

## Minutes of the Troy Township Board Workshop

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

3:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Troy Township Board of Trustees was held at the Troy Township Community Center, 25448 Seil Road, Shorewood, Illinois. The Board Workshop was held for the review and discussion of the proposed merger of the Central Will & Access Will Dial-A-Ride programs effective January 1, 2026.

Supervisor Baltz called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Township Trustee, Jerry Nudera.

### **Roll Call:**

Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz – Present

Trustee Johnnie Greenwood – Present

Trustee Bryan W. Kopman – Remote Attendance

Trustee Jerry Nudera – Present

Trustee Brett Wheeler – Absent

- Trustee Kopman requested to attend remotely due to employment demands.

Quorum is established.

Also, in attendance:

Clerk Larry Ryan

Administrator Jennifer Dylik

Collector Dawn Damiani

### **Guests and Citizen Comments:**

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for the introduction of guests and citizen comments. After asking a third time, and hearing none, Baltz closed the meeting for citizen comments. An introduction for a workshop participant representing Will County Government – Colin Phillips; Mobility Manager.

### **Review and Discussion of the proposed merger for the Central Will Dial-A-Ride into Access Will County Dial-A-Ride program.**

#### **History**

Administrator Dylik opened this portion with a background/history of the program dating back to March 11, 1985. The Township Board, including Supervisor Baltz, were interested in addressing a loss of a transportation program due to funding constraints. The RTA covered 75% of the program's costs and in 1986 they began to solicit Title XX funding, which is still present in today's equation. Additional Townships joined the program, and it evolved into the Central Will Dial-A-Ride.

#### **Central Will Dial-A-Ride**

- PACE Bus operates the program.
- Townships participating / Homer, Jackson, Joliet, Lockport, & Troy, and the City of Joliet
- Program highlights / Monday—Friday 6am to 5pm, advance reservations (7days), ride boundaries include all five townships and the City of Joliet, Disabled Passes from RTA (Chicago).

#### **Funding – Central Will (current)**

- Pace calculates total cost to operate, applies the Pace subsidies, then calculates the local share.
- The City of Joliet then pays 60% of the local share.
- The remaining 40% is paid by each participating township based on their non-title XX ridership.

### **Objectives of the Merger**

- Provide safe and accessible transportation for residents with the greatest mobility needs.
- Increased program boundaries, allowing transportation anywhere within Will County, one mile outside of the county border, and parts of southern Cook County.

### **Access Will Ride**

- Program highlights / Monday—Friday 8am to 5pm, advance reservations (7days), ride boundaries include anywhere within Will County, one mile outside of the county border, and parts of southern Cook County.
- Simple one page registration for all riders.
- Same day registration.
- Disabled riders can self-certify as to disability.
- Will County Mobility Manager can assist residents with any ridership issues.
- Effective date of IGA: January 1, 2026

### **Funding - Access Will Ride:**

- Pace calculates total cost to operate then applies the Pace subsidies to calculate the local share.
- The City of Joliet then pays 60% of the local share.
- Each participating township pays a portion of the balance based on their total ridership.
- Township financial participation is phased out over five years.
- In year one, the participating townships and the City of Joliet will pay 100% of the cost.
- In year two, Will County will pay 20% of the total cost with the balance divided up based on the above criteria.
- In year three, Will County will pay 40% of total cost, year four 60% of the total cost, year five 80% of the total cost. After that, the program will be 100% funded by Will County.
- Will County has several grant sources that assist with funding.

### **Township's Estimated Cost**

- IGA has a max annual contribution for all Central Will Partners (as a group) of \$325,000.
- All ridership (including Title XX) will be used to calculate each township's share.
- Dylik analyzed all Title XX riders for a six-month period to determine an approximate percentage of Title XX riders per Township. Title XX is grant funding held at the City of Joliet to help fund rides for seniors.
- Using these Title XX estimates Dylik used ridership figures from the past year and determined that Troy would have been responsible for 22.51% of the rides (includes Title XX riders and all disabled riders).
- If the max annual contribution is \$325,000, City of Joliet pays 60% (\$195,000), 22.51% of the balance is \$29,261.29. That averages approximately \$2,440/month. The Township's current budget (FY 25-26) allocates \$4,000/month plus an additional \$20,000 contingency.
- Monthly invoices will be submitted to the Township from Will County. Detailed ridership reports will be provided.

### **Committee Discussion:**

Throughout the IGA, the partners are responsible for the “remainder” of the program cost. For example, if the subsidy or grant funds run out, the total remainder is split between the partners based on ridership. Confirmed.

With the addition of the Central Will IGA, as of 2026, every township in Will County will be part of Access Will.

What happens to each township’s local transportation program (like Plainfield or Joliet) with all townships being a part of Access Will? Townships can continue to offer and operate their own local transportation, and the Access Will program will just be another alternative.

Riders in the Access Will program can travel anywhere within Will County, one mile outside of the county border (including Indiana), and parts of southern Cook County

The intent is for all Central Will partners to join the County program.

To confirm, at the end of the IGA, the County takes over 100% of the funding. Confirmed. In the County’s FY 2031 they will fund at 100%. How is the County paying for this? Several mechanisms are in place including appropriate budget planning/expansion, federal funding streams with the RTA and Age Guide.

Access Will ridership fees are \$2.00 one-way within the rider’s township of residency and \$4.00 one-way if they go outside of their township.

As the Township’s funding obligation decreases, the Township can look at how else they can help residents, possibly transportation just within the Township called Travel Troy, etc.

Access Will is exploring increasing service hours from 8am – 5pm to 7am – 5pm.

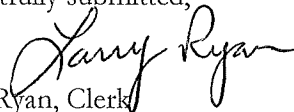
### **New Business**

Supervisor Baltz commented, since the meeting was an active Board Workshop, no formal action or motions are needed at this time. After asking three times for any other new business, no other new business was brought forward.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Greenwood, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:59p.m. All were in favor (no roll call vote).

Respectfully submitted,

  
Larry Ryan, Clerk

