

**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 14, 2011**

The Taylor County Transportation Coordination Committee public hearing was called to order by Chairperson Dave Bizer at 10:12 AM, December 14, 2011 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*).

Fourteen 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; Charlotte Brooks, Judy Troyk, Mary Bix, Darla Jochimsen, John Agen, Joyce Peterson and Paula Dubiak, representatives of Taylor County Commission on Aging Committee; Paul Thornton, representative of Black River Industries; Karl Schulte, representative of Brown Cab Company; Diane Niggemann, Taylor County Commission on Aging Director; Michelle Brehm representative of Taylor County Commission on Aging;

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

There was no public comment.

No written comments were submitted.

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

Hearing adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Brehm, Commission on Aging Bookkeeper

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2011

The Taylor County Transportation Coordination Committee regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Bizer at 9:00 AM, December 14, 2011 at the Multipurpose Building, Medford, Wisconsin.

Members Present: Dave Bizer; Diane Albrecht; Rollie Thums

Also Present: Karl Schulte, Brown Cab Company; Paul Thornton, Black River Industries; Diane Niggemann & Michelle Brehm, Taylor County Commission on Aging; Paula Dubiak, Joyce Peterson, Judy Troyk, Darla Jochimsen, Charlotte Brooks, John Agen, and Mary Bix, Taylor County Commission on Aging Committee

Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

MOTION by Rollie Thums, second by Diane Albrecht to approve May 18, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approve Agenda

MOTION by Diane Albrecht, second by Rollie Thums to approve the agenda for December 14, 2011 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Input

- Karl Schulte from Brown Cab Company introduced himself to the committee and those in attendance. He is the Management Coordinator for Medford Taxi and also a member of the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Advisory Council for LogistiCare.

- Paul Thornton stated Black River Industries recently purchased a new mini-bus that seats 12 passengers and 2 wheelchairs. An additional bus seating 12 passengers and 2 wheelchairs will arrive the end of 2012. The new buses include seats that can be repositioned and should provide a more comfortable ride.

Review / Approve Black River Industries 2012 Contract:

Diane Niggemann presented the 2012 contract with Black River Industries for bus transportation. The total contract is \$64,992. The contract and bid specs were reviewed and discussed.

MOTION by Diane Albrecht, second by Rollie Thums to approve the Black River Industries contract for 2012 bus transportation. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Review / Approve s.85.21 Transportation Plan for 2012

Director Diane Niggemann reviewed the s.85.21 application for 2012. 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 \$92,740. It was noted the total budget amount is significantly lower than the 2011 budget amount of \$157,588 due to LogistiCare taking over Medicaid Transportation.

Other items discussed included:

- \$13,848 budgeted for the potential purchase of a 4-6 passenger mini-van to serve the Gilman Area.

- As of January 1, 2012 rates for the Volunteer Escort Driver Service will be as follows:
 - Age 55 or older and/or disabled
35¢ per mile co-payment from the driver's home and return to the driver's home.

- Non-elderly, non-disabled
50¢ per mile from the driver's home and return and meals for the driver if appointment is for an extended period of time.

Volunteer driver reimbursement will remain at 50¢ per mile. \$12,600 has been budgeted to cover the difference between the age 55 or older and/or disabled co-payment and volunteer driver reimbursement.

Further discussion regarding the application followed.

MOTION by Diane Albrecht, second by Rollie Thums to approve the 2012 s.85.21 Transportation Plan with the following corrections:

1. Change phone number from (715)748-1492 to (715)748-1491 in two locations:
Section E - Project Proposal
Operating Project I - Item 5 - Routes
and
Operating Project II - Volunteer Escort Drivers: Item 6 - Service Requests
2. Remove "M.A." from Operating II - Volunteer Escort Drivers: Item 7 - Eligibility
3. Change Section C - Coordination, paragraph one, sentence three to read:
"The Transportation Assistant, whose position is funded by the Commission on Aging , receives all requests for transportation from county departments and from the public."
(Removed "both Human Services")

MOTION CARRIED.

Update on Medical Assistance Transportation

The Commission on Aging is still hearing some complaints about LogistiCare transportation, although the number has decreased. There is concern that some clients may not be using transportation through LogistiCare because of past problems.

Other Business

Karl Schulte, Brown Cab stated the current Medford Taxi wheelchair van is being replaced with a newer model.

Set Next Meeting Date

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Brehm, Commission on Aging Bookkeeper

**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2011**

The Taylor County Transportation Coordination Committee regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Bizer at 10:35 AM, May 18, 2011 at the Multipurpose Building, Medford, Wisconsin.

Members Present: Dave Bizer; Diane Albrecht; Rollie Thums

Also Present: Diane Niggemann, Michelle Brehm, Taylor County Commission on Aging

Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

MOTION by Rollie Thums, second by Diane Albrecht to approve December 1, 2010 Transportation and Public Hearing meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approve Agenda

MOTION by Rollie Thums, second by Diane Albrecht to approve agenda for May 18, 2011 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Input: None

Update on Medical Assistance Transportation Changes

Director Diane Niggemann informed the committee that beginning July 1, 2011 LogistiCare will take over Medical Assistance Transportation. Medical Assistance participants will be receiving a member update from the State of Wisconsin stating the changes and the new procedure for transportation reimbursement and requests.

Staffing Issues:

Diane Niggemann went to the Personnel Committee to request a part-time position to assist with clerical duties in the Commission on Aging office. The request was tabled until June 2, 2011.

Transportation Reports:

Reports were reviewed and discussed. The total cost of transportation for 2010 was \$148,320, which included Volunteer Driver Costs of \$85,424 and Bus Transportation Costs totaling \$62,896.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Set Next Meeting Date

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

MOTION by Diane Albrecht second by Rollie Thums to adjourn meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Brehm, Commission on Aging Bookkeeper