

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

December 15, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 15, 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
Mr. Steve Graves
Mr. Brad Robert

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Mike Mathews, Airport Manager
Mr. Gary Burkhalter, Assistant County Manager
Mr. John Cowman, JLC AirShow Management
Mr. Mike Van Wie, Baker
Ms. Amanda Hill
Mr. Todd Carroll, AOPA
Ms. Christine Lewis, Flight Museum
Ms. Sarah Cane, Rome News Tribune
Ms. Sara Hiern
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for November 17, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mathews reported that the time has come to renew the land lease for Redmond ambulance service. He said the rental rate increased by \$15. Commissioner Robert motioned to approve the lease renewal. Commissioner Graves seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Mathews asked the Commission to approve Baker Work Authorization 35 for Easement Project Phase I. Vice Chairman Britton motioned to recommend that the County Commission approve Work Authorization 35. Commissioner Robert seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Mathews reported that the County will begin advertising for an airport engineering consultant in January.

Mr. Mathews reported that the dent in the hold apron at runway 1 has been patched. He said that, eventually, the area will be dug up and rebuilt. The damage occurred during the 2016 air show when an F-18 sunk into the asphalt.

Mr. Mathews reported that Comcast contractors have been installing lines throughout the west side of the airport for cable, phone, and internet. He said that bundling the services will save money for the airport. He plans to have cable, internet, and phone bundled with Comcast. The savings will be about \$200 per month.

Mr. Mathews reported that the prison bridge crew will be building a "dog house" at the terminal building. The brick building will be house the GPU (ground power unit).

Mr. Mathews reported that the door for the museum has been installed. He said that a concrete slab has been poured at the entrance. A ramp for handicap access will be built on the inside.

Mr. Mathews reported that he hired a maintenance person, Mr. Joseph Long, from the Work Release Center. He said that he would like to keep him long term. He said that Mr. Long is doing a very good job and has already saved the airport money on maintenance.

Mr. Mathews reported that a new television was installed in the Flight Planning Room. The television displays the weather channel.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. Mathews reported that a Conquest recently landed with the nose gear up. He said that everyone was ok and was very impressed with the quick response from emergency responders.

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Commissioner Graves reported that he and Mr. Mathews have been considering hosting a “movie” night at the airport in the Spring.

PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES

None

FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

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

Vice Chairman Britton reported that jet fuel sales were very good for the month.

BAKER

None

COUNTY

Not present

JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman reported that the USAF Thunderbirds will be headlining the 2016 Wings Over North Georgia Air Show and the Blue Angels will headline the 2017 show.

Mr. Cowman reported that he should be able to have a solid showing of military aircraft at the 2016 show.

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

Not present

EAA

Mr. Carroll reported that the local EAA is planning fly-ins with other chapters.

TIGERFLIGHT

Not present

FLIGHT MUSEUM

Ms. Lewis reported that the grand opening for the museum will be March 26, 2016.

FREEDOM FLIGHT CENTER

Not present

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Mr. Carroll reported that the Pilot Bill of Rights is still alive.

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