

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Larry Baughn, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Upon the call of roll, the following members were present: Larry Baughn, Jr., Craig Golden, Steve Miller, Joe Eakle, Jerry Hawker, Mark Steinbaugh, and Nancy O'Kane. Joe Eakle was excused. 6 Present 1 Absent. Also attending the meeting were: Melissa Walters-CRIS RMTD, Steve Gulick, RMTD, Danville Mayor Rickey Williams, Steve White- DMT, Ashlyn Massey- City of Danville, Leon Parker- City of Danville, Rick Strebing- City of Danville, Scott Preston – CRIS, Frank Young – CRIS, Mike Puhr, Matthew Long- County Assessor, Kevin Bodine- CB member, Lon Henderson – CB member, and Jennifer Jenkins, County Board Office Manager.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendment to the Agenda

Motion by Steinbaugh, second by O'Kane to approve the agenda. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes from August 30, 2023

Hawker moved, seconded by Golden, to approve the minutes. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments

None

Agenda Item 5 – Public Transit in Vermilion County Discussion- CRIS Rural Mass Transit District/City of Danville Mass Transit

Chairman Baughn explained that representatives from CRIS Rural Mass Transit and the City's Danville Mass Transit. He further explained that this has been a project that they have been working on for over a year. The decrease of the county's population, so did rules and regulations with public transit in the County and City. The last Census apparently we were also under threshold however we were still able to maintain the service as usual. However now required changes are forthcoming. Vermilion County is in the middle due to State statute. This means that they require one entity versus two for the administration. The County has been tasked with choosing which agent or the County could even be the agent instead of CRIS or the DMT. The funding will cease at the end of the State's fiscal year hence the reason for the urgency of this decision. The State of Illinois fiscal year starts over July 1, 2024. We would need to be considerably in front of that date to ensure the continuation of both programs. Melissa Walters provided the committee with information from the Illinois Department of Transportation as well as a handout of specifics for CRIS RMTD and CRIS AGING. They are now separate whereas they were once one. She spoke to the numbers for CRIS RMTD. They provided 58,448 rides in 2023. They are used by disabled individuals. They have provided 40,691 thus far this year. The most frequent uses of their transportation services are as follows; Doctor appointments, dialysis, pharmacy, shopping, and bill pay, to name a few. They have current contracts with DMT, Worksource, Crosspoint, Accolade, and, Carle (new in May 2024). The DMT 2023 served 14 routes and served 344,911. The low ridership areas run around 9,364. This is where it was previously discussed where CRIS RMTD would be needed to step in. These areas include Tilton, Georgetown, and, Danville Heights. Mayor Williams asked if these cities were aware of this and Walters indicated that they have not been approached due to no determination. Hawker asked if salaries were reimbursed or insurance, pension, etc. Baughn specified with Williams that salaries were part of the reimbursement from the State, however no pension, insurance, etc. would be included in the reimbursement. Henderson expressed his concern if CRIS RMTD or DMT wasn't available. These transportation services are crucial to the community. Steinbaugh confirmed that the depending on how this money is divided amongst each entity it would be utilized primarily for administrative services to keep both programs running. Williams advised that the City has all the support staff to run this now. They have an IT Staff, Legal Counsel, HR Staff, and, Accounting Staff. Baughn reminded everyone this is just a conversation starter to inform the committee and audience members of what decisions will need to be made very soon. There is a lot at stake for both entities. Once everyone has had a chance to absorb what was discussed, we will meet back again soon.

Agenda Item 6 – Executive Session-

No action needed

Agenda Item 7 - Items of Information

Baughn referred to the Quaker Oats closing.
Baughn advised that the Finance Committee meeting is next Tuesday.

Agenda Item 8- Adjournment

Chairman Baughn adjourned the meeting at 6:55 P.M.

Minutes by: Jennifer Jenkins, County Board Office Manager