



Transportation and Airport Committee Minutes

Thursday, 14 Aug, 2014 – 09:00 a.m.
Gaylord Regional Airport 1100 Aero Drive
P.O. Box 1396 Gaylord, MI 49734

MINUTES

Commissioner Johnson called the meeting to order at 09:00 a.m.

Roll call – Ken Borton, Doug Johnson,
Others present: John Burt, Theron Higgins, Matt Barresi, Erma Backenstose
Excused: Paul Liss

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Borton to approve the minutes of 10 July 2014. Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Borton to approve the agenda with addition of Item (d) to the Transportation Managers report on Union Negotiations. , Motion Carried.

A. Transportation Manager's Report

1. Bus Finance Report

Higgins provided a QuickBooks Balance Sheet to the Committee for review. Motion By Commissioner Borton to Acknowledge Report as shown. All in favor, Motion Approved.

2. New Hires

Higgins informed the Committee that that the County Bus System will be hiring two new employees to Meet the Affordable Health Care Act requirements concerning hours worked.

3. Funding Formula Status

Higgins briefed the Committee on the Public Transit Funding Formula issue. As of now, the Legislature is still in recess and will not vote on any Bills to change the way Public Transit will be funded in the future. If the decision is not made before September 2014 the State of Michigan will use the same formula that was used for FY2014. This will give the Legislature in Lansing another year to find a new Funding option.

4. Union Negotiations

Higgins informed the Committee that the County Bus will be starting Union Negotiations with the Teamsters Local 214 on August 29th, 2014. Mr. Burt mentioned the first meeting will be focused on receiving the proposals from the Teamsters Local 214 only.

B. Airport Manager's Report

1. Airport Financial Report

Barresi presented his monthly financial reports to the Committee. Motion by Commissioner Borton to acknowledge the financial report. All in Favor, Motion Approved.

2. Airport Event Contract

Barresi informed the committee that the airport had received several request to hold and conduct events at the airport. Barresi worked with the County Administrator to write an event plan and contract that would still allow organizations to use the airport for their event but would not over extend the airport staff or mission. The plan presented was agreed on by the committee and forwarded to the Finance Committee for approval or discussion around a fee schedule for each event.

3. Private Hangar Request

Barresi informed the committee that a resident hangar owner wished to connect a small bathroom from his hangar to our existing facilities since septic and well space is limited on the property in that location. The board unanimously agreed to allow the project so long as the scope of work is permitted and approved by the Otsego County Building Department, the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, and any other appropriate agencies. It is further understood and agreed that any problems to the water and septic systems as a result of this project will be the sole responsibility of the hangar owner. The County retains the right to have the hangar owner disconnect from the County's water and sewer service should it become necessary.

4. Self-Serve Fuel

Barresi briefed the committee that efforts to fix the self-serve pump has been ongoing and at continued expense. Barresi explained that several new parts were needed that might finally solve issues the pump was having. The committee agreed that Barresi should purchase and replace the parts in effort to get the pump working properly.

The next meeting date will be on Thursday, 11 Sept 2014 at 9:00 am in the airport conference room. The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Johnson at 9:42 am.