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***Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2021***

The Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at the City of Goldsboro Anteroom, 214 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Members in attendance: Shycole Simpson-Carter, Chairman, Brent Heath, Vice Chairman (via Phone), Berry Gray, Secretary/Treasurer, Steve Wiggins, Freeman Hardison, Jr. and Hiawatha Jones (via Phone)

Members absent: Gene Aycock

Others in attendance: Ginger Moore, Don Willis, and LaShonda Oliver

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Freeman Hardison, Jr. and seconded by Steve Wiggins the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2021.

Directors Report

Financial

The rural program is showing a gain of \$18,266.89 in March and a loss of \$57,587.32 fiscal year to date. Budgeted revenues have not been realized due to the ongoing pandemic impacting ridership. There are CARES act funds allocated to the GWTA which will be sufficient to cover the operating deficit created as a result of the pandemic. The urban program is showing a loss of \$12,333.46 in March and a loss of \$399.13 fiscal year to date. The urban funds will remain about balanced throughout most of the year due to the grant reimbursement process.

On March 25, 2021, GWTA has timely submitted the annual budget request to Wayne County for administrative match of \$27,564 and capital match to replace a vehicle and other capital items of \$30,000.

The Governor's proposed state budget includes restoration of the urban SMAP and the rural ROAP funds which were eliminated in the last budget. Our state association believes that these

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funds will be restored in the final state budget. The SMAP is used to reduce the local matching needs from Goldsboro to operate the city bus service. The ROAP is used to assist agencies in paying for trips for people who are elderly, disabled, and living in rural areas.

Don Willis informed the Board that the annual contract for auditing services is being executed with Nunn, Brashear & Uzzell, P.A. The Board approved a three-year contract in July 2020.

Willis stated that the Medicaid transportation has been recovering revenues below the budget for the last several years. The Medicaid transportation this year to date is 74% of the budget expected as of now. The cost to provide Medicaid transportation is being reviewed as GWTA is preparing for the private brokers to oversee the trips.

Outreach and Activities

Willis participated in the County Manager's monthly department head meeting by teleconference on April 1st. Willis participated in biweekly NCDOT/IMD call on Wednesday, April 7th. Willis participated and was on a panel for the annual NCPTA conference held virtually on April 12-14. Willis participated with NCDOT on a review panel for a transportation software demonstration project on April 15-16.

Training

Operators will receive refresher training on Emergency Procedures.

Marketing and Public Outreach

GWTA plans to conduct the annual ride count and customer surveys this year during the week of May 10, 2021. The results will be compiled and presented at the May meeting. The surveys will be conducted with agencies as well. GWTA is currently promoting the Veterans Half Fare program. There is an increase in service demands and it is expected that the restrictions in transit will be eased by the Governor soon. GWTA is considering a Job Fair and Great Place to Work Campaign. GWTA is also distributing updated service brochures for the Mount Olive Bus.

Closed Session

Upon motion of Steve Wiggins and seconded by Freeman Hardison, Jr., the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved to go to closed session to discuss personnel matters.

Board of Directors went to closed session at 10:13 a.m.

Board of Directors came out of closed session at 10:47 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Submitted by: LaShonda Oliver