

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
SOUTH CENTRAL TRANSIT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 2017
12:00 P.M.
SCT TRANSPORTATION CENTER
100 N. LOCUST STREET
CENTRALIA, IL 62801**

Present:
George Guidish
John Schubert
Don Copeland
Ben Stratemeyer

Absent:
David Rodden

Also Present:
Sheila Niederhofer
Sara Nollman-Hodge
Vicki Clift
Randy Barrow
Margaret Conley
Marvin Miller
Pam DeMaris

The Budget/Finance committee meeting was called to order by Guidish in the absence of Rodden.

GUEST RECOGNITION/PUBLIC COMMENT – None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Clift reviewed the financial reports for September. Clift pointed out items on the cash requirements report that were reimbursable thru the DTIF Capital Grant. Income and Expense report by county was included in the packets. Motion to send to the full board for approval by Schubert, seconded by Copeland. Motion to move to the full board for approval. All aye. Motion carried.

CONTRACTS

Public Aid – Niederhofer reported receiving \$7451 in payments since last month.

SAVE – Niederhofer reported on the 5 year renewal of contract with SAVE. An additional route has been added.

Wonder of the Woods – After school program – Nollman-Hodge reported on a contract transporting children home from an after school program at Heritage Woods. The contract had previously transported children home from the Redeemer Church.

BUS LEASE EXPIRATION – Bus lease expiration was tabled at the last board meeting and sent to the finance committee for discussion. Clift reported contacting the Lessor to renew the lease on the 7 busses that will expire in February. The Lessor stated they have no interest in an extended lease. IDOT will not allow the purchase of busses. Options were discussed. Barrow stated that the 7 busses in question are assigned to dedicated routes that run 12 or so hours a day. Niederhofer commented that it was imperative a decision be made at the board meeting as we are on a time crunch now and it could result in cutting back services. Without these 7 busses or replacement busses those routes will have to be shut down. Motion to send to the full board for solicitation of bids for 7 busses that have less than 80,000 miles and under 8 years old, and solicitation of bids for 7 new busses by Copeland, seconded by Stratmeyer. All aye. Motion carried.

DTIF BUS BID SOLICITATION – Niederhofer reported on the DTIF Grant awarded to SCT a couple of years ago and how it was put on hold shortly after being awarded. SCT has been given permission by IDOT to purchase vehicles. Bids would be solicited for (5) 14 passenger busses, (5) 22 – 28 passenger busses and (5) 32 passenger busses. It could take as long as 6 months to 1 year to receive those busses. Motion to send to the full board the solicitation of bids for those vehicles by Copeland, seconded by Schubert. All aye. Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORT – Nollman-Hodge reviewed the monthly reports for September with committee. Stratmeyer would like to see cost per rider added to the monthly reports. Marvin Miller shared a compliment received by one of his clients. A client's parents, the mother at Heritage Woods and the father at Centralia Manor have been using our services every day for 8 weeks to transport the mother to visit the father. They state that the bus has not been late one time and that the drivers and service are very nice.

OTHER – Stratmeyer stated he would like to shore up the pension fund for employees. He stated that he would like to look at the definition of benefits in regards to the eligible operating expenses and take a look at the operating grant. Niederhofer mentioned that Guidish would be making appointments to the OMA committee at the board meeting. Niederhofer reminded everyone that the November committee meetings would be Nov. 9 and the Board meeting would be Nov. 16 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn by Copeland, seconded by Stratmeyer. All aye. Motion carried.

