

AMADOR TRANSIT (AT) MINUTES
May 2, 2024 – 10:06 a.m.
ACTC Board Room-117 Valley View Way Sutter Creek, CA 95685

The Amador Transit Board of Directors met on the above date, and the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Present on Roll Call:

- Steve McLean- City of Jackson, Vice Chairman
- Brian Oneto (alternate for Patrick Crew- Board of Supervisors)
- Susan Bragstad- City of Amador City
- John Plasse-Citizen at Large
- Dan Riordan-City of Sutter Creek

Absent:

- Richard Forster-Board of Supervisors

Also Present:

- Patricia Maggie Amarant, AT General Manager
- John Gedney, ACTC Executive Director
- Felicia Bridges, ACTC Administrative Analyst/Recording Clerk

AGENDA:

Motion: It was moved by Director Plasse, seconded by Director Oneto, and carried to approve the agenda.

- Ayes: McLean, Bragstad, Oneto, Plasse, Riordan
- Noes: None
- Absent: Forster

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1-7):

Motion: It was moved by Director Oneto, seconded by Director Plasse, and carried to approve the Consent Agenda.

- Ayes: McLean, Bragstad, Oneto, Plasse, Riordan
- Noes: None
- Absent: Forster

#8. AT General Manager Report (Informational Only): None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

#9. Discussion and possible action from board regarding revision on the Memorandum of Understanding with Amador County Office of Emergency Services- Sheriff Girton to attend meeting to answer questions and provide detailed information: Sheriff Matt Girton

stated as of October, he took over the role as Office of Emergency Services (OES) Coordinator. He continued when he took over he inherited several projects one of which includes completing the Amador County warming/cooling center operations guide. In working with the American Red Cross and the Amador County Social Services Department, he learned of a California Government Code that required the county to have a transportation plan within the guide that provides transportation for those that have access and functional needs. He was previously aware of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that the county had with Amador Transit and after reviewing it, he would only be able to activate it upon the county declaring an emergency. Since the Sheriff's Department has no intent of declaring an emergency every time they need to open a warming/cooling center, the alternative solution is to modify the existing MOU. Sheriff Girton stated he believes this MOU was provided to the board last month, at which time, questions came up and he is here today to address those questions. He continued one (1) question from this board was the county currently does not have any warming/cooling centers. He clarified if the Sheriff's Department was to open a center today, the County Administration building, Health and Human Services building, or the county library would be the facilities used. He noted there is not currently any facility use agreements with other venues, but that is something he will be working on in the future with county counsel and the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Sheriff Girton stated he also wanted to address one (1) misunderstanding, in which, Chairman Crew mentioned that the BOS had asked the Sheriff's Department for more information about the guide book. He commented that must be a misunderstanding, as the guide book was never presented to the BOS. He stated how this more specifically impacts AT, there was a question regarding individuals being dropped off at a center on a Friday night and staying the night, but the proposed language in the MOU states the AT service will only be used on the weekdays. When a center is opened, it will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A supplemental plan for the weekends is in place with American Legion to provide those transport services. When the Sheriff's Department learns of a person with 'access and functional needs' is in need of a ride to a center, they would utilize the Dial-A-Ride (DAR) services of AT to get that person from their home to the center and back during the center's operational hours. He noted the description does include homeless individuals, however, in his experience those individuals do not enjoy contact with law enforcement and they do not utilize those services often. He noted the Sheriff's Department would purchase a \$80.00 booklet of bus tickets to offset the costs that this would bring to AT. Director Plasse clarified that \$80.00 is the fee paid to AT, but AT is 90% subsidized by public dollars, and that covers a small fraction of the actual cost. There was a mention that this service would be not be needed for individuals that are institutionalized, which is correct, there is no intention of moving the county's inmates to the centers. The reason that part is in the MOU is because that is part of the 'access and functional need' description. He noted he has to by law include that verbiage in the MOU. He asked if there were any additional questions.

Director Plasse asked for the reference number of the government code. Sheriff Girton replied it is AB-2311, Government Code 8593.3. He stated when the county is required to open the centers, it is an unbelievably small fraction of people that attend. He noted the last incident had an estimated 10 individuals total, and the impact to AT is extremely minimal. He stated the MOU adjustment is only to ensure the county is compliant. Director Plasse asked if the law stipulates that the public transit service has to comply as well. Sheriff Girton replied no, this is the responsibility of the County.

Motion: It was moved by Director Riordan, seconded by Director Oneto, and carried to approve the updated MOU with Amador County OES as presented.

