



**Transylvania County Transportation
Advisory Board
November 8, 2023, at 2:00 PM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

I. **WELCOME:** Chair Shelly Webb called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Shelly Webb, Sara Daughtry, Greta Gosnell, Deb Haight, Carla Hill were present. Absent were Hunter Jones, Jeff Adams, Elaine Russell, Jaime Laughter, and Amanda Vanderoef. A quorum was present. Darby Terrell, Planner was present as well.

II. **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:** There were no proposed agenda modifications.

III. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes (August 9, 2023)

Ms. Daughtry suggested changes to be made to staff and requested that the board review the updated minutes at the next meeting.

IV. **WISH Collaborative Presentation: Paul Moon, Land of Sky and Kim West, Transportation Advocate**

Mr. Paul Moon introduced himself and Ms. Kim West, as well as the WISH Collaborative or WNC Initiative for Supportive Housing. Mr. Moon introduced the initiative to the board which is to build the community's capacity for accessible living with and for individuals with high support needs. Their work is to expand housing and transportation options so individuals with high support needs can live independently, and to ensure individuals with high support needs have access to community (transportation). Mr. Moon shared their values which are inclusive, impactful, bold, and open-minded. The collective receives its funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Money Follows the Person project, and UNC Cares. Mr. Moon stated they are here as a resource for individuals in Transylvania County and would like to be a resource for the board.

Ms. West introduced herself and explained her life story on how public transportation has helped her live an independent life, being legally blind and how she is trying to make sure these services are expanded to all.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Unified Grant Application update

Ms. Terrell updated the board on the Unified Grant Application for the county. After the last meeting Ms. Terrell brought the application to the Board of Commissioners for approval, and then submitted the application to the state.

B. [TAB Survey Results](#)

Ms. Terrell went over the results of the TAB member survey that was taken by the board members present at the last meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. [Q1 FY24 Operational Statistics](#)

Ms. Terrell went over the organizational statistics for the previous quarter and compared them with the previous years. Ms. Terrell also updated the board on the Fixed Route ridership and showed them a comparative graph for the last two years. The members discussed the presented data. Please see below the reported statistics.

B. ROAP Application

Ms. Terrell presented to the board the ROAP application for the upcoming year, this funding is to help pay for riders with disabilities or over a certain age, as well as help provide transportation to those who are employed, and for the public in rural areas. Ms. Vicki Eastland helped explain to the board these funds come from the state and are allocated from the state budget. Ms. Terrell informed them the numbers presented are given to the counties by the state. Ms. Eastland recommended taking the full amount as presented to the board. Ms. Terrell informed the board that she would be presenting to the Board of Commissioners next Monday on November 13th to get their approval to submit the application.

C. Land of Sky – RPO

Ms. Eastland presented to the board a video explaining the upcoming WNC Regional Transit Plan, which includes 8 counties including Transylvania. The hope is to have the public and riders of the transportation services submit these surveys to help build a plan to help connect the region. The department has all surveys available for the public as well as flyers with QR codes that link to each survey, there are Spanish surveys and flyers available.

D. Director's Report

Ms. Terrell reminded the Board of their next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday February 14, 2023, at 2:00PM. The next meeting will be on the 2nd floor, in the DSS large conference room. Ms. Terrell informed the board the department put together a letter to community partners in hope to market both the service and the TAB. The department is still in need of drivers.

VII. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Shelly Webb: The Sharing House will be having a Blessing of the Land on Monday, November 13th, 2023 at 2:00 PM, everyone is invited to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Shelly Webb motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 PM, seconded by Sarah Daughtry.

The motion passed unanimously.

Darby Terrell

Darby Terrell, Planner

Shelly F. Webb

Chair