



**MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2024
BOARD MEETING**

PRESENT: Luke Zelle, Ellen Ellenburg, Tommie Johnson, Nate Henry, Scott Bennett, Charles Winfrey, Candace Mushatt, Sharon Reeves

ABSENT: Glenn Wilson

STAFF: Ed Benning, Jacqueline Saxton, Ken Vavra, Tim Ashley, Corwin Mathews, Karl Petrich, Melinda Johnson, Ed Burger, Traci Davis, Patrick Tesler, Rod Evans, Dennis McDonagh, Shawnice Dorsey, Marie Stewart, Charles Baker, Rod Sova, Matt Weder, Amy Hull

GUESTS: Jay Parker - GCAC, Joe Kapper - SRF, Matthew Lattavo & Reeya Dalpati - LTRT

Chairperson Zelle called the meeting to order at 8:01 A.M.

Comments of the Public – None

Employee Recognition

MTA employee Amy Hull was recognized and honored with an award by Ed Benning and MTA Board Members for reaching out to county officials making them aware of a concern within the community. Because of her actions over 40 animals were recovered and placed with Genesee County Animal Control.

Jay Parker, Director of Genesee County Animal Control, along with one of the rescued dogs, was at the meeting to thank Ms. Hull, giving her a gift card in appreciation of her actions and to provide an update on the well-being of the animals that were rescued.

Approval of the October 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Ellen Ellenburg made a motion to approve the October 17, 2024 meeting minutes, Scott Bennett seconded the motion; motion approved unanimously.

Charles Winfrey made a motion to move resolutions items two through five, Scott Bennett supported the motion.

Resolution #25-05 authorizing the General Manager to exercise the option to enter into an agreement to renew the existing contract with Brown & Brown Insurance Services of Fenton, MI for Group Dental Benefits Insurance for a one-year period with a contract beginning date of January 1, 2025, in the amount of \$191,643.00.

Ed Benning stated that this is an option to renew the existing contract with Brown and Brown for group dental benefits.

Resolution #25-06 authorizing the General Manager to exercise the third option to enter into an agreement to renew the existing contract with Health Alliance Plan (HAP) of Detroit, MI for Healthcare Benefits for a one-year period, with a contract beginning date of January 1, 2025 in the amount of \$2,588,491.98.

Ed Benning stated that this is the third option to renew our existing health insurance benefits with HAP for a period of one year. Mr. Benning stated that we have been very fortunate in our ability to keep costs down utilizing wrap-around coverage along with this plan.

Resolution #25-07 authorizing the General Manager to exercise the first renewal option to enter into an agreement with Brown & Brown Insurance Services of Fenton, MI for Group Life/AD&D and Short-Term Disability Benefits Insurance for a one-year period with a contract beginning date of January 1, 2025, in the amount of \$178,598.56.

Ed Benning stated that this is another option to renew the current life and short-term disability insurance with Brown & Brown.

Resolution #25-08 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a two-year agreement with the City of Flint to provide one Uniformed Police Officer to serve at the Mass Transportation Authority Northup-Abrams Downtown Transportation Center Flint, MI, for a total contract amount of \$276,283.97 based on 42 hours per week.

Ed Benning stated that this is a two-year agreement with the City of Flint Police Department to provide a uniformed officer to serve as part of the MTA security team in the downtown transportation center.

Motion on items 2 through 5, approved unanimously.

Presentations:

MTA Fixed Routes Study:

Joe Kapper, SRF Consultant gave an update on the fixed routes study preliminary report; highlighting the key findings from community input and meetings that were held within the community. Mr. Kapper stated that the next steps in the study will be to draft service recommendations and to finalize the report; completing the project in early January 2025.

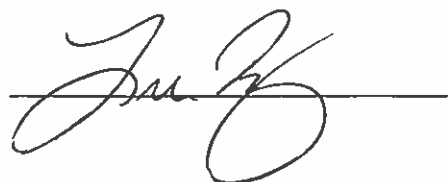
MTA Regional Partnership Study:

Matt Lattavo and Reeya Dalpati, consultants from Left Turn Right Turn, provided an update on the ongoing Regional Partnership Study involving the MTA, Greater Lapeer Transit Authority (GLTA) and Shiawassee County Transit Authority (SATA). Mr. Lattavo spoke about the purpose of the study, gave an overview of the area of service, the scope of the study, and the timeline. Mr. Lattavo shared current strengths and challenges on the project and touched on how governance and customer service would look in a regional setting. Mr. Lattavo stated that a final draft of the plan would be ready in December.

General Managers Report

Ed Benning reported on MTA involvement the Veteran's Village, and the Emergency Pass giveaway in partnership with the United Way, providing passes to several area agencies. Mr. Benning stated that on Monday there will be a press conference to announce our partnership with the Franklin Mission. Mr. Benning provided an update on the county building and the requirement of a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of the property by the Federal Transit Administration.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 A.M.

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