



Transportation and Airport Committee Minutes

Wednesday, 9 Dec, 2015 – 09:00 a.m.
Gaylord Regional Airport
1100 Aero Drive, PO Box 1396 Gaylord, MI 49735

MINUTES

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of 12 Nov 2015. Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Liss to approve the agenda with the addition of item (d) to Bus Managers report, Motion Carried.

A. Transportation Manager's Report

1. Bus Finance Report

Higgins Provided a Quickbooks balance sheet, and a BS&A Revenue and Expenditure Report to the Committee. Motion by Commissioner Borton to Acknowledge Report as shown. All in Favor, Motion Approved.

2. Shop with a Cop

Higgins informed the Committee that the annual Shop with a Cop event was a big success this year and the County Bus supported the event with 4 buses and transported 88 Children to the event.

3. Security Buzzer

Higgins mentioned that the County Bus is looking into a security buzzer for the front door of the Bus facility. The County Bus has eleven doors on the building including the 3 large garage doors and it would extremely expensive to attempt to totally secure the Bus Facility with locking door mechanism's/remote door unlocking hardware. Maximum Security gave a quote of \$1,400.00 to secure the front door. Higgins will keep the Committee informed as to when or if the Bus System decides to go with this procedure.

4. Back-up Generator

Higgins is getting bids to install a backup standby generator installed at the bus garage to keep power running in the event we have a power outage. It is an 11KW generator and will power the entire office area of our building, and run off of Natural gas. The first Quote came in at \$5,335.00 dollars not including the Gas line hook up. Higgins will get 2 more bids and do a cost comparison.

B. Airport Manager's Report

1. Airport Financial Report

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

2. Airport Updates

Barresi highlighted some contrasts between the airport of December 2008 to the airport of December 2015. The new terminal building was a tremendous asset the county had secured in 2006 but few county residents visited or knew where the airport was. Today more than 40 groups and organizations use the 3 airport conference rooms and the airport hosts several events throughout the year to include an airshow, fly-in, bike rodeo, chamber events and as of late more notably a coffee for veterans every month that has drawn up to 90 attendees. Financially the airport 7 years ago was struggling in many areas compared to today the airport has a successful equity and pooled cash balance greater than the county's base cost to run the airport. Key contributions to this is remarketing the airport to no longer be focused on volume of aircraft arrivals and departures but quality of service and fuel pricing that reflects the service. Catering primarily to larger corporate jets but not forgetting the smaller single piston aircraft either. Reorganizing how billing is done for both hangar rents and landless. This pricing coupled with numerous discussions with the resident pilot community to support the airports measures to work toward self-sufficiency. Barresi briefed that Mr. Burt had talked with the Sheriff's Office and secured an additional courtesy car for pilot use. Barresi stated he would be getting the cars uniquely marked so the public would recognize them as airport courtesy cars and not mistake them for police cars. Barresi added that the FAA technician assigned to our region has often worked above and beyond to insure Gaylord Regional Airports FAA support systems are up and running properly. The commissioners instructed Barresi to invite him to a future meeting so the committee could thank him for his efforts in person.

3. 2016 Wings Over Northern Michigan Updates

Barresi briefed the committee on the results of research he had conducted as to why some airshows fail in hopes of avoiding those same pitfalls. The overall conclusion of the research is some shows fail due to either overspending or lack of community support both financially and shortage of volunteers. The Gaylord Airshow has not experienced either of these as a problem. In contrast 2015 saw the Gaylord airshow receive the largest financial contributions to date. Barresi also presented the final airshow t-shirt design and detailed other preparations taking place up to this point.

The next meeting date will be on Thursday 14 January 2016 at 9:00 am in the Gaylord Regional Airport conference room. The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Liss at 9:45 am.