AGENDA
Thursday, January 23, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m. CST
Okaloosa County Board Chambers
1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Carolyn Ketchel

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. CONSENT AGENDA
    Approval of the Attached November 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS
    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 chairman 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 (Item VIII
    Public Forum) to speak.

V. ACTION ITEMS

    Enclosure A-Election of Officers - Mr. Robert Mahan, Emerald Coast Regional Council

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS
    1. EC Rider Updates- Mr. Tyrone Parker, Okaloosa County

    2. MV Transportation Updates- Mr. Dennis Franklin, General Manager
VII. OTHER BUSINESS
The next Okaloosa Transit Cooperative meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 26, 2020 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, MV Transportation, ECRC Staff

IX. ADJOURNMENT

EC Rider website: [ecrider.org](http://ecrider.org)

Okaloosa Transit Cooperative information can be found on the ECRC website at: [http://www.ecrc.org/programs/okaloosa-transit-cooperative](http://www.ecrc.org/programs/okaloosa-transit-cooperative)

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OKALOOSA TRANSIT COOPERATIVE MEETING MINUTES
Emerald Coast Regional Council (Designated staff)
Okaloosa County Board Chambers - 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579
November 21, 2019

Members attending:
Carolyn Ketchel, Chairman
Jean Hood
Skip Overdier
Dick Rynearson, Vice Chair
William Schaetzle

Okaloosa County Commissioner
Cinco Bayou Mayor
Destin City Councilman
Ft. Walton Beach Mayor
Niceville City Councilman

Others attending:
Dennis Franklin
Tyrone Parker
Greg Kisela
Craig Coffee
Howard Vanselow
Mary Beth Washnock
Katie Wilhelm
Rob Mahan
Sherry Nowlin

MV Transportation
Okaloosa County
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ECRC Staff
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I. CALL TO ORDER
Vice Chair Rynearson called the meeting to order.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mayor Jean Hood moved to approve the agenda, Councilman Schaetzle seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

III. CONSENT AGENDA
1. Approval of the Attached July 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Mayor Hood moved to approve the September 5, 2019 minutes; Councilman Overdier seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. Vice Chair Rynearson called for speakers. He asked those wishing to speak to please fill out a speaker request form and indicate the agenda item(s) they would like to address. There were no speakers.

V. ACTION ITEMS
1. Enclosure A-Consideration of 2020 Co-op Meeting Schedule-Mr. Robert Mahan, Emerald Coast Regional Council
Mr. Mahan stated the Co-op for 2020 will be the fourth Thursday of every other month starting in January 2020.

Councilman Overdier moved to approve the schedule; Mayor Jean Hood seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS
1. EC Rider Updates – Mr. Tyrone Parker, Okaloosa County

Mr. Parker stated that the EC Rider fare increase went into effect on November 4, 2019. He stated that there was a public hearing in October in Crestview at the courthouse but there were no public comments during the hearing.

Chairman Ketchel asked if there were any flyers provided to the customers prior to the fare increase.

Mr. Parker stated that the hearing and increase were properly noticed and advertised. He stated that they gave out flyers, put notices on the vehicles, on the county website, on the EC Rider website, as well as advertised it.

Mr. Parker stated that he has received ongoing calls from 7th Special Forces regarding the possibility of EC Rider providing transportation for single soldiers that have no means of transportation or access to transportation services. He stated that he and Mr. Franklin met with military officials and they are looking for weekend options. Mr. Parker stated that he and Mr. Franklin gave them some options.

Chairman Ketchel asked what time frames on the weekends were requested and if it was for recreational activities.

Mr. Franklin stated that they were looking at two loops, one in the morning and one in the late evening due to the base’s chow hall being closed because they don’t serve dinner.

There was further discussion regarding the soldiers being fed only for breakfast and lunch.

Chairman Ketchel asked the board members to each call the liaison for the 7th Special Forces to address the issue.

Mr. Franklin stated that the bus services would cost approximately an additional $30,000 annually. He said that 7th Special Forces would be able to fund it for a year, but they were unsure that they would be able to fund it after that.

Chairman Ketchel said that this issue of the soldiers receiving 2 meals a day would be discussed in the next meeting.

It was suggested that the board invite the Public Affairs Official of the Army to provide an update at the next Co-op meeting.
Mr. Parker said E.C. Rider was able to get 2 new vehicles from FDOT. One will be for the fixed route and the other for paratransit. One vehicle is scheduled to arrive in December 2019. There was no cost to EC Rider, and Mr. Parker is hoping to access additional funding going forward as well.

Mr. Parker stated that there is a shelter at Miracle Parkway and there was an officer that asked if EC Rider could remove the shelter. Mr. Parker stated that he would reach out to facility maintenance to have the shelter moved to the Elder Services location.

Chairman Ketchel stated that there is a mental health diversion program that will be opening on 1st Street in Fort Walton Beach. She asked if there was a stop there because there are several other businesses in that area and there would be a benefit to having a shelter in that area.

Mr. Parker stated that he would check.

Mr. Parker stated that in October 2019 the responsibility for vehicle maintenance transferred from the County to the transit division. He said that there is now a fleet transit division that is repairing and properly maintaining transit vehicles. He stated that there are 2 employees on staff now and they can service vehicles in the field if needed.

Mr. Parker stated that the EC Rider app is operational for clients to be able to track where the buses are and what time they will arrive.

2. MV Transportation Updates- Mr. Dennis Franklin, General Manager

Mr. Franklin stated that the Seafood Fest turned out well, with the shuttle giving 1,618 rides. He stated that MV Transportation would meet with them in February to go over the results.

Mr. Franklin stated that the Crestview Circulator would have to come off the table. He stated that MV Transportation doesn't have the service hours to run it. If they added the Crestview Circulator they would have to cut routes in town.

Chairman Ketchel suggested that they reach out to two people and she made suggestions as to who to reach out to.

Chairman Ketchel asked for further details on the circulator.

Mr. Franklin stated that there would be 7 loops a day Monday thru Friday starting at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. He stated that service is not currently in place, but 5 years ago they did have something like it.

He said that he has been speaking with Elizabeth Roy, Crestview City Clerk, in regard to the routes and planning. He said that he will reach out and update her.

Chairman Ketchel suggested that they approach the City of Crestview and let them know that they will need them to help with getting more grants.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS
Ms. Washnock stated that the ride-along was a wonderful success and shared photos with the board. She stated that they would like to continue to do ride-alongs in the future.

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VIII. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers.

IX. ADJOURNMENT at 10:17 a.m.

Approved by Okaloosa Transit Cooperative

DATE: ________

SIGNED: ____________________________
ENCLOSURE A
1.04 OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

(1) The officers of the Co-op shall be the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The Okaloosa County Commissioner appointed to serve on the Co-op shall be a voting member and serve as the Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall be a voting member and elected by the Co-op voting membership.

(2) The Chairperson shall preside at Co-op meetings and be responsible for the preparation of agendas and minutes (with staff assistance).

(3) In the absence or incapacity of the Co-op Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson.

(4) Election of Co-op officers shall be part of the regular Co-op meeting in December (or in the event there is not a meeting in December, the election shall take place at the next Co-op meeting). Newly elected officers shall assume their duties at the next meeting following the election. They shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected, and they shall be eligible for re-election.

(5) Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of the Co-op Voting Members present.

(6) In the event that the Vice-Chairperson position becomes vacant, a replacement shall be elected at the next scheduled Co-op meeting.

1.05 REGULAR MEETINGS

(1) Regular meetings of the Co-op shall be held as needed, at a time and place designated by the Co-op Chairperson, normally scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the month.

(2) In the event that the Co-op Chairperson wishes to cancel or change the meeting time of a regular Co-op meeting, advance notice of such cancellation or change shall be made as soon as practicable, preferably at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to when such meeting was to have taken place.

(3) At least three (3) days prior to a regular Co-op meeting, public notice, and tentative agendas shall be sent to the members of the Co-op and local media services.

1.06 SPECIAL MEETINGS

(1) A special meeting of the Co-op may be called by the Co-op Chairperson or a majority of the Voting Members at a regular Co-op meeting. Each member of the Co-op shall receive a notification of such special meeting stating the date, hour, and place of the meeting and the purpose for which such meeting is called, and no other business shall be transacted at that meeting.

(2) In the event that the Co-op Chairperson wishes to cancel or change the meeting time of a special Co-op meeting, advance notice of such cancellation or change shall be made as soon as practicable, preferably at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to when such meeting was to have taken place.

(3) At least three (3) days prior to a special Co-op meeting, public notice, and tentative agendas shall be sent to the members of the Co-op and local media services stating the date, hour, and place of the special meeting including a statement of the general subject matter to be considered.
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**LOCATION:** Okaloosa County Board Chambers – 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, Florida  
**MEETING:** Okaloosa Transit Cooperative
Florida’s regional councils are critical to ensuring the quality of life in our state and federal agencies to preserve and protect. They provide advisory services to local governments, professional planning, coordinating, and a members’ organization providing a network of regional organizations.

Meeting schedule is subject to change.

年度会议日程

2020年度会议日程