

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

January 19, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, in the Conference Room of the Admiral John H. Towers Terminal Building at the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport in Rome, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Chip Hood
Mr. Mike Britton
Mr. Steve Graves
Mr. Brad Robert
Dr. George Bosworth

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Mike Mathews, Airport Manager
Mr. Gary Burkhalter, Assistant County Manager
Mr. Gary Fricks, County Commission
Mr. Mike Reiter, Baker
Mr. Todd Carroll, AOPA
Mr. Pete O'Hare, Museum of Flight
Ms. Christine Lewis, Museum of Flight
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for December 15, 2015.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Mathews reported that the ARC Project has been completed.

Mr. Mathews reported that work has started on the Aviation Easement Project.

Mr. Mathews reported that the consultant RFQ has been sent out to potential prospects.

Mr. Mathews reported that he and Commissioner Graves are working with the City to see about obtaining a sweeper truck for the airport.

Mr. Mathews reported that he is considering returning the minivan to surplus. He said that, since the airport has employed a maintenance person from the Work Release Center, there is no need for the van anymore since that person is not a certified Corrections Officer. He also said that he is working with the prison to secure a detail to help with mowing on the field during the spring and summer months.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

None

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Chairman Hood informed the Commission that this year's trip to Washington DC with the Chamber will be March 15, 16, and 17.

PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES

None

FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Graves asked Mr. Mathews if he was able to help with some dirt for the old Armuchee Park. Mr. Mathews said that he was able to help with a few loads of dirt left over from previous projects.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Vice Chairman Britton gave the financial report for the month of December.

Vice Chairman Britton reported that the airport ended the year with a surplus in funds.

BAKER

None

COUNTY

Not present

JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Not present

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

Not present

EAA

Not present

TIGERFLIGHT

Not present

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Mr. O'Hare reported that the Discovery Channel will be at the museum this weekend working on the story of Rosie the Riveter. He said that the episode will take place in the hangar and will air on April 9 at the Open Hangar Gala.

Mr. O'Hare reported that the Grand Re-opening of the museum will take place on March 26. The event will be free to the public and will be offering Cobra and Huey rides.

Mr. O'Hare reported that the 6th annual Open Hangar Gala will be held on April 9.

Mr. O'Hare reported that the museum welcomed 585 visitors over the last 6 months.

Mr. O'Hare reported that the museum is currently working on a CH46 among other historic aircraft. He said that, once the aircraft is finished, it will be the last CH46 to fly.

Mr. O'Hare reported that he is hoping to make the big hangar a historic site and having it included on the national registry.

FREEDOM FLIGHT CENTER

Not present

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Mr. Carroll reported that the AOPA does have a website that has airport information included.

Mr. Carroll stressed the importance of website maintenance and social media and making sure that our airport information is advertised correctly and efficiently.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Hood adjourned the meeting.

Chip Hood, Chairman

Date

DISTRIBUTION

- Dr. George Bosworth
- Mr. Mike Britton
- Mr. Steve Graves
- Mr. Chip Hood
- Mr. Brad Robert

COUNTY COMMISSION

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| Ms. Jaime Armstrong | Mr. Mike Mathews |
| Mr. Irwin Bagwell | Mr. Scotty Hancock |
| Mr. Jamie McCord | Ms. Rhonda Wallace |
| Mr. Garry Fricks | Mr. Larry Maxey |