Ayes: McLean, Bragstad, Riordan
 Noes: None
 Absent: Forster
 Abstain: Plasse, Oneto

Under Discussion, Director Plasse noted his abstention does not have anything to do with AT or OES, it has to do with the State forcing these kinds of policies down on the Counties.

At 10:20 a.m. the Vice Chairman suspended the AT meeting. Vice Chairman McLean resumed the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

#10. Review fleet status and approve recommended bus procurement through 5339(a) grant: Ms. Amarant reviewed her staff report and attachments. Director Oneto stated he is pleased to see the purchase of smaller buses in the recent years. Ms. Amarant replied we will need to keep at least two (2) of the larger buses for special events such as Dandelion Days, which had over 700 passengers this year.

Director Plasse asked if there were any requirements regarding the types of buses that may be purchased with this grant funding. Ms. Amarant responded no, and it does not have to be like-for-like purchases either. He then asked what details make the application more likely to be approved. Ms. Amarant replied the age and mileage of the vehicles.

Motion: It was moved by Director Oneto, seconded by Director Bragstad, and carried to approve the grant submittal for three (3) replacement buses.

Ayes: McLean, Bragstad, Oneto, Plasse, Riordan
 Noes: None
 Absent: Forster

#11. Review and approve recommended grant submittal for 5311 operating grant: Ms. Amarant reviewed her staff report and attachments. She stated once she submits the application it may take up to six (6) months to release the approval so that standard agreements can be issued. Ms. Amarant added those standard agreements most likely will not be issued until late this year and will not be able to invoice for the performance period until July 2025. She noted that is why this amount will not show up on the FY 2024/25 budget, but will show up on the FY 2025/26 budget.

#12. Resolution #24-02 approval for 5311 operating grant and 5339(a) bus procurement grant: Ms. Amarant noted Caltrans allows the combination of both the grants (5311 Operating Assistance and 5339) be included in one (1) resolution.

Motion: It was moved by Director Bragstad, seconded by Director Riordan, and carried to approve authorizing the General Manager to apply for the FY 2024 5311 Operating Assistance/5339 due May 30th.

Ayes: McLean, Bragstad, Oneto, Plasse, Riordan
 Noes: None
 Absent: Forster

#13. Review, discuss, and approve new NEMT contract with Access2Care-reviewed and approved by AT legal counsel: Ms. Amarant stated Access2Care is another agency that is willing to pay for medical appointments **only** for anyone that is under Medi-Cal insurance. ModivCare recently terminated the contract with AT due to AT not providing weekend services. Access2Care is relatively new to the area and could replace the contract AT had with ModivCare. Ms. Amarant reviewed her staff report and attachments.

Director Plasse asked if those medical appointments would include providing trips out of the County. Ms. Amarant replied yes, what has occurred in the past included Sacramento and Folsom medical trips.

Director Riordan asked if the rates are the same as what ModivCare provided. Ms. Amarant responded no, they are a little more. She reviewed page 10 of the attachment. Director Riordan then asked what the rates were through ModivCare. Ms. Amarant stated the first three (3) miles was \$16.00, then increased the further out you traveled. Director Riordan asked if Ms. Amarant analyzed what the total percent difference would be between the two (2) agencies rates. Ms. Amarant replied it would be approximately 20% or more than ModivCare provided.

Director Plasse asked what agency will be providing the ‘Meals on Wheels’ program now that Common Ground Senior Services is closing. Ms. Amarant stated she believes the Senior Center will be taking that over.

Motion: It was moved by Director Plasse, seconded by Director Bragstad, and carried to approve authorizing the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Access2Care, LLC.

Ayes: McLean, Bragstad, Oneto, Plasse, Riordan
 Noes: None
 Absent: Forster

#14. Approve Monthly Claims List: Vice Chairman McLean noted there is a revised list for review.

Director Oneto asked what the revision was for. Ms. Amarant replied a couple bills that came in and more detail in the memo section.

Director Bragstad left the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Motion: It was moved by Director Riordan, seconded by Director Plasse, and carried to approve the revised claims list.

Ayes: McLean, Oneto, Plasse, Riordan
 Noes: None
 Absent: Bragstad, Forster

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Draft Annual Fiscal & Compliance Audit
- Draft Preliminary Budget

ADJOURNMENT:

At 11:59 a.m. the Chairman adjourned the regular meeting to Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at 117 Valley View Way, Sutter Creek, CA 95685.

Patrick Crew, Chairman

ATTEST:

Amador Transit

Recording Clerk

Note: Copies of referenced documents are available at the AT and ACTC offices.