

**AIRPORT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**

The Airport Committee met on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:45 p.m. Mr. Townsend, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

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

Absent: M. Kent Collins

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; Chris Folsom, Deputy 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.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant - Administrator - Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator - Mr. Mergo reported he asked Andy Busbee to brief the Committee on the status of the Airport Capital Improvement Plan since sequestration of Federal funds have impacted some of the funding for airport projects. Mr. Mergo said Mr. Busbee would also be sharing good news about how the County can proceed with the t-hangar project. Mr. Busbee reported the t-hangar project has been designed and the bids are currently being evaluated. He said the County submitted a FAA grant last Friday and may receive it as soon as Thursday for \$300,000. This is for two years of airport entitlement funds for FY12 (\$150,000) and FY13 (\$150,000) that is immediately available towards the t-hangar project. Staff requests preauthorization approval for the County Administrator to accept the grant upon receipt because it needs to be returned to the FAA no later than September 18, 2013 which will be before the next Committee meeting. Mr. Mergo said he anticipates the FY14 FAA \$150,000 entitlement money to come in March or April 2014 and plans to earmark the funds towards the capital project cost along with the previous funds allocated for the t-hangars. The total funding amount is approximately \$814,000 and enough to complete the 10 t-hangars. Mr. Mergo reported this does not limit the County's ability to seek reimbursement for the project once the funds become available. Mr. Busbee reported the sequestration has affected the airport improvement program which funds capital projects and does not anticipate any changes to the non-primary entitlement funding of the \$150,000 only discretionary funds have been affected by sequestrations which are monies above and beyond the entitlement.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend full Council approve staff's request for preauthorization for the County Administrator to accept the grant award once received.

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

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