

LAKELAND AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 12, 2008

Directors:

City of Lakeland Commissioner Glenn Higgins (Chairman)
Polk County Commissioner Sam Johnson (Vice-Chairman)
City of Lakeland Commissioner Jim Verplanck (Secretary)
Polk County Commissioner Bob English
City of Lakeland Commissioner Gow Fields

Executive Director: Danny Ours
Attorney: Ben Darby

Chairman Glenn Higgins called the February 12, 2008, Lakeland Area Mass Transit District Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Roll call. Commissioner English, Fields, Higgins, and Verplanck were present at the time of the Roll Call. Quorum was called. Commissioner Johnson entered at 8:37 a.m.

Agenda Item #1 – Approval of Board Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Verplanck moved for approval of the Minutes of the Lakeland Area Mass Transit District Board of Directors Meeting on January 8, 2008. Commissioner English seconded the motion. The motion was passed without dissent.

Agenda Item #2 – Public Comments

No one addressed the Board at this time.

Agenda Item #3- Financial Report

Financial Statement

Chief Financial Officer Sheila Thompson reported that the audit report was delayed until March due to the merger between Crowe, Chizek, and Company, L.L.C. and Carter, Belcourt & Atkinson and that no further delays are expected. Ms. Thompson presented the December 2007 Statement of Revenues and Expenses for review.

Investment Strategy

Controller Craig Fetherman stated that we are in compliance with the SBA guidance given by Board in that no monies have been withdrawn or added to the accounts. Mr. Fetherman reported that contact had been made with the City of Lakeland Financial Department to research possible inclusion in their investment strategies. A brief discussion followed about LAMTD future investment options.

Agenda Item #4 – Program of Projects / Staff

Executive Director Danny Ours presented the District's Program of Projects that was published in the Lakeland Ledger the previous Saturday. A Public Hearing is set for March 11 in conjunction with the regular LAMTD Board of Director's meeting. A brief discussion describing the projects listed followed.

Agenda Item #5 – Contracts

Tower Lease Agreement

Executive Director Danny Ours presented the Tower Lease Agreement between the District and Polk Board of County Commissioners. The Agreement is for tower space to install an antenna to support radio frequencies for the Automatic Vehicle Locator system. Mr. Ours recommended Board approval of the Tower Lease Agreement to include tower installation, wiring installation, and maintenance of equipment for a term of five years with two (2) five (5) year renewal options at a cost of \$24,000.00 annual with a 15% escalation fee applied to contract renewals.

Commissioner Verplanck moved for approval of the Tower Lease Agreement to include tower installation, wiring installation, and maintenance of equipment for a term of five years with two (2) five (5) year renewal options at a cost of \$24,000.00 annually with a 15% escalation fee applied to contract renewals. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Purchase of Parcel from Randall Earhart

Executive Director Danny Ours briefed the Board on the Parcel of Land that the District has submitted a purchase offer to Mr. Earhart. Mr. Ours reviewed the location of the Parcel and the benefits to the District of acquiring the land. Mr. Darby stated an initial offer of \$25,000 (amount based on appraisal) was submitted and a counter offer of \$33,500 was returned by Mr. Earhart. The Executive Director and Mr. Darby informed the Board the counter offer was reasonable considering the access it gives us to our existing property. A discussion of future road construction, title search stipulations, and access road maintenance followed.

Commissioner Verplanck moved for approval of the purchase of the Earhart land providing a clean title search and clarification/documentation of stipulations stated in

Earhart counter offer; local funds are to be used to purchase the land. Commissioner Fields seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Agenda Item # 6 – Reports

Attorney's Report

Mr. Ben Darby stated that he had nothing further to report to the Board at this time. Commissioner Verplanck inquired about the possibility of CSX demolishing the remaining portion of the building if we demo the District's portion. A brief discussion followed.

PCTS

Polk County Transit Services Director Paul Simmons briefed the Board on the current status of funding from Medicaid. Beginning in March they will be fully funded. Mr. Simmons extended an invitation to the Board members for the Dedication of Art ceremony at the Winter Haven Terminal on March 1.

FDOT

Ms. Jan Parham from FDOT requested a few minutes of the Board's time for a brief presentation by Ms. Christina Diaz with United Research Services. Ms. Diaz briefed the Board on her activities in the community regarding the Commuter Service Program. A brief discussion followed.

TPO

No report at this time.

Executive Director's System Performance and Activities Report

Executive Director Ours presented the performance indicators for the month of December. He briefed the Board on the Over-time, Ridership, Accidents, Road Calls, and Preventative Maintenance

Mr. Ours stated that he had a meeting with Congressman Putnam concerning the District's Earmark submission. Also included in the meeting was Paul Simmons of Polk County. They had spent close to 45 minutes with the Congressman discussing the current and future transit opportunities and challenges.

Mr. Ours stated that the first meeting of the Polk Transit Authority was set for February 27, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in Haines City.

Mr. Ours introduced conversation related to the meeting between Commissioners Johnson and Fields, Mike Herr, the Ledger Publisher, and himself. Commissioner Fields

briefed the Board on some of the details and a brief discussion followed. Executive Director Ours briefed the Board on the newspaper articles in the packet.

Agenda Item # 7 – Other Business

There was no further business to come before the Board.

Commissioner Higgins adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.