



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE MAY 25, 2023 BOARD MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Luke Zelle, Chair, Scott Grossmeyer, Charles Winfrey, Joseph King, Tommie Johnson, Sharon Reeves, Lisa R. Anderson

**ABSENT:** Ellen Ellenburg, Glenn Wilson

**STAFF:** Ed Benning, Jacqueline Saxton, Ken Vavra, Corwin Matthews, Ed Burger, Colette Champine, Shawnice Dorsey, Rod Evans, Patrick Tesler, Karl Petrich, Mike Forester, Adam Stohlman, Paul Mattern

**GUEST:** Michael Joliat, Attorney

Chairman Zelle called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

**Comments of the Public**

MTA employees JaQuaya Buford, Regina Richard, and Alonzo Traylor spoke to board members about making Martin Luther King Day and Juneteenth a paid holiday for MTA employees.

Board chair Luke Zelle responded that the request would be taken into consideration.

**Executive Session - Attorney Michael Joliat**

Attorney Joliat requested that the board meet in closed session to discuss two cases #21-116655-NI and #22-116826-NF. Attorney Joliat stated that these cases are pending litigation and discussing them publicly may affect MTA's ability to settle the cases.

Charles Winfrey made a motion, supported by Scott Grossmeyer, to move into Executive Session for the purpose stated by Attorney Joliat.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Luke Zelle, Scott Grossmeyer, Charles Winfrey, Joseph King, Tommie Johnson, Lisa Anderson, and Sharon Reeves voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Regular session suspended: 8:04 A.M.

Joseph King made a motion, supported by Charles Winfrey, to go out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session reconvened at 8:17 A.M.

Attorney Joliat asked the board to approve the recommendation for cases #21-116655-NI and #22-116826-NF as presented and discussed in closed session.

Charles Winfrey made a motion, supported by Scott Grossmeyer, to approve the recommendations made by Attorney Joliat. Motion approved unanimously.

**Approval of the April 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Scott Grossmeyer moved, supported by Sharon Reeves, to approve the April 27, 2023 regular board meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

**Approval of the April 25, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

Scott Grossmeyer moved, supported by Charles Winfrey, to approve the April 25, 2023 finance committee meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

**Resolution #23-43 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a 3-year agreement with AngelTrax, Dothan, AL to provide Mobile DVR Systems and upgrades in various MTA fleet vehicles for a price not to exceed \$505,607.00.**

Scott Grossmeyer moved, supported by Charles Winfrey, to approve Resolution #23-43.

Ed Benning stated that this renewal provides for upgrades to the current DVR systems; the MTA has worked with AngelTrax for some time, this will enhance the current system to review live video and improve bus safety and security.

Motion approved unanimously.

**Resolution #23-44 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Continental Linen Service, Kalamazoo, MI for the first one-year optional renewal of the existing Driver Uniform Program contract, for a total contract amount of \$296,087.20.**

Charles Winfrey moved, supported by Scott Grossmeyer, to approve Resolution #23-44.

Ed Benning stated this agreement is the first one-year renewal option and the purchasing department was able to negotiate a price decrease, which explains why the total contract amount has changed from what is in the packet.

Motion approved unanimously.

**General Managers Report**

Ed Benning stated he is very pleased with the outcome of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, he was glad to see everyone who attended; he is very proud of all of the effort that went into planning the event by the committee, and he is very grateful for the support of community, noting that the event was 100% paid for by sponsors.

Ed Benning updated the board on funding for hydrogen buses, expansion of vehicle storage, and the construction of a center for alternative fuels education.

Mr. Benning asked the board for their authorization to establish and grow an Emergency Transportation Fund to support local agencies and other community partners with their transportation needs. Board members approved the request to establish an emergency fund.

**Comments of Board Members**

Scott Grossmeyer stated that the networking event with the Fenton chamber of commerce held at the Fenton Your Ride went very well, and was very appreciated. Other communities would benefit from this type of event being held in their areas.

Luke Zelle complimented and thanked the gala committee and stated that he thought the video shown at the event of the services that the MTA provides and what we do on the community was outstanding.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 A.M.

