



OKALOOSA TRANSIT COOPERATIVE



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Chair

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AGENDA

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 @ 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 July 11, 2024 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

1. None

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Comprehensive Operations Analysis Implementation Updates – *Tyrone Parker, Okaloosa County*
2. EC Rider Updates – *Tyrone Parker, Okaloosa County*

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2. **MV Transportation Updates** – *Lakeshia Brown, MV Transportation*

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The next Okaloosa Transit Cooperative meetings are scheduled for:

- ***Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.***

in the Okaloosa County Board Chambers – 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, Florida.

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

EC Rider website: ecrider.org

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<http://www.ecrc.org/programs/okaloosa-transit-cooperative>

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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

July 11, 2024

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jean Hood, Vice-Chair	Mayor, Cinco Bayou Mayor
Cynthia Brown	Councilmember, City of Crestview
Dick Ryneerson	Mayor, City of Fort Walton Beach
Doug Stauffer	Councilmember, City of Niceville

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Trey Goodwin, Chair	Commissioner, Okaloosa County
Bobby Wagner	Mayor, City of Destin

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tyrone Parker	Okaloosa County
Sheila Fitzgerald	Okaloosa County
Chelsy Sharon	Okaloosa County
Lakeshia Brown	MV Transportation
Tara Jones	MV Transportation
My Duyen Nguyen	MV Transportation
Paul VanRisseghem	Citizen
Howard Vanselow	ECRC staff

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Hood called the meeting to order.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-Chair Hood moved for approval of the agenda

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



III. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the July 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ACTION ITEMS

None

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Comprehensive Operations Analysis Implementation Updates – Mr. Tyrone Parker, Okaloosa County

Phase 1

- Service modification route 30 in Destin, more efficient service
- Connections with route 32 and 33
- Started service May 20, 2024

Mr. Parker said the numbers look good with an 8 % increase in June. Next step of the COA is to be presented for full adoption to the Okaloosa BOCC in August. If approved the next phase will be Fort Walton Beach and Airport Service. Phase 3 would be additional Crestview service.

Councilwoman Brown said she is glad the service is moving forward and hoping for more Crestview service with possible feeder routes.

2. EC Rider Updates – Mr. Tyrone Parker, Okaloosa County

Mr. Parker said they have received 1.6 million Capital Improvement grants for both fixed route and paratransit service. We have ordered 12 vehicles 5 for fixed and 7 for paratransit service. They have recently received 2 new vehicles for paratransit and staff are currently training on the new vehicles. These grants are dated back to 2022.

Mr. Parker stated there is currently one staff vacancy in maintenance but have candidates and are hoping to have the position filled in the next few weeks.

Councilwoman Brown remembers in previous years all the vacancies and issues but appreciates the hard work and improvements in the system.

3. MV Transportation Updates – Ms. Lakeshia Brown

Managers have been riding the routes to help evaluate, improve service, and help drivers. MV is currently only short three drivers but have two in class right now.

Ms. Brown said it is very important to support staff and connect with the community. Listen to the riders and drivers. We are working on new software kinks with the drivers assistance.

Mayor Hood said it is important you talk and work with your drivers they are the bridge between management and the riders.

Ms. Brown said it is all about keeping open communications.

Tyrone Parker stated after issues were identified, we addressed them right away updating the software and website.

Councilman Stauffer said since joining the Board I now see EC Rider everywhere and I am impressed with the presence and the management style.

Lakeshia Brown said they hosted a picnic for all staff and family members as a team bonding event with over 70 people and are planning three future events to show our appreciation and that we care about our staff. Everything is a team effort, and I am thankful for the great team we have.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Next meetings will be:

November 12, 2024 at 1:30 pm

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Paul VanRisseghem stated we need service to the airport, and he is glad to see the plan for service. He suggested a tourist pass. Mr. VanRisseghem said highway 98 is very congested and there are issues with getting personnel to base. He said

light rail system would be a great help to the military, and we need to continue to look to the future.

Mayor Hood said we appreciate your input; I know bus passes were mentioned at previous meetings and should be available.

Mr. Parkers said they currently offer 30 day and 15 day passes, but he will look into a tourist pass.

IX. Additional Comments

None

X. Adjournment

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

Approved by Okaloosa Transit Cooperative

DATE: _____

SIGNED: _____