
**MONONGALIA COUNTY URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES**

Approved Version

August 11, 1999

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jenny Dinsmore
Frank Salucci
Sandy Holepit
John Spears
James Caravasos
David Martinelli

NOT PRESENT:

Bob Roberts

OTHER PERSONNEL PRESENT:

David Bruffy
Melissa Burch

CALL TO ORDER:

The Transit Board Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

James Caravasos made a motion for the approval of the July 14, 1999 minutes. Frank Salucci seconded the motion.

For: All Opposed: None

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was received from the State of West Virginia concerning a change in the location of the Chief Inspector and Supervisor of Public Offices.

Main Street Morgantown thanked Mountain Line for participating in the annual Kid's Day Celebration.

Correspondence in which Mr. Bruffy advised local government entities of the route changes was included, as well as rider suggestions for new routes.

Lastly, a copy of an Ethics Act pamphlet distributed by the WV Ethics Commission was included in correspondence, as well as an updated list of contacts for local permits and services.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Farebox and ticket sales were up for the month and ridership was up from last year. There was a carry-over in the amount of \$101,000 for the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Glade Springs Board Training

Jenny Dinsmore reviewed the details of the Board Training Session at the annual WV Public Transit Association Awards Conference held at Glade Springs Resort.

B. Transit Awards

Several awards were presented to Mountain Line Transit at Glade Springs, including a Community Hero Award for Tom Montague, an award to Albert Forini for his continued service to Mountain Line Transit, an award for Marketing, an award for Best Management Innovation for overtime reduction, a Safety Award, and this year's General Manager of the Year Award went to David Bruffy.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Driver Safety Awards

Driver Safety awards for accident free driving were distributed for the following individuals: 1 year – Betty Collins, Bernard Cordray, Bob Jacobs, Ted Lipscomb, Albert McDowell, Dan Poe, Darryl White. 2 years – Bill George, Ron Gaitan, Bill Beckner. 3 years – David Beckner, Roby Collins, Karen Dalton, Jim Huffman, Janet Jackson, Vernon Jamison, Clyde Lowe, Tom Montague, Joe Shultz, Mike Walls.

B. Route Changes

Mr. Bruffy reviewed the recent route changes and noted the areas that have received increased services due to the changes. These areas include daily services to the areas of Mountain Heights, Grafton Road and Fairmont Road, Cheat Lake, Tyrone Road, Canyon Road and Brookhaven. Other changes include hourly service to the Star City area near the Holiday Inn and hourly service to several Westover neighborhoods. Also, routes inside of the greater Morgantown area have increased, including a new service to College Avenue and an express between Downtown and Evansdale. Commercial business routes were also increased, including service to the Star City Holiday Inn, hourly service to Euro-Suites, Hampton Inn, Star City Day's Inn, and increased service to Lakeview and the Hotel Morgan.

C. Public Session

Public Session was called to order at 6:46 pm. Public comments concerning individual concerns and problem with the new routes were received from the following individuals: Diana Clark, Eric Clark, Sheila Moore, Shawn Moore, John Kearns, Ken Forbes, Linda Pettigrew, Maxine Mayfield, Loretta Williams, Patty Taylor, Harry Schultz, Ruth Swisher, Melba Durgey, Anna Baker, Laura Riagel, Barbara Hardman, Aspasia Proestos, Noreen Doerr, and Bruce Gilbert.

D. TV Commercials

Mr. Bruffy reviewed the scripts for the commercials proposed by Rutter Media. The cost will be \$1400 for the spots and \$700 to \$800 for the production of each commercial.

Frank Salucci motioned to approve expenditure for the production of commercials and purchase of airtime. James Caravasos seconded the motion.

For: All Opposed: None

E. WVU Football Shuttles

Rutter media will pay \$200 per bus for shuttles to the upcoming WVU football games. Main Street Morgantown has also requested one bus, as has the local Elks Lodge. Also discussed was the possibility of a reduction in regular Saturday service due to traffic patterns in the stadium area on football Saturdays.

James Caravasos motioned that the General Manager survey, advertise, and change the Saturday service if so indicated by the ridership survey results. David Martinelli seconded the motion.

For: All Opposed: None

F. Employee Bonus

The employee bonus for the year totaled \$7399.00. This item was discussed at a previous meeting when a 1.5% bonus was approved for all Mountain Line employees pending a carryover from last fiscal year.

James Caravasos motioned and David Martinelli seconded that the bonus be issued to Mountain Line employees.

For: All Opposed: None

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (as printed)

Information

1) I have attached a copy of the planned progress for rail-trail and riverfront park construction. Highlights of the schedule show that Mountain Line's Garrett Street extension should be complete by or for the end of August. Additionally, the construction schedule calls for completion of all work before Thanksgiving of this year.

2) I am pleased to report that Mountain Line has made initial contacts in the Weston area to provide for transportation services to WVU Home Football games. Additional arrangements will be necessary with Weston area businesses and Harrison and Marion County public transportation providers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Transit Authority entered into Executive Session at 8:50 pm in order to discuss legal and personnel matters. Regular Session resumed at 8:58 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The Transit Authority Board Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Holepit
Secretary of the Board

