

**BARREN RIVER**



**BRADD REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

March 4th, 2026 11:00 a.m.

BRADD Conference Center

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Committee Chairman Mayor David Burch called the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting of the BRADD Regional Transportation Committee to order at 11:08 a.m. CST. This meeting took place at the BRADD Conference Center. Those in attendance were as follows:

**Allen**

David Burch, Mayor of Scottsville  
Kerry Harwood, Scottsville Transit

**Barren**

Dwayne Hatcher, Mayor of Cave City  
Kevin Myatt, JCCPC  
Sidney Holman, Glasgow Transit

**Butler**

Tim Flener, Judge/Executive  
Charlie Jones, Emergency Manager  
Billy Phelps, Mayor of Morgantown

**Edmonson**

Scott Lindsey, Judge/Executive  
Terry Massey, Emergency Manager

**Hart**

Randall Curry, Mayor of Horse Cave  
Ken Cook, Caverna Ind. Schools

**Logan**

Phil Baker, Judge/Executive  
Chris Wilcutt, Logan County  
Mike Hughes, Mayor of Auburn  
Mark Stratton, Mayor of Russellville  
Michael Blick, Russellville

**Metcalfe**

Adam Bennett, Metcalfe County  
Moe Hensley, Edmonton

**Monroe**

**Simpson**

Bob Palmer, Emergency Manager

**Warren**

Ronnie Pearson, Emergency Manager  
Todd Alcott, Mayor of Bowling Green  
Brooke Robison, Bowling Green  
Kyle Hunt, Bowling Green  
Melissa Cansler, Bowling Green  
Austin Sims, GoBG Transit  
Carroll Duckworth, MPO  
Jennifer Tougas, WKU Topper Transit  
Susan Harmon, BGWC Reg. Airport

**KYTC**

Ben Hunt  
Christopher Walden  
Kevin Yong  
Nathan Ridgway  
Joe Plunk  
Wes Watt

**Guests/Regional**

Ali Jackson, Community Action of SoKy  
Kathy Fugate, Community Action of SoKy  
Doug Taylor, HMB  
Lauren Norris, Med Center Health  
Marissa Butler, Cave Country Trails

**BRADD Staff**

Dajana Crockett  
Ethan Bates  
Eric Sexton  
Garrett Ashley  
Hollie Smith  
Kim Morrow  
Megan Raab  
Paige Hadden  
Tyler Hopkins  
Ty Foster

**II. Approval of December 5, 2025 Minutes – Mayor Burch, Chairman**

Chairman Burch referred all parties to the recorded minutes from the previous meeting that were presented to all voting Committee members. Judge Flener made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Mayor Hatcher. Motion carried.

**III. Coordinated Transit Plan – Ethan Bates, BRADD**

Ethan Bates, Regional Transportation Planner, explained to the group that this quarter’s RTC meeting was also serving as the annual Regional Coordinated Transit Meeting. Mr. Bates gave a presentation that began by reviewing the Coordinate Transit plan, its contents, purpose, and the importance of this meeting towards developing the plan. The presentation then reviewed the existing transportation providers in the region before exploring the transit formula grant funding programs available through the FTA, including Section 5304 to support planning for making transportation investment decisions, Section 5310 to support nonprofit entities and eligible public bodies for transportation of the elderly and disabled, and Section 5311 to provide financial assistance to support public transportation services in rural areas. Mr. Bates then paused the presentation to introduce Hollie Smith with BRADD’s Aging Services Department.

**IV. Dept. for Aging and Independent Living Transportation Goals – Hollie Smith, BRADD**

Hollie Smith, Assistant Director of Aging Programs, presented on new statewide transportation goals that have been set by the Department for Aging and Independent Living to serve the transportation needs of elderly and disabled populations over the next 3 years. This goal includes various objectives, such as creating strategic plans for transit providers, increasing 5310 and 5311 applications, and creating transportation resource guides for each community.

