

MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RIECKER BUILDING

A public meeting was held on May 27, 2005 concerning public transportation, those present were David Brightbill, Washington/Morgan Community Action, Jim Baker, Washington/Morgan Community Action, Donna Beharry, Bill Hart, Jan Dillard, John Barkhurst, citizens, Commissioners Ron Moore, Rick Shriver, Dean Cain, and, Clerk for the Commissioners' Office, Sharon Travis.

Commissioner Moore opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Commissioner Moore presented Mr. Brightbill with three main questions to consider.

- 1.) Why information regarding the transit program requested had not been received?
- 2.) Why Washington/Morgan Community Action had not billed the County for the last quarter transit monies?
- 3.) Why records of trips received were incomplete?

All of these questions were presented to the commissioners by Bill Hart.

Mr. Brightbill responded:

- 1.) Washington/Morgan Community Action Corp. is not governed by the Sunshine law they are a private entity, however they have tried to respond to Mr. Hart's requests. We cannot figure out what Mr. Hart wants. We have received requests for the same information three different times. Mr. Brightbill stated that they had spent an enormous amount of time and money on copying papers trying to give Mr. Hart the information he requested. This takes money from the transportation grant, and Mr. Hart is still not satisfied. We would like to know what he wants.
- 2.) The bill for the last quarter has not been sent due to the fact that the state has not released the funds to Morgan County and the payment would have to be paid from the general fund.. How many times do you as commissioners ask why someone has not sent you a bill? Do you have time to keep that close of track on all your providers? Mr. Moore replied "this is not our policy, but Mr. Hart has asked this question and we need it answered in this meeting."
- 3.) We hire drivers and train them in the paper work. Drivers do not always keep as good of records as we had hoped they would. We will try harder to have more complete trip records in the future. At this point Mr. Brightbill stated that the Enhanced Medicaid program was used as a match for the transit program. As Mr. Brightbill explained the commissioners felt they had found the answers to their questions. John Barkhurst praised Washington/Morgan Community Action for the great service they had provided for him through the transit program. Donna Beharry stated that the W/MCAC had provided great service for her to be able to get to her Doctors appointments when she was sick. Jan Dillard asked if the bus could be used to come into town just because you wanted to, or

do you need an appointment? Jim Baker, W/MCAC responded that you could come to town without an appointment, but that Doctors appointments took priority over a non Doctors' appointment request. Bill Hart stated he knows CABL transit has helped a lot of people, but they don't charge the fare right.. He asked when the mileage starts. Mr. Baker responded the mileage starts when the rider gets on the bus. Mr. Hart asked if someone is over charged what you do. Mr. Brightbill responded upon request by the rider, the record would be checked and if the rider was over charged a refund would be given.

Mr. Brightbill added in all the years that W/MCAC has provided the transit service to Morgan County. Mr. Hart is the only complaint to our office, and frankly I don't know what his complaint is and what kind of answer he is looking for. We are audited every year and we have never had a negative finding in the transportation program. I hope we have answered everyone's questions and that we can continue to provide transportation service to all who need it.

Commission Moore asked if there were any more questions. There were none. Mr. Moore thanked all for coming and thanked W/MCAC for the many years of transportation to Morgan County.

Meeting was adjourned.

Commissioners

Ron Moore

Rick Shriver

Dean Cain

Sharon Travis, Clerk