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***Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2021***

The Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2021, at the City of Goldsboro Anteroom, 214 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Members in attendance: Shycole Simpson-Carter, Chairman, Gene Aycock, Vice Chairman, Berry Gray, Secretary/Treasurer, and Steve Wiggins (via Phone)

Members absent Brent Heath, and Bob Waller, Freeman Hardison, Jr.

Others in attendance: Borden Parker, Don Willis and LaShonda Oliver

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Steve Wiggins and seconded by Berry Gray, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2020.

Directors Report

Financial

The rural program is showing a loss of \$15,439.09 in December and a loss of \$51,185.43 fiscal year to date. Due to the pandemic, trip volume remains down significantly compared to prior year, and budgeted revenues have not been realized. The urban program is showing a gain of \$3,940.39 in December and a gain of \$3,598.40 fiscal year to date. The urban funds will remain about balanced throughout most of the year due to the grant reimbursement process.

Outreach and Activities.

GWTA held a team appreciation day on January 5, 2021 providing takeout meals. Willis participated in County Manager's monthly department head teleconference meeting on January 7th. The new Safety and Training Supervisor completed Certified Safety and Security Officer training on January 12th & 13th. Willis participated in the FTA teleconference meeting with Goldsboro on January 13th,

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regarding next Phase of the TIGR grant, which will add an awning to the north side of the transfer center. Willis participated in teleconference meeting with NCHHS Division of Health Benefits staff regarding transition of Medicaid Transportation on January 19th. Willis participated by teleconference in the RPO meeting and also the Mayor's Disability Council meeting on January 21st. Willis participated in a statewide Medicaid transportation Roundtable discussion on January 27th.

Training

Operators will receive refresher training on Blood Borne Pathogens.

Bonus Pay Proposal

Wayne County has recently extended a bonus pay supplement targeted to benefit all employees that continued to provide essential services during the pandemic. GWTA has maintained and provided essential services throughout the pandemic. Don Willis proposed that GWTA employees also receive a one-time supplemental bonus payment of \$500. Employees would need to complete their probationary period and be full time employees to receive the full benefit. Part time employees will receive a reduced supplement of \$400. Part-time employees working 25 hours or less will receive \$300 and 10 hours or less will receive \$150. There are sufficient funds available through the CARES Act, and bonus pay is an eligible expense.

Upon motion of Gene Aycock and seconded by Berry Gray, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved the final proposed bonus pay recommendation presented by the Director.

COVID19 Vaccine and Services Update

GWTA has been asked by County Emergency Management and the Health Director to be prepared to offer assistance to citizens who may need transportation to vaccine sites. In addition, on January 21, 2021, NCDOT and NCHHS made a joint press statement that funds will be provided to local transit services retroactively to assist with the cost to provide these trips. The public was encouraged as part of the press release to contact transit services directly to make trip reservations. NCDOT has provided an estimated allocation for GWTA of \$28,000 to assist with providing trips to people to receive the vaccine. GWTA staff is considering necessary protocols to effectively meet these trip demands while maintaining current services.

Medicaid Transportation Update

The Medicaid transportation through the brokerage system will begin on July 1, 2021. Willis stated that the statewide average will be 15% of passengers on Medicaid that will be going into manage care for the first year. There are two brokerage companies that have been hired to broker transportation, (OneCall and Motivcare) by the five approved health plans. Through the statewide subcommittee and a partnership with DHHS, a standardized initial contract template is being developed. The contract should be ready by June 1, 2021 so that trip requests can begin on that day.

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Upon motion of Gene Aycock and seconded by Steve Wiggins, the Board of Directors of Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority unanimously approved to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Board of Directors came out of closed session at 10:43 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Submitted by: LaShonda Oliver