After Mrs. Smith's presentation, Mr. Bates resumed the discussion on transit, discussing Gaps and Needs in the region. Many of the previous year's gaps and needs remain, though the committee agreed a continuous rider policy was no longer a concern. Discussion then transitioned towards Strategies to Address Needs, where the need for increased coordination and discussion between systems, cities, and counties was encouraged to expand the use and accessibility of systems. Mayor Alcott, Austin Sims, Mayor Burch, and Kerry Harwood discussed interest in connecting Bowling Green and Scottsville's systems to help connect seniors to medical facilities and employees to their jobs. Mr. Bates then introduced strategies to support DAIL's goals for the aging population before moving on to Priorities for Implementation. Mr. Bates asked the group if Identifying Potential Drivers was still a priority, to which Mayor Phelps, Austin Sims, and Kerry Harwood all stated it was no longer a concern and could be removed. The group then agreed unanimously that collaboration across the region and between cities and counties should be the top concern. The presentation concluded with a reminder about the April 1 deadline to submit FTA formula grant applications.

#### **V. Officer Elections – Ethan Bates, BRADD**

Ethan Bates informed the committee that it was time for election of new officers to the chair and vice-chair positions, with the new officers serving a two-year term. Mr. Bates thanked Mayor Burch and Judge Gorman for their service to BRADD over the past few years as officers of the RTC before opening the floor to nominations. Mayor Burch nominated Judge/Executive Phil Baker to the role of Chair and Mayor Randall Curry to the role of Vice Chair.

With no other nominations brought before the committee, Chairman Burch requested a motion to approve the election of Judge Baker and Mayor Curry. Mayor Stratton made a motion to approve the election, and the motion was seconded by Mayor Hatcher. The motion carried with all present voting members in favor.

#### Results of the election for 2026-2027 RTC Officers:

Chair: Logan County Judge/Executive Phil Baker

Vice-Chair: Horse Cave Mayor Randall Curry

#### **VI. BRADD Project Updates & Grant Opportunities**

Ethan Bates gave the following updates on BRADD's current transportation-related projects and upcoming grant funding opportunities:

- Regional Greenways Feasibility Study: BRADD is actively developing a feasibility study to identify potential locations for trails and greenways in the region. Attendees were encouraged to take the survey in their packet.
- Bowling Green-Mammoth Cave Trail Feasibility Study: The study just wrapped up and has been completed. BRADD is working on making social media posts and

digestible presentations to share, but interested officials can reach out to get a copy of the study.

- Regional Safety Action Plan: BRADD recently received the draft of the Action Plan, and county officials should expect BRADD staff to reach out to discuss how to tailor the plan to their community's needs.
- Local Bicycle Pedestrian Plans: BRADD's transportation staff will be working over the next year and a half to develop bicycle/pedestrian plans for each community in the region. Participation from local officials is encouraged as these plans help to make applications more competitive.
- Recreational Trails Program: The application window for RTP funding will be open from August 1 to October 31. Information on the program is included in the packet and interested applicants should reach out to BRADD for assistance.

#### **VII. KYTC District 4 Updates – Kevin Young**

Kevin Young, Planning Supervisor at KYTC District 4, shared that there are no active projects in Hart County at this time, but that could change very soon with the new State Highway Plan being actively considered by the state legislatures.

#### **VIII. KYTC District 3 Updates – Joe Plunk**

Joe Plunk, Chief Engineer at KYTC District 3, gave updates on projects throughout the BRADD region. He started by recognizing the great work done by state, county, and city road crews that responded to the recent winter weather events to get roads cleared quickly and safely. Mr. Plunk stated that D3 used over \$1.3 million in salt to prepare roads, which was effective but unfortunately salting and scraping damaged striping. D3 recently opened bids to complete 938 miles of striping in the region, which should take place later this week.

Joe Plunk then described the upcoming and in progress roadway projects in the region. US31W in Bowling Green will experience significant work to widen the road near the hospital and near Potter's Children's Home. Other projects include Greensburg Rd in Metcalfe County, Highway 90 in Barren County, and the Interstate in Butler County, which will require a one-night closure of the interstate to address a bridge that crosses the green river.

#### **IX. Other Transportation Discussion**

No other topics of discussion were brought before the committee.

#### **X. Next Meeting Date**

The next regular RTC meeting is currently scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the BRADD conference center.

**XI. Adjournment**

Chairman Harper requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 a.m. Judge Baker made a motion to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Mayor Stratton. Motion carried.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_