



## Transportation and Airport Committee Minutes

Thursday, 8 Oct, 2015 – 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  
Others present: Theron Higgins, Matt Barresi  
Excused: Doug Johnson

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Borton to approve the minutes of 10 Sept 2015. 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 and a BS&A revenue and expenditure report to the committee. Motion by Commissioner Liss to acknowledge report as shown. All in favor, Motion approved.

##### **2. Rust Bus Repair**

Higgins informed the Committee that the bus system has begun repairing 3 buses that had a lot of rust on the back end of them. The bus system removed the metal back cap off of 2 of the 3 buses and purchased RV fiberglass to place over top and create a new back cap that will not ever rust out. The bus system saved approximately \$7,000 dollars by doing the repair ourselves.

##### **3. Dispatch Position Change**

The bus system has been shuffling around numerous positions in our Dispatch office due to a long time employee Retiring after 32 years working for the County Bus. All new positions attained by employees will begin on 2 November 2015.

## **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. Airport Conference Updates**

Barresi briefed that he had attended the airport managers fall conference and highlighted some of the classes, events and directives that were briefed by Aeronautics and the FAA in addition to guest speakers on subjects ranging from drones and wildlife control to lobbying efforts by the airport managers organization to secure funding for Michigan airports.

### **3. 2016 Wings Over Northern Michigan**

Barresi briefed the committee on plans being made to make the 2016 airshow the biggest and best event yet. Contracts have been signed with Shockwave the jet semi-truck and Skip Stewart Airshows who does a great low to the ground performance. Barresi added that the show must play to its strength and offer what other events of this type can't do over water. By bringing in pyrotechnic explosions to simulate ground burst and walls of fire following the jet truck, the show becomes unique to any other and a must see. Barresi detailed how the airshow was welcoming into the event the Scottish festival which was in need of a home. The highland games event will add one more element to the shows extraordinary line up. The show has also booked for the first time the U.S. Air Force Parachute Team.

### **4. Meeting Location**

Commissioner Liss reminded all that the Transportation Airport Committee would meet on 12 Nov at the bus garage.

The next meeting date will be on Thursday, 12 Nov 2015 at 9:00 am in the bus garage conference room. The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Liss at 9:50 am.