

The Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on October 29th, 2024

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on October 29th, 2024 at the Macon County Airport. All members with the exception of Member Horton (who is excused) are present. Also available are Gary Shields, County Commissioner; Stuart Sloan, Legal Counsel; Lori Carpenter, Finance Director; Greg Kershaw, Project Engineer and Teresa McDowell, Clerk. Ms. Sloan has made herself available by phone. Chair Schmitt welcomes all those are present and calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2024: After a brief discussion, Member Rhodes makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Shuler seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

AUDIT PRESENTATION FOR MARTIN STARNES ASSOCIATES CPA, PA-Bao Thao via ZOOM: Ms. Thao presented the findings of the audit and states that there are no audit findings and no negative issues with the audit. The expenses are \$51,000.00 that is comparable to last year's audit. The audit was submitted in a timely manner, there are no issues and there are no red flags.

OLD BUSINESS:

ENGINEERS REPORT: Engineer Kershaw reports on two projects he is currently working on for the authority. He reports that on Project 1, which is corporate hanger development, there may be existing records that can suffice for the under drain, and satisfy the requirements of a robust CATX. He continues by stating that the work authorization must be amended and that he is responding to comments, which he will revise and resubmit. Mr. Kershaw also wants to contact Paul Webb, the architect who did significant work on a previous project at the airport. He also speaks to Project 2 that involves the land acquisition, and states the DOA have disapproved the purchase of additional land because it was not shown on the original ALP. Mr. Kershaw says he is "jumping through the hoops" in order to get the necessary information to the DOA, but there is no need to do anything at this point because of the refusal of the DOA to recognize this land purchase at this time.

DISCUSSION OF DIRECTED GRANT=AWARDED-SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE OLD TERMINAL BUILDING: Ms. McDowell reported to the authority in Member Horton's absence that this grant has been awarded in the amount of \$100,000.00 for repairs to the old terminal building. Ms. Carpenter states that the county will be monitoring three of these type grants. These grants will flow through the county. A good contact person will be needed for this project. Member Horton will provide more details at the next scheduled meeting.

RILES PROPERTY DISCUSSION: See Engineers Report

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL REPORTS WITH CLARIFICATION FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: Legal Counsel Sloan has been reviewing the issue the FBO is questioning regarding should the gross rental payment be added to the rental reports or should it be the net income. The lease is not clear. It appears that in connection to Macon Air, LLC, rent is part of the gross revenue under certain percentages. There is some confusion regarding the appropriate way to determine these payments. Airport Manager Sabrina Sloan will bring examples of both processes to the next meeting in order to compare and see which process is the appropriate one in the paying of the rent to the authority.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Crone reports that the VirTower system has been providing data including supply planes, which are landing, and departing, fuel sales associated with this data, and an airport count utilizing the airport. The obstruction lights have stopped working. NPE funds can be utilized for repairs.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Rhodes makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Shuler seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary