

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

November 17, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 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
Dr. George Bosworth
Mr. Steve Graves
Mr. Brad Robert

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Mike Mathews, Airport Manager
Mr. Gary Burkhalter, Assistant County Manager
Mr. Garry Fricks, County Commission
Mr. Doug Walker, Rome News Tribune
Mr. David Wright, Spectrum Aviation
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for October 20, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. David Wright gave a presentation giving information on drones and how to use them safely.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Mathews reported that he attended a lunch meeting in Atlanta with State Representative, Christian Coomer. Representative Coomer is the chair of the House Transportation Committee. The meeting was to discuss airport funding for the state of Georgia.

Mr. Mathews reported that the city of Rome is showing more interest in starting an ARFF program, with the airport, that will include training of airport personnel.

Mr. Mathews reported that inmate crews have been coming to the airport on a daily basis to help with upkeep. He said that he is considering using the Work Release Center through a temp agency for the vacant maintenance position.

Mr. Mathews reported that the CPI (Consumer Price Index) did not increase for the year; therefore, he recommended not increasing rental rates for 2016. Commissioner Bosworth motioned to keep current rental rates across the board since the CPI did not increase. Commissioner Robert seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Mathews handed out copies of the proposed budget for 2016 and explained various line items. The 2016 budget will be approved by the County Commission in December 2015 or January 2016.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

None

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Chairman Hood said that a slot in the Christmas parade was still vacant if the airport was interested in entering the ARFF truck in the parade. Vice Chairman Britton recommended entering the parade since it would be good publicity for the airport and the ARFF truck.

PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES

Commissioner Graves asked about the damage that was done to the hold apron during the air show. Mr. Mathews said that Public Works will be coming out to patch the asphalt.

FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Vice Chairman Britton gave the financial report for October 2015.

Vice Chairman Britton pointed out that the air show being rained out one during the weekend really hurt the airport's financials. He said that the airport operated at a loss for the month. Mr. Mathews said that his goal is to cut back spending in order to re-gain the loss.

BAKER

Not present

COUNTY

None

JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Not present

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

Not present

EAA

Not present

TIGERFLIGHT

Mr. Wright reported that TigerFlight did not fly any kids on the second Saturday.

Mr. Wright reported that a field trip with 90 kids is planned with TigerFlight and the Flight Museum.

FLIGHT MUSEUM

Not present

FREEDOM FLIGHT CENTER

Not present

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Not present

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

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