

**AIRPORT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2010**

The Airport Committee met on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:15 p.m. Mr. Cullum, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

M. Todd Cullum, Chairman	Debra B. Summers, V Chairman
George H. Davis	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
James E. Kinard, Jr.	

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.

Revised Airport Master Plan for the Lexington County Airport at Pelion (Goal 2) -

Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator - Ms. Hubbard and Mr. Ken Holt, The LPA Group Vice President, presented the revised Airport Master Plan for the Lexington County Airport at Pelion. Ms. Hubbard reported after meeting with the FAA about the direction of the Airport, it was suggested the County adjust the Airport Master Plan to an Airport Layout Plan. Ms. Hubbard said the FAA is willing to contribute \$75,000 towards the Airport Layout Plan with the understanding that the County will participate at 100 percent of the Airport Business Plan and provided the County also apply for a State grant to see if the State will share in the cost of the Business Plan. The LPA Group re-engineered the County's Master Plan proposal to accommodate those changes as shown in the comparison list provided for Council's review along with the Scope of Services and Project Cost Breakdown. Ms. Hubbard reported the Airport Layout Plan costs at \$78,965, Airport Business Plan costs at \$26,841, and additional expenses which could cost up to \$16,359.20 (total project cost estimate \$122,165.20). Staff is requesting approval from Council to move forward with a revised FAA grant application for an Airport Layout Plan and apply for a State grant to assist with both the Airport Layout Plan and Airport Business Plan. Mr. Cullum requested a summary of where the County is with the Master Plan versus the Layout Plan along with the differences of these plans including the Business Plan. Mr. Holt provided a brief description of the plans and the County's current status. He reported that the FAA is willing to fund up to \$75,000 which represents 95 percent of the cost of the total plan and the State would participate at 2 ½ percent leaving 2 ½ percent for Lexington County's portion. Mr. Holt said the Business Plan is not eligible for FAA funding but since the State highly suggested a Business Plan, he recommends submitting a state grant application for 50 percent of the

Airport Business Plan expenses of \$26,841 and the Airport Alternatives Cost of \$122,165.20. The Committee discussed the possibility of expanding the airport runway based on the average usage of takeoffs and landings. Staff requested to provide average runway counts by January.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendations to move forward with the Airport Layout Plan and to proceed with the Airport Business Plan with submission of a State grant application for a minimum of 50 percent.

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