

**FINANCE MEETING
COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 1:30 pm**

Present: Commissioners Jim Hertzler and Gary Eichelberger; Larry Thomas, Chief Clerk; Joanne Burkhart, Deputy Chief Clerk; Heather Ilgenfritz, Commissioners Office; Bob Dagrosa, Controllers; Dana Best, Finance; Kirk Stoner, Planning; Mark Adams, IMTO; Don Geistwite, Rick Rovegno, Bill Jones, Tom Young, Randy Lease, Capital Area Transit (CAT); Christen Smith, The Sentinel and Roger Quigley, The Patriot News.

CAT Calendar Year 2014 Financial Request - \$354,140

Meeting requested to discuss CAT 2014 budget and discuss finalizing a formal Agreement with CAT & Cumberland County. (see attached **Financial Spreadsheet**)

Bill Jones: Put together funding and timeline on agreement. CAT has always relied on three funding Partners that go back 40 years.

Tom Young: Act 44 requires that CAT have local contribution of 15%, yearly increases of 5%/year until the 15% is reached. Their Capital needs to grow. They have taken on Shippensburg Commuter Service and other Commuter Services.

Bill Jones: 11% of their services have been cut. He mentioned that the 81 service is popular. 2011 & 2012 the Harrisburg funding had stopped. Discussions with Harrisburg Mayor indicate that they will pay their share this year from their budget. Dauphin County has indicated that they will pay their share at the same dollar amount they paid last year. CAT has received a commitment letter from Dauphin County.

Jim: He stated that he understand the finance requirements and wants to do our part and fund CAT as long as other Counties are committed to funding CAT.

Gary: He questioned legal action if they do not contribute.

Barb: Larry quoted Barb – She will not contribute County share if the others will not commit.

Bill Jones: 2 new CAT Board Members – Kathy Possinger and Lenora Smith. He suggested that the Commissioners reach out to the Mayor of Harrisburg and Dauphin County to support CAT.

Commissioner Hertzler and Eichelberger agreed to send a commitment letter to fund CAT.

Larry: Litigation if there is no agreement in place ?

Kirk: He questioned the CAT Board, regarding if they have heard of any issues with the last agreement that was drafted but never formally signed. Bill Jones suggested the agreement be reviewed, modified as needed, executed, and signed.

At the Tuesday 1-21-14, Board of Commissioner Meeting, the Board will authorize a commitment letter and formalize the agreement.

Rick Rovegno: suggested the Board contact Lebanon County re: Red Rose & Rabbit for opportunities to collaborate with them. And also with York and Lancaster Counties.

Gary: South Central Caucus there was discussion on Transit needs, especially Franklin & Adams Counties. Any opportunities to add organizations or agencies in the future?

Bill Jones asked for Kirks input on direction

Kirk: suggested ... for now the Board should focus on getting an agreement together and sending a commitment letter to fund CAT for 2014. When the State increases funding, then the Board could consider increasing funding to look into coordinating with various agencies and counties.

Bill Jones mentioned there is a FTA review every 3 years.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Jennifer Crum, Administrative Assistant