

**AIRPORT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2007**

The Airport Committee met on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 3:50 p.m. Mr. Cullum, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

M. Todd Cullum, Chairman	John W. Carrigg, Jr., V Chairman
James E. Kinard, Jr.	Debra B. Summers
William C. Billy Derrick	

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, 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.

Lexington County Airport at Pelion (LCAP) Strategic Visioning Session (Goals 1,3) - Goals & Objectives - Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator

– Ms. Hubbard presented a recap of the goal and objectives that were recommended as a result of the March 20, 2007 strategic visioning session with the LPA Group, Inc. Mr. Ken Holt, Vice President of the LPA Group, Inc., researched the new Aviation bill that the President proposed on February 14th – which is a three year bill. One of the changes that would impact the Lexington County Airport at Pelion (LCAP) is a provision for a non-primary entitlement funding for up to \$150,000 a year which could be rolled over for several years so that the Airport could collect enough funds to do a meaningful project instead of doing small projects along the way. Funds for general aviation airports would be distributed by a graduated scale per the number of aircraft based at the airport. For airports with nine based aircraft or less, no non-primary entitlement funding available; 10-49 aircraft at \$100,000; 50-99 aircraft at \$200,000; over 100 aircraft at \$400,000. Currently there are eight based aircrafts at LCAP. The House and Senate should have a draft aviation bill out in May so the new bill can be approved in September when the current bill expires. It was suggested that Council adopt a resolution emphasizing the importance of the airport project to take to Washington to the County's Congressional Delegation. In addition, Mr. Holt suggested that the County have its match before going to request funding for the Airport projects. For information only. No action.

Resolution - Lexington County Airport at Pelion – Ms. Hubbard presented a draft resolution calling upon the assistance of the County's Congressional Delegation to assist with approval of any discretionary aviation funds that may be needed to accomplish the safety related improvements that are needed at the Lexington County Airport at Pelion.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve the Lexington County Airport at Pelion resolution.

Ms. Hubbard suggested a letter from the Chairman be sent to the Congressional Delegation with an explanation of the County's understanding of the proposed changes to the funding for general aviation airports and implore their assistance in looking out for Lexington County in the process. Mr. Holt will be in Washington in May and could meet with the Congressional Delegation and suggested that representatives from the County be there as well.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business – None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

M. Todd Cullum
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk