

**AIRPORT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

The Airport Committee met on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:45 p.m. Mr. Carrigg, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

John W. Carrigg, Jr., Chairman	James E. Kinard, Jr., V Chairman
George H. Smokey Davis	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
Debra B. Debbie Summers	

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

**Landscaping/Beautification Project Proposal for Lexington County Airport at Pelion**

**(Goals 1,3) - Public Works - Jim Starling, Engineering Associate III** - Mr. Starling presented a proposal for a landscaping and beautification project from Mr. Derek Kaczmariski, an Eagle Scout, pilot, and student at Heathwood Hall. As part of his Eagle Scout training certification, Mr. Kaczmariski is required to perform a community service project and has chosen the Airport at Pelion for his project. As a pilot, Mr. Kaczmariski is at the airport facility often and plans for the project to last two years until his graduation from high school. The proposed project would allow Mr. Kaczmariski to provide ongoing routine facility and landscape maintenance at the airport. Staff indicated the project is acceptable and requests permission to move forward.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve the request for the landscaping/beautification project proposal.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Partial Apron Rehabilitation Project Award (State Portion) (Goals 1,3) - Public Works -**

**Jim Starling, Engineering Associate III** - Mr. Starling presented the Partial Apron Rehabilitation Project grant award from the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission in the amount of \$11,158. This amount represents \$9,178 for the construction and \$1,980 for the design. The FAA portion of the construction (August 25, 2009) and design (June 12, 2008) grant awards were previously approved. (The total project cost is \$446,337 with the FAA providing 95 percent of the cost and the remaining 5 percent split equally between the County and SC Department of Aeronautics).

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to

accept the grant award from the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Lexington County Airport at Pelion Taxiway “A” Re-Alignment - Public Works - Jim Starling, Engineering Associate III** - Mr. Starling presented a request to begin the Lexington County Airport at Pelion Taxiway “A” Re-Alignment project. He reviewed the cost for the engineering design estimated at \$46,627. The engineering services will be eligible for funding through a FAA grant at 95 percent.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to proceed with the engineering design for the Lexington County Airport at Pelion Taxiway “A” Re-Alignment.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes - Meeting of September 22, 2009** - A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the September 22, 2009 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**New Business - October 19, 2009 Airport Committee Meeting** - Mr. Jeffcoat reported the Airport Committee met on October 19, 2009 to discuss the future of the Lexington County Airport at Pelion. He said the County needed to move forward with the Airport which has seen investments of \$1.2 million in state and federal grants as well as \$64,000 by the County to improve and enhance the airport. In accepting federal grants there is a 20-year commitment for the funds, and if the airport facility is sold, the grant money has to be returned. The Airport at Pelion is currently classified as an A1 airport facility which handles small aircraft and could be upgraded to a B2 facility in the future allowing it to be marketed to larger aircraft and other operations. Ms. Hubbard reminded the Committee this will be part of discussions at the Strategic Retreat on Monday, November 2, 2009.

**Old Business/New Business** - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee  
Assistant to the Clerk

John W. Carrigg, Jr.  
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk