



OKALOOSA TRANSIT COOPERATIVE



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Robert A. "Trey" Goodwin III
Chair

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AGENDA

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 @ 1:30 p.m. CST
Okaloosa County Board Chamber
1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579

I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE – Chair

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Attached September 10, 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. Enclosure A – 2025 Meeting Dates – Howard Vanselow, Emerald Coast Regional Council**

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:

- ***Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.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

Okaloosa Transit Cooperative information can be found on the ECRC website at:

<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

September 10, 2024

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Trey Goodwin, Chair
Jean Hood, Vice-Chair
Cynthia Brown
Doug Stauffer

Commissioner, Okaloosa County
Mayor, Cinco Bayou Mayor
Councilmember, City of Crestview
Councilmember, City of Niceville

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Dick Rynearson
Bobby Wagner

Mayor, City of Fort Walton Beach
Mayor, City of Destin

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tyrone Parker
Sheila Fitzgerald
Chelsy Sharon
Tara Jones
My Duyen Nguyen
Mary Beth Washnock
Paul VanRisseghem
Howard Vanselow

Okaloosa County
Okaloosa County
Okaloosa County
MV Transportation
MV Transportation
Madrid CPWG
Citizen
ECRC staff

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Goodwin called the meeting to order.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Goodwin asked the Board to consider adding support for the Destin Seafood Festival to the agenda for action.

Mayor Hood moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilwoman Brown seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.



III. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the July 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Councilwoman Brown moved to approve the minutes. Mayor Hood seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of bus support for the Destin Seafood Festival – Mr. Tyrone Parker, Okaloosa County

Destin has submitted a request for EC Rider to provide bus support to the Destin Seafood Festival September 27-29, 2024. Support has been provided in past years and we would be able to support them again this year if approved.

Councilman Staffer moved to approve the Seafood Festival request. Mayor Hood seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

The COA was up for consideration at the August 20th meeting, prior to the meeting I met with each Commissioner to answer any questions or concerns they may have regarding the COA. The COA was unanimously approved.

Mr. Parker stated that the COA has different phases:

Phase 1 started in May 2024 supporting the corridor with updated routes

Phase 2 will be Fort Walton Beach and Airport service

Phase 3 will be additional Crestview service.

Mr. Parker added that EC Rider was not awarded a Service Development Grant but will reapply next year and hope to add some additional service if possible. If they are awarded the Service Development Grant they would hope to start addition service in 2025.

Councilwoman Brown asked if someone from EC Rider could talk to the Crestview Council before October, before her term in office is up. She wants the Council to be aware of what EC Rider is doing and keep the momentum going.

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

Mr. Parker said as discussed, they will be supporting the Destin Seafood Festival and thanked the Board. Okaloosa County receive a bump in their capital grant funding this year.

Councilwoman Brown said the tourism building in Crestview would be a good spot for buses and is also going to serve as a library.

Chair Goodwin asked if the grants were multi-year or anticipated yearly.

Tyrone Parker stated they are annual, and the amounts do vary. But we are able to apply for additional grants like the Service Development Grant when available. We can try to add additional service to Crestview but have to be careful because if we are awarded the Service Development Grant, they will only cover new service.

Councilman Stauffer asked are you able to see what you could have done better or how you could have made your grant application stronger.

Mr. Parker said there is a grant workshop in November. At the workshop they help cover the grants and how to apply. There are representatives from District 3 and the Central Office to assist with the process and we normally have two or three staff members attend.

Councilwoman Brown ask for clarification that the Crestview routes will stay the same for now.

Mr. Parker said yes, there are no changes at this time.

3. MV Transportation Updates – Ms. Tara Jones

Ms. Jones said that we are providing 360 support and will continue to strive for good service.

Councilwoman Brown asked about staffing.

Ms. Jones said fixed route is fully staffed but could use a few more drivers in paratransit, but things are going well.

Mayor Hood asked about ridership.

Ms. Jones said it is going well and is a team effort.

Mayor Hood added that she believes MV and Mr. Parker are doing a great job.

Tyrone Parker added that he would bring the ridership data to the next meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Next meetings will be:

November 12, 2024 at 1:30 pm

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Paul VanRisseghem applauded the Board for bringing the new airport service and looks forward to seeing a schedule so he can start using the service. He also commented on the traffic congestion at Hurlburt Field and said this issue needs to be looked at.

Ms. Mary Beth Washnock introduced herself and stated she is a consultant with Madrid CPWG and is available to assist with transportation services.

IX. Additional Comments

Councilwomen Brown stated this is her last meeting and wanted to thank everyone for the support and what a professional organization this is.

X. Adjournment

Seeing no other business, Chair Goodwin adjourned the meeting.

Approved by Okaloosa Transit Cooperative

DATE: _____

SIGNED: _____

ENCLOSURE A

OKALOOSA TRANSIT COOPERATIVE

DRAFT 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

Public meetings of the Okaloosa Transit Cooperative are held
at the Okaloosa County Commission Chambers
1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, Florida.

THURSDAY - JANUARY 16, 2025 @ 10:00 am

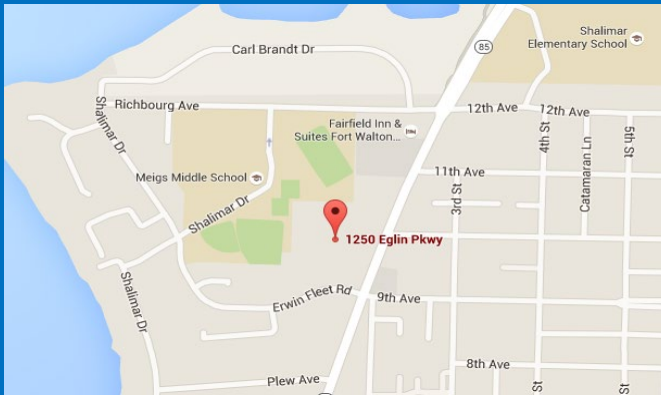
THURSDAY - JULY 17, 2025 @ 10:00 am

THURSDAY - MARCH 20, 2025 @ 10:00 am

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 @ 10:00 am

THURSDAY - MAY 15, 2025 @ 10:00 am

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 20, 2025 @ 10:00 am



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Meeting schedule is subject to change.

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professional planning, coordinating, and
advisory services to local governments,
state, and federal agencies to preserve and
enhance the quality of life in northwest
Florida.



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