



Transportation and Airport Committee Minutes

Thursday, December 9, 2010 – 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, Mike Hyde, Robert Harkness

Others present: John Burt, Theron Higgins, Matt Barresi

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Hyde to approve the minutes of October 14, 2010. Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Liss to approve the agenda with addition of Federal Reconciliation and Trailer Parking.

A. Transportation Manager's Report

1. Bus Finance Report

Higgins provided Quickbooks balance sheet report to the committee. Motion by Commissioner Liss to acknowledge report as shown. All in favor, Motion Approved.

2. Two Grants approved for bus purchases. 6 buses total

Higgins informed Committee that two previously applied for grants to purchase replacement buses have been approved by MDOT. The total grant amount for both Grants is:
\$727,588.00

3. Toys for Tots, and shop with a COP annual programs

The two annual events were once again supported by the county bus. One of our full time drivers volunteered his time (off the clock) to take a bus to Wal-Mart and assist with stuffing the bus with 793 toys for underprivileged children in our county. Two of our drivers on Saturday, December 11th, provided transportation for 50 children whom also are in need, from downtown to Wal-Mart to go shopping with a police officer. Both events went over very well again this year.

4. New Year's Eve service planning

Higgins mentioned that the County Bus will offer free bus service on New Year's Eve from 5:00 pm until 3:00 am, first call first serve.

5. Union Negotiations status

Higgins and John Burt briefed the committee concerning the status of negotiations with Teamsters Local 214. Basically it is a no change and extension of present contract for 1 year. Awaiting word from Teamsters as far as their vote to approve the extension.

6. Federal Grant 5311 Reconciliation

Higgins provided info from MDOT showing FY08 reconciliation for federal operating funds has determined that Otsego County Bus System is owed \$32,000.00 and monies will be provided by MDOT when funding becomes available.

B. Airport Manager's Report

1. Airport Financial Report

Barresi presented his monthly financial reports to the Committee. Motion by Commissioner Harkness to acknowledge the financial report. Motion Approved.

2. Hangar Donation

Barresi informed the committee that the county was working toward receiving a box hangar as a donation to the airport from Mr. Roger White. Mr. Burt added that the county paid for the appraisal and the waiving of the 2011 land lease in return for the hangar valued at \$50,000 dollars. This hangar is strategically located across the road from the new 2012 SRE building site and would allow the county and ARFF to consolidate all the equipment used for maintaining the airport to one general area while at the same time free up space from two other T-Hangars partly used for storage of equipment. This would turn the two T-hangars back to revenue generating facilities.

3. SRE Door Project

Barresi updated the committee on the work being conducted on the SRE/hangar. In early November it was discovered that the front truss which sports the weight of the large door opening and closing was cracked and suffering from water erosion. Barresi instructed that the equipment be removed from the facility and the door remains closed. This resulted in an emergency effort to fix the problem since the hangar is the only one large enough for ARFF staff to maintain, fix and service the snow plows and not being able to remove snow could close the airport. Halvorson Construction started working to replace the truss and is expected to complete the job soon.

4. F-16 Fighting Falcon

Barresi briefed the Committee that a decommissioned U.S. Air Force Fighter Plane was listed in the GSA equipment program and that he had viewed the aircraft in person and validated the excellent condition the aircraft was in. Barresi added that the aircraft is part of a GSA selection process which will identify the requester with the greater need for the asset. The State of Michigan also must monitor the asset in years to come to ensure it is being taken care of and given the proper respect the asset requires. This onetime fee for this originally priced \$82 million dollar aircraft is \$8,200.00. Mr. Burt has been working with several State Government offices to try and have the cost waived or reduced. Mr. Burt and Barresi suggested that the aircraft would become part of the planned new entry signage at the corner of Dickerson and Van Tyle Roads. Mr. Burt added that the county had placed a budget aside for an airport sign and this could be the focal point of that.

5. 2011 Air Show

Barresi thanked Kevin Stubenvoll who has come on board for the 2011 Air Show as a Sponsor Coordinator. Kevin has contacted Pepsi Co. who has agreed to be a major sponsor to the show. To date, Kevin has collected almost \$2,000.00 in contributions to the event and has pledges from many more.

6. Trailer Parking at Airport

Barresi reiterated that the airport would not allow mobile home or trailer storage in open areas of the airport and that he would be writing a 2011 edition of the hangar standards with updates and revisions.

The next meeting date will be on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 9:00 am in the airport conference room.

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Liss at 9:50 am.