer; Diane Albrecht; Rollie Thums

**Also Present:** Peggy Kellnhofer, Taylor County Human Services; Diane Niggemann, Michelle Brehm & JoAnne Vanden Heuvel, Taylor County Commission on Aging; Stacy Rieck & Beth Kayhart, Black River Industries

### **Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**MOTION** by Rollie Thums, second by Diane Albrecht to approve July 1, 2010 meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Approve Agenda**

**MOTION** by Rollie Thums, second by Diane Albrecht to approve agenda for December 1, 2010 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Public Input:** Diane Niggemann introduced JoAnne Vanden Heuvel, Commission on Aging Transportation Assistant through a temporary agency.

### **Review / Approve 85.21 Transportation Plan for 2011**

Director Diane Niggemann reviewed the 85.21 application for 2011. The application request is \$68,117. A match of \$13,623 in local funds is budgeted and used as the local share required match. The total transportation budget amount is \$157,588. Discussion regarding the application followed.

### **Review / Approve Black River Industries 2010 Contract:**

Diane Niggemann presented the 2011 contract with Black River Industries for bus transportation. The total contract is \$61,908. The contract and bid specs were reviewed and discussed.

**MOTION** by Diane Albrecht, second by Rollie Thums to approve the 2011 85.21 Transportation Plan and the Black River Industries contract for 2011 bus transportation. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **DOT Transportation Survey**

Diane Niggemann reviewed a survey created by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to examine a variety of transportation services in Wisconsin to determine how they can better serve the needs of older residents. The general results of the survey and the research project will be available around the summer of 2011.

### **Medical Assistance Transportation Broker**

The state has selected Logisticare Solutions located in College Park, Georgia as the vendor to offer a contract for Medicaid transportation management in Wisconsin. The implementation date is set for April 1, 2011. It is unknown at this time how the brokerage will change the current transportation program.

### **Other Business**

- Diane Niggemann stated the cost of Medical Assistance transportation is down for 2010. This is mainly due to the local addition of a dialysis center and dental office that accepts

Medical Assistance.

- The annual volunteer driver meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2010. State Patrol Officer Kinlen will attend to speak about the new roundabouts and answer questions drivers may have.

**Set Next Meeting Date**

The next regular meeting time and place will be determined at a later date.

**MOTION** by Rollie Thums, second by Diane Albrecht to adjourn to Transportation Public Hearing.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Brehm, Commission on Aging Bookkeeper

**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
DECEMBER 1, 2010**

The Taylor County Transportation Coordination Committee public hearing was called to order by Chairperson Dave Bizer at 11:30 AM, December 1, 2010 at the Multipurpose Building, adjacent to the Medford Senior Center, Medford, Wisconsin.

Posters announcing the Transportation Hearing were posted at the Taylor County Commission on Aging Office, Taylor County Human Services, Taylor County Courthouse and the Taylor County Nutrition Sites. Notification of the Hearing was also provided to WIGM/WKEB radio station and published in the Medford Star News (*circulation 6,500 copies*) and the Taylor County Commission on Aging Newsletter (*circulation 650 copies*).

Nine people were in attendance including:

Dave Bizer, Taylor County Board of Directors and Taylor County Human Services Board Chair; Diane Albrecht, Taylor County Board of Directors and Taylor County Commission on Aging Board Chair; Rollie Thums, Taylor County Board of Directors Member-at-Large; Diane Niggemann, Taylor County Commission on Aging Director; Peggy Kellnhofer, Taylor County Human Services Economic Support Director; Michelle Brehm and JoAnne Vanden Heuvel representatives of Taylor County Commission on Aging; Stacy Rieck and Beth Kayhart representatives of Black River Industries

Director Diane Niggemann reviewed the 85.21 application for 2011. The application request is \$68,117. A match of \$13,623 in local funds is budgeted and used as the local share required match. The total transportation budget amount is \$157,588.

Diane Niggemann presented the 2011 contract with Black River Industries for bus transportation. The total contract is \$61,908. The contract and bid specs were reviewed and discussed.

The Taylor County Bus & Transportation Services Brochure containing bus schedules and days/hours of operation was distributed to all in attendance.

Public comment included the need for additional Volunteer Drivers in the Rib Lake and Westboro areas. Posters advertising for additional drivers will be distributed at Rib Lake and Westboro locations.

No written comments were submitted.

Motion by Rollie Thums, second by Diane Albrecht to adjourn Transportation Public Hearing.

Hearing adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Brehm, Commission on Aging Bookkeeper

**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2010**

The Taylor County Transportation Coordination Committee regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Bizer at 9:00 AM, at the Fairgrounds Community Building, Medford, Wisconsin.

**Members Present:** Dave Bizer; Diane Albrecht; Rollie Thums

**Also Present:** Peggy Kellnofer, Taylor County Human Services; Paul Thornton, Black River Industries; Diane Niggemann, Taylor County Commission on Aging; Michelle Brehm, Taylor County Commission on Aging;

**Members Absent:** None

**Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**MOTION** by Diane Albrecht, second by Rollie Thums to approve December 3, 2009 meeting minutes with the following amendment:

*Approve Black River Industries 8310 Application for new buses will be amended to read:*

*Approve Black River Industries **5310** Application for new buses.*

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approve Agenda**

**MOTION** by Diane Albrecht, second by Rollie Thums to approve agenda for July 1, 2010 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Public Input:** None

**Black River Industries Report (BRI) / Paul Thornton:**

BRI now has a total of 11 buses, 10 with wheelchair lifts. Paul stated he attended a meeting in March with bus manufacturers to discuss ideas to improve buses. Ways to improve seats and seat belts were addressed.

**Medical Assistance Transportation Brokerage Update**

Diane Niggemann gave an update on the Medical Assistance Transportation Brokerage. The statewide implementation of the brokerage has been postponed from January, 2011 to April 2011. The current Medical Assistance Program will be in place until April, 2011. There will be significant changes to the Medical Assistance Transportation Program once the brokerage is in place, although details are unknown at this time.

**Review Transportation Reports**

**s.85.21 Semi-Annual Report:** Diane Niggemann explained 85.21 funds are used for minibus transportation and volunteer driver reimbursement.

Jan-June, 2010 totals were: \$11,796 (Volunteer Drivers) and \$37,085 (minibus).

**s.85.21 2009 Summary:**

<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Mini-bus	\$ 45,601
Volunteer Drivers	18,950
County Funds:	28,939
Medicaid	56,768
Taylor Co Human Services	14,476
MA Administration	<u>15,902</u>
<b>Total Cost of Transportation</b>	<b>\$180,636</b>

It was noted volunteer driver miles for January through May, 2010 is down from 2009. The decrease in mileage may be due to the addition of the Dialysis Center and Marshfield Clinic Dental Office in Medford.

**MOTION** by Diane Albrecht, second by Rollie Thums to approve Transportation Reports as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Other Business**

Diane Niggemann updated the committee on the progress of an Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) in Taylor County. An adhoc committee is in place. The ADRC will be regional. Taylor County will partner with other counties - options are still being discussed. Possible locations for a satellite office in Taylor County are being looked at. No county monies will be used.

The next regular meeting date will be determined on an as needed basis.

**MOTION** by Diane Albrecht, second by Dave Bizer to adjourn meeting at 10:15 AM.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Brehm, Commission on Aging Bookkeeper