

MINUTES

KENOSHA TRANSIT COMMISSION

October 19, 2009

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners Haugaard, Heim, Herr, Holland and Rugani were present.

Motion by Comm. Haugaard, seconded by Comm. Heim to approve the minutes of September 21, 2009. Unanimous -

1. Review and Discuss Bids received for Roof Snowguards, Radios, Repeater, Antenna and Tower, and Bobcat Toolcat

Mr. Brandrup reviewed all bids received. All procurements are supported 100% through an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant.

2. Possible Recommendation on Award of Contract for Roof Snowguards

Motion by Comm. Herr, seconded by Comm. Haugaard to Award the Contract for Installation of the Alpine Roof Snowguards to F.J.A. Christiansen Roofing Co., Inc. in the amount of \$31,469. Unanimous -

3. Possible Recommendation on Award of Contract for Radios

Motion by Comm. Herr, seconded by Comm. Haugaard to Award the Contract for twenty three (23) Kenwood TK-8180K Radios, Accessories and Installation to RC Electronics in the amount of \$19,134. Unanimous -

4. Possible Recommendation on Award of Contract for Radio Repeater, Antenna and Tower

Motion by Comm. Herr, seconded by Comm. Haugaard to Award the Contract for Radio Repeater, Antenna and Tower Installation to RC Electronics in the amount of \$41,571.45. Unanimous -

5. Possible Recommendation on Award of Contract for Bobcat Toolcat

Motion by Comm. Herr, seconded by Comm. Haugaard to Award the Contract for a Bobcat 5600 Turbo Toolcat including all accessory options to Hwy. C Service in the amount of \$59,840. Unanimous -

6. Review & Discuss Possible Service Changes for January 2010

Mr. Brandrup advised that we will be having a Public Hearing and Commission meeting on Friday, November 20, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss possible service changes for January 2010.

The Administration has proposed an operating budget for FY 2010 that includes a number of budget reductions:

1. It has been recommended that every active employee of the department be furloughed for 5 (five) days during the coming year. In order to accomplish this for our department, it is necessary that we completely discontinue service for 5 different days during the year which will be: Monday July 26, 2010; Monday August 2, 2010; Monday August 9, 2010; Monday August 16, 2010; and Monday August 23, 2010. The reason for these dates is that our lowest ridership is in July and August.
2. It has been recommended that service for the streetcar system be discontinued during the months of January, February, and March of 2010.
3. Administration inadvertently cut our overtime for mechanics and service workers which may be required during snow periods during the winter and cut hours for our part-time clerical staff that enters the data required for our state and Federal reporting requirements. Additionally, hours were removed from our temporary pool of employees that drive school trippers which are our heaviest ridership routes. We will need to find money to meet these demands from other service cuts.
4. Staff is recommending that we discontinue Route 36 effective January 1, 2010. This route serves the Kenosha Industrial Park during peak hours only and is not well utilized.
5. Staff is recommending that we discontinue Route 6 effective January 1, 2010. This route serves as a cross-town route that begins downtown and ends at Indian Trail Academy.

Chairman Holland said he would like to see the vehicles shuttled back and forth each day so as to not cause any damage to them.

Comm. Rugani spoke about the streetcar being an image of Kenosha. He feels that the streetcar should still run every day during the months of January, February and March at reduced hours instead of entirely.

Chairman Holland would like all Streetcar Society members notified of the public hearing.

7. Possible Recommendation on Service Changes to move forward with the Public Process

Motion by Comm. Heim, seconded by Comm. Herr to move forward with the public process and bring back to the Commission on November 20, 2009.
Unanimous -

8. Other Matters of Interest - None

Citizens Comments - Norm Siler, former serviceman for Kenosha Transit, spoke. Mr. Siler said that Kenosha is at the forefront on the RTA board. What is needed is that each city should not have a say in Transit; that way it would not rely on property tax to pay for Transit—need dedicated funding. In many regions people prefer to take regional transit service since it is more convenient. The RTA really needs formal support for this.

Commissioner Comments – Comm. Rugani reported that Albuquerque, NM and Dubuque, Montana have both mentioned Kenosha as a model for their streetcar system.

Date of next meeting: November 20, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Comm. Heim, seconded by Comm. Herr to adjourn at 5:53 p.m.
Unanimous -

