

**FRANKLIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011– 3:30 PM**

The Franklin Transit Authority met on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 3:30 pm at
708 Columbia Ave., Franklin, TN.

Members present

Preston Elliott, Chair
Nancy Fletcher Blume
Pearl Bransford
Dale Thomas
Nancy Williams

Others Present

Debbie Henry, TMA Executive Director
Kristen Corn, City of Franklin Legal
Erin Reinders, City of Franklin

1. Call to Order

Chairman Preston Elliott called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call/Confirm Quorum

Chairman Preston Elliott confirmed that there was a quorum.

3. Public Comment

Chairman Preston Elliott asked for public comments; none given.

CONSENT CALENDAR**4. Minutes March 17, 2011 Regular Meeting**

*Dale Thomas motioned to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2011 regular meeting.
Nancy Fletcher Blume seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

OLD BUSINESS**5. Year – to – Date Financial Statement**

Ms. Henry presented the year to date April 2011 financial statements to the Authority, and commented that the expenses and revenues were tracking well, as well as fare box numbers. Chairman Preston Elliott called for the acceptance of the financial report. *Nancy Williams motioned, Dale Thomas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

6. Transit Ridership Report

Ms. Henry reported the ridership. She noted that ridership numbers were rebounding from the first of the year. Chairman Preston Elliott called for the acceptance of the ridership report. Ms. Henry shared that the FY 2011-12 Transit Budget was moving through BOMA's budgetary process. She thanked Erin and Kristen – COF staff for their assistance. *Nancy Williams motioned, Dale Thomas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

7. Route Match Update

Ms. Henry noted that a major software update took place 2 weeks ago; encouraged members to note display monitor. Authority requested that we move forward with placement of other display monitors.

NEW BUSINESS**8. Triennial Review Update**

Ms. Henry shared copies of the Official Triennial Review release letter from Federal Transit Administration.

9. Historic Transit Route

Ms. Henry stated that at the last meeting preliminary discussion was had about revisiting the Historic Route, given that the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin is approaching;

service would be structured differently; ticket package a possibility. Mark Shore, E.D. of WCCVB guest. Mr. Shore stated that there is a new joint house ticket; suggested making it simple for folks to use; need to get hoteliers to buy in to it; suggested working with Battle of Franklin Trust – marketing grants available with WCCVB. The Authority requested at the July meeting, staff present a well developed plan of implementation.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Report of the Executive Director

Ms. Henry stated that Tweens and Teens will begin June 1. APTA's "Dump the Pump" Day is June 16 – we will be offering Free Rides on the fixed routes. She shared that the new website is live and encouraged all to check it out.

11. Adjourn

Chairman Preston Elliott called for a motion to adjourn. *Dale Thomas motioned, Pearl Bransford seconded and the motion passed unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:25 pm.

Preston Elliott, Chairman