


**ORDER: APPROVE RENEWAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE
CITY OF OXFORD FOR AN ON CALL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
SERVICE**

Motion was made by David Rikard, duly seconded by Brent Larson, to approve renewal of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Oxford for an on call Public Transportation Service.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Brent Larson, voted yes
Supervisor Larry Gillespie, voted yes
Supervisor David Rikard, voted yes
Supervisor Chad McLarty, voted yes
Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, President Roberts, declared the motion carried, this the 16th day of May, 2022.



Mike Roberts, President
Board of Supervisors



Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
AND THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI
REGARDING OPERATION OF AN ON-CALL PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Congress enacted 49 U.S.C. §5310 providing federal capital assistance to local governmental entities and private non-profit groups in meeting the transportation needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities by way of a formula grant program to be administered by each participating state; and

WHEREAS, the expressed purpose and goals of said enactment within the Federal Transit Act, being 49 U.S.C. §5310, are to enhance access to healthcare, shopping, education, recreation, public services and employment by the elderly and persons with disabilities when transportation services provided are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate to meeting their needs; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi, by and through the Mississippi Transportation Commission, acting for and on behalf of the Mississippi Department of Transportation, Public Transit Division, has chosen to participate in said public transportation program by the adoption of a state management plan and incorporated the Section 5310 funds within the statewide transportation improvement program and has previously announced the availability of funds for said programs and purposes within the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford is a municipal government, was incorporated in 1837 and presently is composed of a Mayor and seven Board of Alderman who make policy decisions in accordance with procedures and responsibilities set out in State law which provides an on-call transportation services within the City of Oxford and Lafayette County community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford, Mississippi and Lafayette County, Mississippi have heretofore agreed to enter into an agreement whereby the City of Oxford, for and on behalf of Lafayette County, Mississippi, will apply for federal grant funds available through the Mississippi Department of Transportation received through 49 U.S.C. §5310 (Elderly and Disabled Transportation Projects) for the purpose of procuring vehicles to be used in providing transportation services for elderly, disabled and other persons in need of transportation services, provided that Lafayette County, Mississippi further agrees to defray all costs associated with the provision of such services to residents within the Lafayette County community, as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford and Lafayette County, Mississippi desire to enter into this agreement for the purpose of coordinating their mutual efforts towards the establishment, development and operation of an on-call transportation service for the elderly, disabled and others residing within the Lafayette County community, the cost of said service to be defrayed by Lafayette County, Mississippi, including personnel, maintenance and all other costs

associated with said service which is to be administered by the City of Oxford, Mississippi as provided herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lafayette County, Mississippi finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Lafayette County to enter into this agreement in order to best effectuate the creation, development and operation of an on-call transportation service for the elderly, disabled and others residing within the Lafayette County community.

NOW, THEREFORE, Lafayette County, Mississippi and the City of Oxford, Mississippi agree as follows:

I. PURPOSE AND STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

The authority for this agreement is derived from Miss. Code Ann. §19-3-41(9) which authorizes the Board of Supervisors of any county to perform and exercise any duty, responsibility or function and to "enter into agreements and contracts," "provide and deliver any services or assistance" and to "receive, expend and administer any grants ... in accordance with and as may be authorized by any federal law, rule or regulation creating, establishing or providing for any program, activity or service."

The purpose of this agreement is to provide for and facilitate the establishment of an on-call transportation service within Lafayette County, Mississippi for the benefit of the elderly, disabled and others in need of such services.

II. FINANCING

It is agreed that the City of Oxford will make all requisite grant applications for and on behalf of the City of Oxford and Lafayette County, Mississippi (who both will be designated as the grant applicants) requesting Section 5310 grant funds to defray the cost of transportation vans. It is further agreed that Lafayette County, Mississippi will pay all costs associated with the provision of said transportation service, including the cost of compensating assigned employees who will provide driver services at a rate of compensation and on a full or a part time basis as agreed by the parties hereto. It is further agreed that Lafayette County, Mississippi will pay all maintenance, costs, insurance costs and any other costs associated with the provision of said transportation services. Finally, Lafayette County agrees to compensate the City of Oxford for all administrative services provided by the City of Oxford, Mississippi in aid of said transportation services.

III. COORDINATION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

A. City of Oxford/City/County Transit

It is agreed that the City of Oxford, will administer all Section 5310 grant funds received pursuant to this agreement. It is further agreed that the City of Oxford will provide administrative services as necessary to provide on-call transportation services for all eligible Lafayette County residents including: (1) receipt of all calls and requests for transportation services by Lafayette County eligible residents, (2) hiring of drivers, (3) arranging the delivery of requested services and (4) scheduling and supervising all necessary personnel. The City of Oxford will send an itemized invoice on a monthly basis to Lafayette County for all program costs.

B. Lafayette County Responsibilities

It is understood that all drivers will be employed by the City of Oxford, Mississippi. Lafayette County will provide all necessary vehicle maintenance and insurance and will defray all Section 5310 program costs, including payroll costs for drivers hired by the City and all additional administrative services.

IV. REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Title to all personal property procured pursuant to this agreement, including the vans purchased with the Section 5310 grant funds, will be vested in the City of Oxford, Mississippi. It is agreed and contemplated that one van will be equipped with a handicap lift.

V. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be deemed executed on March 31, 2022, and shall expire on March 31, 2024. This agreement shall renew automatically for each subsequent year unless the governing body of Lafayette County, Mississippi and/or the City of Oxford determine to terminate this agreement upon written notice providing for such termination on or before 30 days prior to the expiration of this agreement. The parties agree to jointly review program costs and revisit the terms of this agreement on a periodic basis for the purpose of considering modifications to the agreement and cost containment.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I, MIKE ROBERTS, President of the Lafayette County, Mississippi Board of Supervisors, do hereby set and subscribe my signature to the above and foregoing Interlocal Agreement, fully ascribing to the terms thereof for and on behalf of Lafayette County, Mississippi.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the ____ day of March, 2022.

MIKE ROBERTS, PRESIDENT
Lafayette County Board of Supervisors

ATTESTED:

CLERK

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I, ROBYN TANNEHILL, Mayor of the City of Oxford, Mississippi, do hereby set and subscribe my signature to the above and foregoing Agreement, fully ascribing to the terms thereof for and on behalf of the City of Oxford.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the ____ day of March, 2022.

ROBYN TANNEHILL, Mayor
City of Oxford, Mississippi

ATTESTED:

CLERK