

**AIRPORT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JUNE 25, 2013**

The Airport Committee met on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Townsend, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

Frank J. Townsend, III, Chairman	James E. Kinard, Jr., V Chairman
M. Kent Collins	Bobby C. Keisler
M. Todd Cullum	

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; Randy Poston, Chief Financial Officer; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; 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.

**T-Hanger, Taxilanes and Fence Relocation Project for Lexington County Airport at Pelion - Public Works - Wrenn Barrett, Director** - Mr. Barrett presented a purchase requisition and letter to complete Phase II of the Airport t-hanger, taxilanes and fence relocation project in the amount of \$45,904. The letter includes the partially executed copies of the Amendment #1 for Professional Services between Lexington County and the Michael Baker Corporation, formerly the LPA Group. Mr. Barrett reported the grant is 90 percent federal, five percent state and five percent County funded (County's five percent portion would be approximately \$2,500). Staff is requesting approval today to complete the existing airport fence relocation project in order to meet the FAA deadline for grant approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend full Council approve staff's request.

In Favor:	Mr. Townsend	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Keisler

\* Mr. Collins was present but did not vote on the motion.

**New Business - Runway Rehabilitation Project - Andy Busbee, Michael Baker Corporation** - Mr. Busbee reported the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has visited the Airport at Pelion on numerous occasions and noted the condition of the airfield pavement, particularly the runway. He said there is extensive cracking and that basically the runway is old and worn out with the potential to create FOD (foreign object debris) which is very dangerous for aircraft. Mr. Busbee said the FAA is in support of a complete runway rehabilitation project which was included in the overall master plan implementation program

and on the last CIP approved by Council. Mr. Busbee reported that this year he and Paul Werts, SC State Aeronautics Commission Executive Director, were able to convince the FAA to give Lexington County a grant to do the design work for that project. The project will entail the rehabilitation of the runway pavement itself, widening the pavement to the current width standards of 75 feet and re-grading the earth work around the runway in the safety areas to ensure compliance with the FAA grading criteria. Mr. Busbee said this would not include airport runway extension. He reported the whole program is approximately \$3 million for the construction. The FAA supports the project and they will fund it at 90 percent. The design portion is approximately \$175,000. The FAA will be giving the County a grant in the next few weeks for the design portion only which would better position the County for any discretionary funds that may become available in the future. Mr. Busbee said he would follow up with the FAA on when the grant would be available which could be before the FAA's fiscal year ends on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Busbee reported with the approval of the existing airport fence relocation project it will allow them to move forward with bidding the design for the t-hangar project and will allow them to apply for another separate FAA grant for the t-hangar as well as reimburse the County for a portion of the land that was adjacent to the airport and do some fence relocation. Mr. Busbee added that the State of South Carolina just implemented a program called Ambassadors Passport Program to encourage pilots and non-pilots to visit and increase awareness of other state airports. Mr. Mergo reported that the estimated construction schedule for the t-hangar project is for completion by this time next year in 2014. He said there is a waiting list that will fill the ten t-hangars once they are built. For information only, no action taken.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee  
Assistant to the Clerk

Frank J. Townsend, III  
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk