

## Public Hearing Minutes

### 5311/DOAP Grant Application for Funding

Date: February 23, 2023

Time: 9:30am

- I. Call to order-Bill Wagoner
- II. 531/DOAP Grant Application-purpose of the meeting was stated-Bill Wagoner
  - a. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain public comment and consider the economic, social, and environmental effects of the application for Public Transportation Financial Assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1991 as amended (49 U.S.C §5311).
  - b. Introduction of DAR Administrative Director Kaycie Sanders
- III. Definition of public transportation as it related to Section 5311-Kaycie Sanders
  - a. The amount of 5311 federal dollars that is being requested under this grant opportunity is \$60,019.00.
  - b. With a FY24 only increase of \$6,002.00
- IV. Current services stated
  - a. Douglas County is currently served by 5 buses, 4 of which are equipped with lifts to serve individuals with accessibility challenges.
  - b. Advanced reservations can be made by calling 1-800-500-5505 from 6:30am-6pm.
  - c. Appointments for services are scheduled in advance Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm. Depending on the location and the destination of requested trip, these times are subject to change.
  - d. Demand Response transportation defined and that advanced scheduling is required by the customer
  - e. Current services offered outside of Douglas County: Transportation every Monday and Friday from 10am to 2pm to Champaign/Urbana, transportation

to and from Coles County on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm, and transportation to and from Decatur on Wednesdays between 10am and 2pm.

f. More information can be found on [www.dialaridetransit.org](http://www.dialaridetransit.org)

V. Public Comment Section open, 5 minutes per person or 15 minutes per topic:NONE

VI. Hearing adjourned at 9:40am

Attendees:

Bill Wagoner  
Richard Hein  
Kaycie Sanders  
Sierra Melluzzo