



**Local Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes Approved as Presented**  
Thursday, December 5, 2019 12:00PM  
**Benzie Bus Station**

**Members:**

Matt Goodlin – Chair **Present**  
Richard Heniser **Absent**  
Bev Popp **Present**  
Jeannette Feeheley **Present**  
Irene Nugent **Absent**

Doug Durand – Vice Chair **Absent**  
Ingemar Johansson **Present**  
Ruth Ann Tyler **Present**  
Dorene Strang **Present**  
Jerry Heiman **Absent**

**Welcome and Call to Order, Roll Call** Meeting called to order at 12:05PM

**Public Comment** Chris Geetings, Benzie Bus Driver, introduced himself. Chris has a long history of working as an EMT and is currently being trained to become a Trainer for Benzie Bus.

**Review and Approve Agenda** *Motion* by Ingemar supported by Dorene to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, *motion carried*.

**Review and Approve September 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes** *Motion* by Bev and supported by Dorene to approve the September 5, 2019 Local Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. All ayes, *motion carried*

**Action:**

**Appoint Chair/Vice Chair** Ingemar made a *motion* to appoint Matt Goodlin as Chair and Doug Durand as Vice Chair. Support by Ruth Ann. Discussion. All ayes, *motion carried*.

**Approval of 2021 Vehicle Accessibility Plan** Jessica presented the 2021 Vehicle Accessibility Plan. *Motion* by Ingemar support by Bev to approve the 2021 Vehicle Accessibility Plan as presented. Discussion. All ayes, *motion carried*.

**Discussion:**

**Annual Report** The management team has been presenting the annual report at village/township meetings. Feedback has been very positive. We provided over 108,000 rides in FY19 and on several occasions have provided over 500 trips on a single day.

**Millage Renewal** March 10th we will be on the ballot for our millage renewal. Bill is working on ballot language with the Board and legal team.

**SPLT Rides** Unfortunately the SPLT product fell short, and we have decided to discontinue our participation in the project. We are confident that in the future we will find a software solution that will fit our needs.

**Haunted Bus/Halloween Nite Owl** Successful night with almost 100 rides



**NYE Nite Owl** Service will run until 3AM on New Year's Eve.

**Rides to Wellness** Jessica is working on a new Rides to Wellness program. A Mobility for All grant was announced by the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) which would allow us to purchase on-demand software (Uber-style trip requests) as well as vehicles. Jessica and Chad are looking into options.

**Service Updates: Saturday Shopper, TCX, Flex Express (?)** The Saturday Shopper service was discontinued due to low ridership. The evening return trips from BATA Hall Street Station on the TCX have been adjusted to better accommodate riders. We are introducing a Flex Express (name TBD) which will run on the half hour between Frankfort-Benzonia-Beulah. We expect the new route to relieve some stress on the very busy Frankfort-Beulah-Honor Flex

Meeting adjourned at 1:01PM

**2020 Meeting Schedule** March 5, June 4, September 3, December 17

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Recording Secretary

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Date