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AGENDA

Thursday, May 21,2026 @ 10:00 a.m. CST
Okaloosa County Board Chamber
1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579

I. CALL TO ORDER – *Chair*

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Attached March 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

For those wishing to speak, please fill out a speaker request form and indicate the agenda item(s) you would like to address. You will be called by the chairman at the appropriate time. If you would like to address an item not on the agenda, there will be an opportunity at the end of the meeting (Item VIII Public Forum) to speak.

V. ACTION ITEMS

None

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **EC Rider Updates** – *Okaloosa County Staff*

2. **MV Transportation Updates** – *John Bohannon, MV Transportation*

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The next Okaloosa Transit Cooperative meetings are scheduled for:

- ***TBD***

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Public – For those wishing to speak, please fill out a speaker request form.

2. Any additional items for discussion – Co-Op, Okaloosa County Staff, MV Transportation, ECRC Staff

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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CONSENT AGENDA

OKALOOSA TRANSIT COOPERATIVE *DRAFT MEETING MINUTES*
EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL (Designated staff)
Okaloosa County Board *Chamber*
1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579
March 19, 2026

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jean Hood, Vice-Chair	Mayor, Cinco Bayou Mayor
Doug Stauffer	Councilmember, City of Niceville
Bobby Wagner	Mayor, City of Destin

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Drew Palmer, Chair	Commissioner, Okaloosa County
Shannon Hayes	Councilmember, City of Crestview
Payne Walker	Councilmember, City of Fort Walton Beach

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kathy Rudd	
Mary Beth Washnock	
Robert Chad Rodgers	Okaloosa County
Nicholas Wisnowski	Okaloosa County
Joshua Bailey	Okaloosa County
John Bohannon	MV Transportation
Howard Vanselow	ECRC staff

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice- Chair Hood called the meeting to order.
Thanked the Board members for attending.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice- Chair Hood moved for approval of the agenda.

Mayor Wagner moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Stauffer seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the January 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Wagner moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Stauffer seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Okaloosa County Updates – Mr. Robert Chad Rodgers, Okaloosa County

- Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) move Transit under the Airport about 2 months ago.
- Working on grants and operations.
- Moving forward, we will be presenting Tuesday at the next BOCC meeting.

Mayor Wagner asked about ridership data.
Mr. Rodgers stated they will be presenting data at the BOCC meeting.

Mayor Hood asked if there is an update to adding service to the Airport, as this has been a requested item for a while now.
Mr. Rodgers said there is not an update on a stop or adding service to the Airport.
Mayor Hood stated she hopes service will be considered for the Airport and also more routes and service in Crestview.

Mayor Wagner requested to motion to add service in Crestview, the board agreed.

Mayor Wagner motioned to ensure service and coordination with the City of Crestview. Councilmember Stauffer seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Councilmember Stauffer asked what is the new transit structure.
Chad Rodgers stated still have MV as the contractor and with County oversite.

2. MV Transportation Updates – Mr. John Bohannon

- Currently we have 45 drivers but need 10 more.
- Year to date turnover at 19.6%, lost 10 drivers for various reasons to include medical.

- Year to date 88% on time performance.
- 2 preventable and 2 non-preventable accidents.
- Next week we will take part in the MV Quarter Safety Stand Down.

Councilmember Stauffer asked what is an at fault accident.
Mr. Bohannon said when the driver causes the accident – the accident could have been prevented.

Mayor Wagner asked about drivers' pay.
Mr. Bohannan said wages are in the collective bargaining agreement and scheduled to get a bump up in 2027 and that it takes a special person to do this job.

Mayor Wagner said transit is important for those with need and for tourists. We need to be promoting/developing a world-class system to serve all needs.

Councilmember Stauffer maybe we can promote more of a private-public relationship to help improve transit.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Next meetings will be:
- May 21, 2026 at 10:00 am

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

IX. Additional Comments

None.

X. Adjournment

Seeing no other business, Vice-Chair Hood adjourned the meeting.

Approved by Okaloosa Transit Cooperative

DATE: _____

SIGNED: _____