



**MINUTES
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
DECEMBER 15, 2010**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Regional Transportation Authority Board of Directors was held in the meeting room at Music City Central at 400 Charlotte Avenue on December 15, 2010. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Rogers Anderson.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chair Anderson entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2010 meeting. Motion was made and seconded. The vote of approval was unanimous and the minutes were accepted.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.
- IV. **OPERATIONS REPORT:** Chair Howard Bradley reported that they are seeing encouraging trends in the Relax and Ride coaches as well as the Music City Star. The Relax and Ride that was scheduled to come to Springfield for a demonstration on December 13th had to be cancelled due to inclement weather and they plan to reschedule this soon after the holidays. Chair Bradley concluded stating that they are optimistic that the funding will be in place by the end of this year to have this service start early in 2011.
- V. **FINANCE REPORT:** Chair John Schroer reported that the monthly financial statements reflect activity in the products that RTA provides and the statements are in good shape.
- VI. **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Chair Rogers Anderson asked if anyone had anything to report from the Executive Committee and there were none. He then reported the nominating committee's recommendations for consideration for 2011. They are as follows:
- Chair – Gallatin Mayor Jo Ann Graves
 - Vice Chair – Nashville/Davidson County Mayor Karl Dean
 - Secretary – Governor's Appointee Ed Cole

Chair Anderson asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. This slate of officers will be brought to the full board in January for elections.

- VII. **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:** Ms. Lora Baulsir reported on the following:
- a. **LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT (A-10-015):** Ms. Baulsir reported that the current contract for legal services expires at the end of December and requests for proposals were solicited from firms interested in providing services for the RTA. Three quotes were received and reviewed by an evaluation team consisting of Lora Baulsir, Paul Ballard, Bob Baulsir, and Ed Oliphant. All firms were requested to make a presentation before the committee. The review team's decision was made based upon background and experience of the firm, the firm's knowledge of the transit industry, rate schedule, and responsiveness to the request for proposal. The company with the highest points was Miller and Martin which is the current legal provider. Staff recommends that the RTA Board award the contract to Miller and Martin for a five year term beginning January 1st. Their contract rate is \$290 per hour. Proper motion was made and the vote of approval was unanimous.
 - b. **PROPOSED BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2011(A-10-016):** Ms. Baulsir referred to the proposed RTA Board and Committee Meeting Schedule for 2011 included in this item. One change was noted and that is to change the date of meeting in December to the 14th to align with the MPO meeting in December. She also noted that there will be a conflict in January for the committee meetings because of the Association of County Mayors conference that week. She asked that if any county mayors are unable to attend to please send their designated alternate. Proper motion was made to approve the schedule as presented with the change noted in December. The vote of approval was unanimous.
 - c. **RTA DUES UPDATE (I-10-012):** Ms. Baulsir presented the 2010 Annual Dues Update report.
- VIII. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:** Paul Ballard reported that the regional services did very well the past week during the snow and ice with only minor issues. He reflected over the past year which included the May flood and stated that a lot of progress has been made in the RTA and he is very pleased. Across the board ridership continues to increase and is expected to continue to do so in 2011. Mr. Ballard concluded by noting his appreciation personally and collectively to all board members and their alternates for their commitment, dedication, and participation. He stated that the public meetings over the last year have been some of the best in which he has ever been associated and the Executive Committee meetings under the leadership of RTA Chair Rogers Anderson have fostered great discussions. A milestone noted was the adoption of the 2035 plan by the MPO Board in cooperation with the RTA. He looks forward to 2011 with excitement.

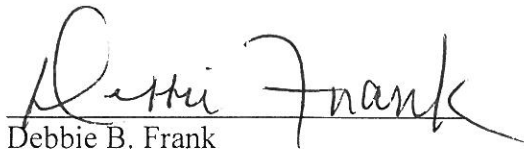
Governor Appointee Ed Cole noted that in the tragic event of the Music City Star hitting an individual in Wilson County what went unnoticed is how well the passengers were transported – the Wilson County coordination, the buses that transported the passengers. This could have been another crisis on top of a personal crisis and the preparation that was in place should be noted.

Mr. Ballard thanked Mr. Cole and acknowledged that one of the key people in helping with this was City Manager Randy Robertson who provided immediate on site information and was a tremendous help.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business.

X. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Attested:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie B. Frank". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Debbie B. Frank
Secretary