

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
COLUMBIA COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
September 18, 2017**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Columbia County Public Transportation Special Meeting Minutes September 18, 2017

Chairman George opened the meeting at 3pm. Those present were Board Members Jackson, Talbot, Passmore and Richard Ells.

Staff present: Interim General Manager Dwight Robanske, Finance Manager Steve Mertens

Others: Linda Miller

Absent: None

B. COMMENTS FROM INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Chairman George opened the meeting to public comment: None

C. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:

None

George indicated that we would move item F before item E as the public hearing is scheduled to start at 3:15 leaving time to complete item F business.

D. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

F. Discussion on para-transit bus 13 and approval to purchase another bus

Dwight explained the issues with bus 13 our need to replace it with a new bus. He explained that the new bus would have to be purchased 100% from our funds and that we are looking at a bus that would be straight of the lot and would not be customized for us. The price of about \$70000 after tax and camera installation however would be about \$30,000 less than the previous buses purchased, though it would be a 14 seat bus vs. an 18. We would trade in bus 13 for \$16,000 and use \$35,000 recently received from the sale of surpluses buses and equipment. The rest would come from Capital reserve.

There was some discussion and Talbot moved to trade-in bus 13 and to use the described funds to purchase a new bus, Jackson second, all in favor.

E. Open Public Hearing on Transit Development Plan (TDP)

3:15 - George opened the hearing for discussion.

The board discussed the plan, there was a question regarding the facility and the possibility of purchasing it and what would happen since it was not in the plan. Dwight explained we would adjust the plan next year to include it. Dwight also explained that our current facility probably would not be the best place to purchase a facility, and that other options such as building a facility would be better. Scenarios for this were further discussed.

George asked if there were any further comments or questions from the public and there were none.

At 3:25 George closed the public hearing.

Passmore moved to pass the presented Transit Development Plan, Jackson second, all in favor.

The board discussed the time and date of the next regularly scheduled meeting. It was decided that October 17th at 12:00 would work best for all board members.

At 3:30 George moved to adjourn the meeting, all in favor.