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***Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2018***

The Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority met in a special session at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at the City of Goldsboro Anteroom, 214 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Members in attendance: Brent Heath, Chairman, Freeman Hardison, Jr., Vice Chairman, Bob Waller, Secretary/Treasurer, Shycole Simpson-Carter, Antonio Williams, Joe Daughtery, and Bill Pate.

Others in attendance: Fred Fontana, Bernadette Dove, and Ginger Moore.

Executive Director Interviews

Upon motion of Bob Waller and seconded by Freeman Hardison, Jr., the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved to go to a closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Upon motion of Bob Waller and seconded by Bill Pate, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved to go to open session.

Rural Operating Grant

NCDOT has operating funding that is available to a few counties with consolidated services. GWTA can apply for approximately \$80,000 to expand or continue services. There is a 50% match that can come from local government or GWTA contract revenues. Unfortunately, state funds such as ROAP cannot be used as a match.

Brent Heath stated that he has reached out to the Mayor of Mt. Olive and they are interested. However, they are concerned about providing the matching funds without knowing if the people will be using the services. GWTA will have a year to have these funds and let Mt. Olive see how it is going to work and give them time to figure out where to get the money as the service is being used.

Fontana stated that last year when discussing the service with Mt. Olive, the initial thought was to start running service three days a week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday for about 8 hours. There will be one

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to three trips between Goldsboro and Mt. Olive. The rest of the time will be a deviated fixed route where there are specific points where the van or bus will stop each time. If someone wanted a ride that is two or three blocks away, they will call ahead of time and the van will go off the regular route to pick that person up and then back to the regular route. This will be a one hour route.

A fare will need to be decided for this service. The cost would be approximately \$60,000 a year. GWTA will request \$30,000 from NCDOT and \$30,000 will be from the rural fund balance or contract revenue. The rural net income is approximately \$100,000. Therefore, this will not impact the rural service.

The application is due January 26, 2018, and there is no public hearing requirement. The Board discussed the number of days the service should run the route.

Upon motion of Joe Daughtery and seconded by Antonio Williams, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved to apply for the Rural Operating grant for \$50,000 with a matching of \$50,000 from the GWTA reserve to provide service to Mt. Olive 5 days a week to include local service with three round trips per day and a stop in Dudley conditional upon meeting with the Mt. Olive Manager and Mayor and get approval from their Board with an understanding that it is for one year. At the end of the year, GWTA can either apply for an additional grant or **they** will have to contribute with the continuation of the service. Also, to add \$15,000 to the \$50,000 for the expansion of the current program to meet the demand of the rural general public through the county.

Additionally, the Board discussed the rate should be \$3.00 to and from Mt. Olive and \$1.00 in town.

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Upon motion of Bob Waller and seconded by Bill Pate, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved to go to an open session to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Submitted by: LaShonda Oliver