



## Transportation and Airport Committee Minutes

Thursday, 13 Nov, 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 – Paul Liss, Ken Borton, Doug Johnson  
Others present: John Burt, Theron Higgins, Matt Barresi  
Excused:

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Borton to approve the minutes of 9 Oct 2014. Motion Carried.

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Liss 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 Liss to Acknowledge Report as shown. All in favor, Motion Approved.

##### 2. Shop With A Cop

Higgins informed the Committee that the County Bus will support the annual Shop w/a Cop event this year which will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:45 am at Walmart. 3 Buses were requested to transport underprivileged children from the Pavilion to Walmart.

##### 3. Veterans Day Support

Higgins mentioned that this year, the VFW coordinated with the County Bus to transport 27 Veterans to the Veterans day Ceremony at the Gaylord Middle School. These Veterans were located throughout Gaylord in Many different facilities to include The Brook, Alten Zimmer, Tendercare, McReynolds Hall, Patriot Place and many locations.

##### 4. Transit Funding Vote

Higgins briefed the Committee that the Road Tax/Fuel Tax vote will be taking place in Lansing, Going through the Senate first today, 13 Oct 2014. If it passes it will be a Tax increase on fuel to fund Road Commissions and some dollars will also go to Public Transportation.

## **B. Airport Manager's Report**

### **1. Airport Financial Report**

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

### **2. Infrastructure Update**

Barresi informed the committee that the trees on airport property that border Van Tyle Road needed to be trimmed down about 8 feet. They had been at a height that obstructed the rotating locational beacon. The project was successfully completed by local company. This will increase safety and prevent a possible discrepancy write-up from MDOT Aero.

### **3. Veterans Monthly Event**

Barresi briefed that the airport was hosting a veteran's get together every first Wednesday of the month. A coffee and conversation hour where military veterans are encouraged to connect with other veterans to share stories, experiences or the news of the day. Making the airport a veterans meeting place was timely since the recent demolition of the VFW hall.

### **4. Airshow**

Barresi outlined ideas in development for the 2015 airshow. It was also agreed that the event should continue to grow and that costs associated with the growth was expected. New this year will be the introduction of jet fighter air combat simulations and possibly new jet vehicle performances. Many of the usual favorites are scheduled to return also.

The next meeting date will be on Thursday, 11 Dec 2014 at 9:00 am in the airport conference room. The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Liss at 9:31 am.