I. CALL TO ORDER
Commissioner Ketchel called the meeting to order and offered the invocation.
Mayor Rynearson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Commissioner Ketchel stated that Board Member Elizabeth Roy is unable to attend today’s meeting
but has given her “yes” votes to the two action items on today’s agenda.
Agenda unanimously approved.

III. CONSENT AGENDA
Mayor Hood motioned to approve the March 22, 2018 minutes. Mayor Rynearson seconded
the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. For those wishing to speak, please fill out a speaker request form and indicate the agenda item(s)
   you would like to address. You will be called by the Chairperson at the appropriate time. If you
   would like to address an item not on the agenda, there will be an opportunity at the end of the
   meeting to speak.

V. ACTION ITEM
1. ENCLOSURE A-Consideration of Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival Shuttle Service Request- Ms.
   JoAnn Hofstad, Okaloosa County

   Ms. Hofstad, Okaloosa County, presented a request from Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of
   Commerce Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival to use the county’s shuttles services for the festival June
   1-2, 2018.
Mr. Elliott Kampert approached the podium and stated that this will be the last year free transportation will be provided and the regular fare (or some form of day pass) will be charged to ride the shuttle at next year’s event. He stated that the shuttle provides good public relations and great publicity to let the public know we are out there.

**Councilman Overdier moved to approve the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce Billy Bowlegs Festival request to provide transportation. Mayor Hood seconded the motion.**

Discussion about charging for this service in the future followed. While we cannot operate as a charter there are options that can be explored. Mayor Rynearson agreed that promoting the use of the transit system will be no problem due to lack of parking. Mayor Hood agreed that it is important to make the public aware of the service we provide. Perhaps the fare could be set at $2 for a round trip. Councilman Overdier suggested the possibility of riders purchasing a day/event pass that would be good for the length of the day/event. Mayor Rynearson has concern about the logistics of a round trip ticket and a day pass as opposed to $1 each way. Mr. Berkstresser commented that we do have special passes available that are “multiple use” passes which could be customized to a specific event. If a rider did not have a multiple use pass, they could still purchase a $1 fare ticket.

**Mayor Rynearson amended the previous motion to approve the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce Billy Bowlegs Festival request to provide transportation to allow passes to be used in the future; Councilman Overdier seconded the motion, and it was carried.**

2. **ENCLOSURE B-Consideration of Destin Seafood Festival Shuttle Service Request- Ms. JoAnn Hofstad, Okaloosa County**

Ms. Hofstad, Okaloosa County, presented a request from the Destin Seafood Festival to use the County’s shuttle services in October 2018. New fares will be charged for this event.

Commissioner Ketchel asked whether someone (entity) could underwrite the use of the shuttles during these events. Ms. Janet Willis clarified that we can use/solicit entities as a partner. A partner could purchase passes and hand them out to tourists/event-goers, etc. Mayor Hood said that the riders must be able to produce the pass at the bus or pay $1 fare.

**Councilman Overdier moved to approve the Destin Seafood Festival Shuttle Service Request to provide transportation at the standard fare of $1/rider; Mayor Rynearson seconded the motion, and it was carried.**

### VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **EC Rider Updates- Mr. Robert Berkstresser, Okaloosa County**

Mr. Berkstresser reported that the EC Rider fixed routes now include advertising on the buses. Additional customers created $3,700/month in revenue; and advertising produced $44,000 revenue for the transit system. Commissioner Ketchel directed Mr. Berkstresser to reach out to Allegiant Airlines for further advertising options.
Bus shelters for this facility (county building) as well as for Destin, arrived and installation status will be updated. Commissioner Ketchel stated that we can also advertise on the bus shelters.

2. Maruti Updates-Mr. Ron “Mack” McElhose, Maruti Fleet and Management, LLC.
Mr. McElhose shared that the double map feature is now active and can be used to track where each bus is in the system at any given time (see doublemap.com). New map is being designed which will include the Destin-Walton County route and transfer point. Commissioner Ketchel asked how riders are getting the app information. Mr. McElhose responded that flyers are on buses and staff members are distributing them in the area.

There were 82 route deviations last month. A deviation is when the bus leaves the route to pick up a rider(s). Regarding employee turnover rate, Maruti loses a couple employees per month. Mr. McElhose states that for every 6-8 hired, only 3-4 get through training due to various reasons and attrition. This month Maruti will be fully staffed with 65 drivers.

3. Bus shelter location discussion – Mr. Rob Mahan, WFRPC

Mr. Mahan presented the map which shows where most of the current bus shelters are located. Uptown Station shelter will need to be moved to the northeast corner of Iowa & Hospital Drives. Commissioner Ketchel inquired whether there are any shelters placed at grocery stores to aid those people that have been shopping and must get to the bus. Mr. Mahan said that most shelters are put on the rights of way; otherwise the location would need approval from the business owner.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

1. The next Okaloosa Transit Cooperative meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Okaloosa County Board Chambers – 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, Florida.

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Public – For those wishing to speak, please fill out a speaker request form.

2. Any additional items for discussion – Co-Op, Okaloosa County Staff, Maruti, WFRPC Staff Tuesday, May 30, 2018 Okaloosa County Commission Transit Workshop 1:30. Commissioner Ketchel recommends the board to attend this meeting as it focuses on transit. Requests WFRPC attendance.

IX. ADJOURNMENT 10:10 a.m.
Approved by Okaloosa Transit Cooperative

DATE: ______

SIGNED: ____________________