

AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

December 20, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Airport Commission was held at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 20, 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
Dr. George Bosworth
Mr. Brad Robert

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Mike Mathews, Airport Manager
Ms. Gary Burkhalter, Assistant County Manager
Mr. Mike Reiter, Baker
Mr. Mike Van Wie, Baker
Mr. John Cowman, JLC Airshow Mgt.
Mr. Robert Ingram, Museum of Flight
Ms. Sara Hiern
Ms. Betsy Willis, Airport Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The airport board approved the minutes for November 15, 2016.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Mathews presented a picture of the type of hangar that he would like to build for overnight jets and one tenant. He said he would like to go the County Commission for permission to begin the process of building such a hangar; however, he would like to get the Airport Commission's thoughts and ideas first. Commissioners agreed that a large hangar for our tenant and overnight jets would be a very good idea and gave their full support on the matter.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Bosworth reported that a Baron landed with the gear up. He said that the fire department was called. L&M Aircraft is working on the plane. No injuries were reported.

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL EVENTS

None

PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES

None

FACILITIES PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

None

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Vice Chairman Britton gave the financial report.

Vice Chairman Britton reported that air show expenses hit the financials hard for the year and that fuel sales were down by almost 9,000 gallons for the year. Mr. Mathews commented that fuel sales are down all around RMG. He said that he can't lower prices anymore without losing money. He also said that several necessary projects were completed during the year. He said that he is hopeful that December's numbers will look better.

BAKER

Mr. Reiter reported that the Airport Layout Plan is almost complete. He said that the environmental assessment is going well and is on schedule.

COUNTY

Chairman Hood asked about the gate to lead to Mr. Swiger and Mr. Hubbard's hangar. Mr. Mathews said that the gate has been put in the 2017 budget.

JLC AIR SHOW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Cowman reported that the Aeroshell aerobatic team will be performing at the 2017 Wings Over North Georgia Air Show.

Mr. Cowman reported that 2017's show will be a three day show with a twilight show, concert, and fireworks on Friday.

Mr. Cowman reported that Blue Angel #7 visited RMG on Thursday. He said that everything went very well.

GNTC-AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

Not present

EAA

Not present

TIGERFLIGHT

Not present

MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Mr. Robert Ingram reported that the museum will be hosting an open house in March. He said that they would like to bring a CRJ 200 for static display for the event. Mr. Mathews said that that would be fine.

FREEDOM FLIGHT CENTER

Not present

AOPA AIRPORT SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Mr. Carroll reported that he met with Mr. Mathews, Commissioner Robert, and Al Owen to research possible meeting spaces for an AOPA fly-in. He said that the college would be a perfect location for meetings during the event. He also said that approvals and sponsorships will be needed from area businesses and government agencies for this event.

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. Charisse Durham
Mr. Chip Hood
Mr. Brad Robert

COUNTY COMMISSION

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