



## Transportation and Airport Committee Minutes

Thursday, 10 July, 2014 – 09:00 a.m.  
Gaylord Regional Airport 1100 Aero Drive  
P.O. Box 1396 Gaylord, MI 49734

### MINUTES

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

Roll call – Present: Paul Liss, Ken Borton, Doug Johnson

Others present: Theron Higgins, Matt Barresi

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Borton to approve the minutes of 8 May 2014. Motion Carried.

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve the agenda, 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 Johnson to Acknowledge Report as shown. All in favor, Motion Approved.

##### 2. Airshow Count

Higgins informed the Committee that this year's Annual Air Show was the highest passenger Count recorded since the County Bus began supporting the Air Show. Higgins stated that approximately 1,868 passengers utilized the Buses to get and forth from the parking lots.

##### 3. New Bus Eligibility

Higgins received an Eligibility letter from MDOT stating that the Bus System is due to receive a Federal 5339 Grant to replace 5 Buses, and 2 Mini-Vans. Replacement date would most likely occur in the spring or early summer of 2015.

##### 4. MDOT Funding Issue

Higgins briefed the Committee on the latest issues concerning the funding of Public Transportation for 2015 and beyond. The Legislature in Lansing are trying to decide which bills will be used and how the State funding formula will apply to Transits all across the state. The Bill that seems to be making headway in Lansing will direct more Monies to Road Commissions and Transits in South Eastern Michigan(Detroit area). If this bill passes, it will directly impact Rural Northern Transit agencies with a possible 3 Percent decrease in funding from the State. That amounts to a \$51,000.00 decrease to the Otsego County Bus System which is used for daily operational Needs. Voting on these bills will occur after the Legislators come out of recess and Higgins will inform the Committee as soon as he hears any new news.

## **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. Approach Minimums Restored**

Barresi informed the committee that after several years of working with the FAA to restore the approach minimums to pre 2008 visibility requirements. The airport with the help of Mead & Hunt was successful in getting documented adjustments, changing the approach minimums from 1 mile to ½ mile. This is critical for several businesses the airport supports during inclement weather days when aircraft need ½ mile minimums to come to Gaylord.

### **3. Airport Projects**

Barresi gave an overview of pavement projects in the pipeline for the next two years of FAA funding. The replacement of the last identified section of deteriorating pavement is scheduled to be replaced in 2015 after planning is complete in 2014. This will replace taxiway pavement from the EAA hangar to the beginning of the main parking ramp

### **4. Airshow**

Barresi briefed the 2014 installment of Wings Over Gaylord was a very big success. The airshow celebrated its 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the most acts and the largest attendance, estimated between 8,800 to 10,000 people. For the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row the airshow has not cost the county any money. Barresi stated that preliminary planning for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Wings Over Gaylord Airshow has already started.

The next meeting date will be on Thursday, 14 Aug 2014 at 9:00 am in the airport conference room. The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Liss at 9:40 am.