

**IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MINUTES (Continuation of June 18, 2002 Meeting)**  
**JUNE 27, 2002**

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners met in Continued Regular Session on Tuesday, June 27, 2002, at 6:00 p.m., at the Iredell County Ropes Challenge Course, located in Mooresville, NC.

Present: Chairman Sara Haire Tice  
Vice Chairman Karen B. Ray  
Steve D. Johnson  
R. Godfrey Williams

Absent: Tommy E. Bowles

Staff Present: County Manager Joel Mashburn and Clerk to the Board Jean Moore.

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Tice. (*Note: Due to rain delays, the meeting did not begin until 6:20 p.m.*)

**UPDATE ON JUVENILE STRUCTURED DAY CENTERS:** County Manager Mashburn said the Governor's Crime Commission did not approve the second year grant funding for VisionsWork Youth Services. He said that with this being the situation, there was really no obligation on the county's part to try and secure another juvenile structured day agency to administer the program and utilize the state grant funds.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH LAIDLAW TRANSIT SERVICE AND A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE IREDELL VOCATIONAL WORKSHOP:** County Manager Mashburn said the county would become the lead agency for the community transportation program on July 1, 2002. He requested approval to assume a contract dated January 31, 2002 with Laidlaw Transit Services and the Iredell Vocational Workshop (former lead agency for the state grant funds). Mashburn said Laidlaw would continue to manage and operate the transportation system by (1) employing the managers and drivers (2) maintaining the vans and (3) scheduling/dispatching the vehicles. He said the county's responsibilities would be to:

- design/implement policies, services, rate structure, and agency agreements with the contractor
- provide a suitable operating facility for the contractor's use
- provide a sufficient number of vehicles to operate the demands of the system
- provide a two-way-radio system
- provide two support staff

Mashburn said the transportation cost would be \$1.2946 per vehicle mile (based on 650,000 estimated miles). Mr. Mashburn said the contract was for three years with two additional one-year options. In addition, he said the contract could be terminated by either party with a 90-day notice.

Mr. Mashburn said the county attorney would probably revise the contract when it came up for renewal. He said the transportation vans were currently titled to the workshop, but when they were designated surplus, any revenues received would be given to the county. (New vehicles will be titled to the county.) Presently, the transportation staff works out of the workshop, but the county owns a vacant house that will be renovated to house the employees. Mashburn said the county had applied for a \$30,000 grant to aid in the renovation costs. He said that when the employees moved into the structure, a monthly rent (\$500 per mo.) could be charged from the state grant funds.

In reference to the staffing for the transportation services, Mr. Mashburn said the county's FY 2002-03 budget included the positions of a director, dispatcher, and clerical person.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Williams to assume the contract dated January 31, 2002, between Laidlaw Transit Services and the Vocational Workshop/Iredell County Area Transit System (ICATS), and to instruct the county attorney and county manager to prepare and execute the necessary documents.

VOTING: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0.

Memorandum of Understanding: Mashburn said the purpose of the memorandum was to contract for the services of Mr. Ben Garrison (Executive Director for the Vocational Workshop) to serve as (1) contract administrator for the contract between Laidlaw Transit and the other service providers and (2) serve as the grant Administrator and liaison between the user agencies (Social Services, Council on Aging, Vocational Workshop, Kidney Dialysis Organization, Iredell Developmental Day Center, Elder Center, LifeSpan Village Place, Services for the Blind, I-CARE and the Iredell Charter School), the clients, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and the county. He said the Vocational Workshop was agreeing to provide the management services of Garrison on a half-time basis. In addition, the workshop was (1) agreeing to provide office space until the county's site was renovated and (2) transferring revenues received from the sale of surplus assets (vehicles) and Rural Operating Assistance Program grant funds, as well as the surcharge fees charged to the agencies since March. Mr. Mashburn said the county would agree to pay the workshop approximately \$3,030.00 a month for six months (\$44,000 is budgeted and \$36,360 is required.) The county manager stressed that no county funds were involved other than the \$16,000 already budgeted as a grant match.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Johnson to authorize the chairman of the board of county commissioners and the county manager, after document review by the county attorney, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Iredell County Vocational Workshop to provide management and contract administration for the Iredell Transportation Services.

VOTING: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **MOTION** by Chairman Tice to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, July 2, 2002, 7:00 p.m., in the Iredell County Government Center, 200 South Center Street, Statesville, NC.

VOTING: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk to the Board