

**THE COAST RTA-WACCAMAW RTA  
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2015  
1:00 PM**

**Board Present:** Bernard Silverman, Chair  
Joseph Lazzara, Vice Chair – via telephone  
Kathrine D’Angelo – via telephone  
Chuck Ottwell – via telephone  
Ivory Wilson  
Robert Sheehan – via telephone  
Johnny Vaught – via telephone

**Staff Present:** Brian Piascik, General Manager/CEO  
Lynette Nobles, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison  
Michelle Cantey, Marketing & Communications Manager

**Also Present:** Rob - WMBF – via telephone

*In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the 2014 meeting schedule was provided to the press at the beginning of the 2015 calendar year, stating the date, time and location. In addition, notice of this meeting was provided to the press, stating the date, time, and place on Thursday, June 11, 2015.*

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Silverman called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM and welcomed everyone.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM/ROLL CALL:** Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

Mr. Silverman requested that Ms. Nobles read the resolution into the record:

**WACCAMAW REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTION NO. JUN2015-24**

**APPROVAL OF WACCAMAW REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO  
PURCHASE TEN (10) BUSES**

A motion of the Board of the Waccamaw Regional Transportation Authority (Coast RTA) to approve the purchase of ten (10) buses, to be transferred into the Authority’s fleet from Dallas, Texas.

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There was a motion and second that we purchase these buses. Mr. Ottwell asked if we have sufficient capital funds to purchase these buses and when this would happen. Mr. Piascik answered that we do have the capital funds to purchase the first five (5) buses and the purchase of the five will be in June.

Dr. Sheehan expressed that this is the only time he will support something like this on faith. Mr. Vaught asked if we go to Dallas and look at the buses, we can walk away, to which Mr. Piascik replied, "Yes".

Mr. Piascik went on to say that he has ridden these buses, and knows exactly what we're getting here, and is not worried at all. Mr. Vaught said that it sounds to him that we have done our due diligence.

Mr. Vaught then said that he is in favor of Mr. Piascik going ahead with the purchase based on his judgement of the situation. Ms. D'Angelo voiced her agreement with Mr. Vaught. Mr. Lazzara emphasized that we are getting parts that will get us through a crisis. Mr. Piascik said that we will, and we'll get a \$100,000 credit with DART on parts; he will have their inventory and DART will bill us for whatever parts we select. A list of necessary parts is included in the packet sent to the board members.

Mr. Ottwell suggested getting certain parts and bringing them back along with the buses. Mr. Piascik answered that we have a list of all the parts for these buses and we'll be able to pick parts off their shelves what we need/want for the vehicles. We will know exactly what's coming on the buses before they arrive here.

Dr. Sheehan asked if the buses are GPS enabled. Mr. Piascik replied that he does believe these buses have GPS that will come with them; however, the question is do we have the infrastructure to be able to use the GPS. Mr. Silverman brought up that someone had mentioned \$1,000 for the old buses and asked if that's a locked-in number. Mr. Piascik said that we actually do have appraisals for the vehicles, ranging from \$300 to \$1500. He added that five (5) additional buses will be disposed of once we get the five (5) buses from DART. We hope to be disposing of those buses in the next week and a half or so.

Mr. Lazzara asked who will picking the buses up from DART. Mr. Piascik said that we will be sending a crew of five (5) to drive the buses back, with Doug Herriott (Transportation Manager) leading the crew. Mr. Ottwell stated that Mr. Piascik had mentioned tires and asked if the tires are adequate to make it back okay. Mr. Piascik responded that the buses will all have brand new tires on them; we're purchasing tires to be put on them. We're using Black's Tires across the street; with roadside assistance from Goodyear, and we will have to pay if we need it. Should we need the roadside assistance, it would go through Black's Tire, so we're not getting gouged. When the buses arrive, we'll take the rears off and put retreads on, and have brand new tires, with only 1,300 miles on them to use with the fleet; so, we're buying thirty (30) tires. Ms. D'Angelo commented that when we have purchased buses, we never purchase the tires because they always keep the tires, because the tires are on a lease. Mr. Piascik affirmed her comment. He went on to say that DART had offered for us to buy the tires that are on them, but he felt it would be a safer bet to put new tires on them for the trip back, so that we have done all that we can not to have a tire issue on the way back. One of the five (5) folks going will be a mechanic with a CDL so that he can drive, as well.

Mr. Silverman asked if there was any further discussion. He then reiterated to the board that this resolution included the following: "We further authorize the Board Chair to sign the resolution on behalf of the Board." A voice vote was taken; no nays being heard, the resolution was approved.

**ADJOURNMENT:** It was properly moved and seconded that the Board adjourn. A voice vote was taken. No nays being heard, the Board was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

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