

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held November 28, 2006

The Macon County Airport Authority held its regular meeting on November 28, 2006 in its offices located at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. Member Jenkins was absent. All other members were present. Also present were Wayne Corley, Engineer for W.K. Dickson, Neal Hoppe and Peggy Milton, the airport Fixed Base Operators, Teresa McDowell, Macon County Legal Department, and Jimmy Goodman.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Member Corbin and seconded by Member Haithcock, the minutes of the regular meeting held October 31, 2006 were unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM #3: DISCUSSION OF 2007-2011 TIP APPLICATION: Engineer Wayne Corley led a discussion about the 2007-2011 TIP application, which involves listing of long term improvement projects for the Macon County Airport. Some items listed on the initial application have been accomplished and will be removed. Chair Gregory determined that priority projects should be:

1. To strengthen the runway, taxiways and parking apron,
2. hangar construction, which will be funded by future Vision 100 funds, should be included and made a priority, and
3. The GPS installation. Chair Gregory stated that at one point he was told that the FAA will install the GPS system for free, and that the engineering firm, W.K. Dickson will facilitate the installation free of charge as well. He asked Engineer Wayne Corley to find out more information regarding the installation of the GPS system. Engineer Corley stated that he will contact the FAA regarding the possibility of getting Macon County prioritized on the installation schedule. Engineer Corley will have the GPS information available for presentation at the next Airport Authority meeting. Engineer Corley will revise the TIP application to reflect the changes discussed at the meeting, and will e-mail a final copy to Chair Gregory. Chair Gregory will distribute copies to the Authority, and will poll for final approval by phone.

In connection with the TIP application, Chair Gregory stated that the final draft of the MOA between the Airport Authority and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians has been sent to the tribe for review and approval. Assuming the Eastern Band agrees, there will be no more revisions. The Eastern Band has thirty (30) days to respond.

AGENDA ITEM #4: DISCUSSION OF ADDENDUM TO FRANKLIN AVIATION LEASE REGARDING PARKING ISSUES: Chair Gregory led a discussion regarding FBO Neal Hoppe relinquishing the lease of the front parking lot of the Macon County Airport. Chair Gregory stated that parking spaces located in this parking lot should be reserved for public use only, and should not be utilized for income generating, long term parking. Chair Gregory stated that the Airport Authority is willing to develop a graveled long term parking lot, will be included in the FBO leased premises, on the condition of Mr. Hoppe agreeing to relinquish the lease on the front parking lot, and his agreement to sign an addendum to the lease stating that he will not utilize any parking spaces in the front parking lot for long term, income generating parking. Long term parking is defined as thirty (30) days or more. Mr. Hoppe stated that he will sign an addendum to his existing lease if the addendum clearly states the above referenced terms.

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AGENDA ITEM #5: DISCUSSION REGARDING ADJACENT MACON COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY: After a discussion regarding acquiring ownership of the 15.37 acre tract adjacent to the airport and owned by Macon County (Parcel #01-41836), Member Haithcock made a motion to request that Macon County transfer ownership of

the 15.37 acre tract to Macon County Airport Authority. Member Schmitt seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous consent. Chair Gregory stated that the Secretary should prepare a letter addressed to the Macon County Commissioners, requesting this transfer of ownership.

AGENDA ITEM #6: DISCUSSION REGARDING THE NECESSITY OF A REGULARLY SCHEDULED DECEMBER MEETING: After a discussion, it was determined that a December meeting is not necessary, and the next Airport Authority meeting will be held January 30, 2007.

There being no further business, Member Schmitt made a motion to adjourn. Chair Gregory seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Haithcock, Secretary