

**AIRPORT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2011**

The Airport Committee held a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2011 in the Committee Room to receive an update on the Lexington County Airport at Pelion Layout Plan from the LPA Group. The meeting began at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Cullum, Committee Chairman presiding.

Members Attending:

M. Todd Cullum, Chairman	Debra B. Summers, V Chairman
George H. Davis	Bobby C. Keisler
James E. Kinard, Jr.	

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 Layout Plan Update Workshop - Ms. Tricia Fantinato, Manager Aviation Planning, The LPA Group - Ms. Fantinato and Mr. Andy Busbee, P.E., Manager of Aviation Design, presented an update of the Lexington County Airport at Pelion Airport Layout Plan (ALP) with a Power Point presentation. Mr. Busbee reported LPA wanted to get direction from the Committee on the future vision of the airport. Ms. Fantinato said in addition to reviewing the ALP they would also be looking at the airport business plan and how the county wants to brand the airport for future development. Following are some of the items reviewed and discussed from the ALP: current role; perceptions; strategic visioning; economic development opportunities; corridors; future design aircraft; facility requirements and potential opportunities; revenue enhancement opportunities; financial overview; airport management; county zoning and land use for potential future airport development. Ms. Hubbard reported that all aircraft domiciled in Lexington County pay taxes, just like cars and houses, and are part of the overall revenue for all the funding agencies in the County based on state statute. She said economic analyses have been done showing the domiciled aircraft bringing in taxes as well as jobs. The state aviation has done reports on the impact of general aviation airports regionally and this can be included as part of the ALP report. Ms. Hubbard reported that the new approach is scheduled to be installed on September 15 and she will have staff return with any items that may need Council's approval. The Committee discussed possibly renaming or branding the airport to assist in marketing. LPA will research appropriate airport names for the Committee's

review. Mr. Busbee said they will take the information from today to incorporate into the ALP and return for the Committee's final approval before submittal to the FFA as well as a draft of the airport business plan. 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

M. Todd Cullum
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk