



Transportation and Airport Committee Minutes

Thursday, 14 July, 2016 – 09:00 a.m.
Gaylord Regional Airport
1100 Aero Drive, PO Box 1396 Gaylord, MI 49735

MINUTES

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Borton, Seconded by Commissioner Liss to approve the Transportation minutes of 12 May 2016. Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Liss to approve the agenda Seconded by Commissioner Borton, Motion Carried.

A. Transportation Manager's Report

1. Bus Finance Report

Cherwinski presented the Bus's monthly financial reports to the Committee.
Motion by Commissioner Borton to acknowledge report as shown, seconded by Commissioner Liss. All in favor, motion approved.

2. Generator Status

Cherwinski gave an update on completion of the bus systems backup generator to ensure during power outages they can still meet the needs of the public. The project came in \$240.19 under budget at \$9,501.81.

3. Thunder Over Waters

Cherwinski informed the committee that he had been contacted by Phil Alexander and he agreed to provide a bus to support the Thunder Over Waters event on September 4th.

4. Meals on Wheels

Cherwinski briefed the committee that the current contract had the Bus losing about \$200 a month on fuel and staff to support the program and he would be looking to continue supporting it but would try to renegotiate it in future. Cherwinski also stated that he had 2 vehicles reach the end of their safe usefulness and needed to take the vehicles out of service. These vehicles were used for the Meals on Wheels program. Mr. Burt had arranged for his and the medical examiners county vehicle to be used to support the Meals program.

5. FY 2013 MDOT Audit

Cherwinski informed the committee that the 2013 MDOT Audit was finally reconciled and it showed that MDOT owed the county Bus \$8,918.

6. New Buses

Cherwinski updated the committee that the project manager released funds for the Bus #32 accident replacement but it would be about \$4,500 short of what was needed to replace the bus. The lesser amount could be due to depreciation of the vehicle.

Motion by Commissioner Liss to forward the request for the additional \$4,500 to the Finance Committee Seconded by Commissioner Borton, Motion Carried.

B. Airport Manager's Report

1. Airport Financial Report

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

2. Taxi Lane

Barresi suggested to the committee that due to an influx of interested larger hangar build requests that the 2017 project should continue paving west and save the north bound arm of the project for future development. He explained that smaller hangars could build on the northbound arm but all requests he presently had were for the much larger hangar footprints and more northbound pavement would be needed to accommodate this construction. Motion by Commissioner Borton to amend the taxi lane project to construct west and save the northbound arm for future development. Seconded by Commissioner Liss, All in favor Motion Approved.

3. VIA Airlines

Barresi explained the Pistons sold their private 91 passenger MD83 Jet. The larger Pistons plane was privately owned and could operate like a larger corporate jet. They brought their own TSA since they would be leaving us and landing back at a commercial airport. They are still wanting to fly there season ticketholders into golf as usual and have hired VIA Airlines out of Florida to do the transport. VIA Airlines wants GLR to be a Part 139 certified airport or "Commercial Service Licensed". Barresi stated he will do whatever he can to accommodate but the time; cost and infrastructure needed would not be practical. Barresi suggested useful changes to VIA Airlines that would still allow the visit to proceed.

4. Golf Cart

Barresi informed the committee that when jets land the smaller golf cart is not large enough for passengers and bags but the Pellston Airport has offered to sell us for \$7,500 a 6 seater cart. In addition we have needed to rent the people mover train for the airshow which is a cost of \$2,000 a year. This would alleviate the need for that rental. Because of its off road tires and suspension it could be used for events at the Groen Property or the County Park as well as other applications and events. Motion by Commissioner Borton to support and forward to the Finance Committee Seconded by Commissioner Liss, Motion Approved.

5. Airshow Wrap-Up

Barresi briefed that the 2016 instalment of the airshow was the largest attended, the most expensive and the most exciting show to date. As a whole the 7 airshows have still not cost the county any money to put on for our community and for Northern Michigan.

The next meeting date will be on Thursday 11 August 2016 at 9:00 am in the Gaylord Regional Airport conference room. The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Liss at 10:30 am.