

**AIRPORT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2012**

The Airport Committee met on Tuesday, March 21, 2012 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 10:15 a.m. Mr. Townsend, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

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

*Arrived after the meeting was already in session.

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, Interim County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; 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.

ALP Update/Business Plan - Public Works - Richard Osborne, LPA, Manager of Operations, Aviation Planning - Mr. Osborne presented the Lexington County Airport at Pelion Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and Business Plan. Also present for the meeting were Mr. Rob Rau and Mr. Anthony Cockran of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and James Stephens and Mihir P. Shar, PE, AICP of the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission (SCAC). Mr. Osborne provided the ALP Update Narrative Report for the Committee's review. He presented a summary of the business plan findings: business plan goals; strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats; actions/recommendations; financial plan assumptions; and a review of financial scenarios and results. Mr. Osborne outlined three options for the Airport: Option A - the County would sell and provide two-part employees to sell Jet-A fuel following the extension and widening of Runway 18-36; Option B - the County would find a multi-use operator to pump Jet-A fuel in the future and let the operator earn the proceeds from Jet-A fuel sales following the extension and widening of Runway 18-36; the Airport would be entitled to Jet-A flowage fees only; and Option C - the County would not extend the runway or sell Jet-A fuel in the future. The Committee discussed extending the runway to 5,500 in order to market to a wider range of corporate traffic. Mr. Osborne said LPA will update the ALP based on the Committee's approval and submit to the FAA and SCAC to get their initial reviews and comments in order to finalize.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend to full Council to approve Option B and amend the Plan to include a runway to a length of 5,500.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to approve the draft ALP Report for submission to the FAA and SCAC for review.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Staff requested to place the ALP and Business plan on the March 27th agenda.

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