

HARRIS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE

June 7, 2017

10:00 AM

Members Present: Harry Lange, Bill Champion, Lynda Dawson, Nancy McMichael, Amanda Hill, Jim Woods, Randy Dowling. Absent: Jayson Johnston. Also in attendance: Tim Fredlund (Pond & Co.), Jim Trott (Mayor of Pine Mountain), Jimmy Carver (EMS Chief).

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Lange called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2017, was made by Mrs. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Champion, and passed unanimously.
3. **DISCUSSIONS**
 - A. **Open House.** Mr. Champion said there is a lot of interest from car clubs in the upcoming Open House (scheduled for Saturday, June 17, from 10 AM to 2 PM); that an antique tractor will be on site and is being sold to raise funds for the Chipley Historical Society; that there are no motorcycle clubs yet; that Callaway Gardens will be bringing a tent as an info booth; that there will be a 50/50 raffle for the fire department; that there will be a brief aerial display of planes; that tables and chairs are needed; and that a medivac helicopter may be on hand. Mrs. McMichael said that the cost of the insurance for the one-day event was \$400.
 - B. **Facebook Page.** Mr. Dowling said there is no official Facebook page for the County or the Airport at this time.
 - C. **Property Acquisition.** Mr. Fredlund said that there is an 11-acre piece of property, in the northeast corner of the Airport, which belongs to Callaway Gardens, would be good to have to true up the Airport property; that of that 11 acres, at least five is needed for the fencing project because the fence cannot be installed where the current property line is located. Discussion included that an additional 42 acres on the north northwest section would be nice to have, but not absolutely required; that it is doubtful that Callaway Gardens will donate any additional property such as they have in the past; Callaway's board meeting is July 11; and if the Board of Commissioners is okay with the exhibit being prepared regarding the two properties, it will be presented to Callaway for its meeting on the 11th.
 - D. **Verizon Wireless Rezoning Application.** Mr. Lange reminded all that the Verizon Wireless rezoning application had been heard by the Board of Commissioners on May 2, to include the public hearing but that action regarding same had been tabled to the July 18 meeting. Mr. Lange said that while no new evidence can be presented, unless both parties agree to same, he again stressed that he wants to make sure that the information from the FAA is correct (measurements, runway extension length, etc.) and that the County's main issue is safety. Ms. Hill will work on trying to get definitive information from the FAA. Discussion took place to include various suggestions for tower placement or delaying the Board's vote.
 - E. **Taxiway Grassing.** Mr. Fredlund reported that there are still a few issues regarding the grassing, with new grass in some areas and others still bare.
 - F. **Ponding of Water in Hangar Area.** Mr. Fredlund reported the ponding of water near one of the hangars is still occurring; that discussion has taken place with contractor; that the contractor is responsible for the repair; and that a time line will be developed for getting the work done.

- G. **Hangars and Birds**. Mr. Fredlund reported that there are birds in the hangars; that the hangars were not specked to be bird-free; and that a solution to the issue is underway.
 - H. **Fencing Project**. Discussion took place to include that for County budgeting purposes, the design of the project will be slightly over \$50,000 and is reimbursable through GDOT; that for the project, funding by GDOT as to one or two phases has not yet been determined.
 - I. **Safety Presence & Possible Grant(s)**. In response to questions from Mr. Lange, Ms. Hill said that she has not yet had the opportunity to check into grants in connection with the fire truck, as a safety presence, at the airport.
 - J. **Building for Trucks**. Discussion took place about the need for a building or structure in which to house the two fuel trucks and two fire trucks, and which must be climate controlled and have concrete catchment areas.
- 4. **NEXT MEETING**. Due to commitments of several members of the committee, the next meeting will be Thursday, July 13, at 10:00 AM.
 - 5. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lange adjourned the meeting.

Prepared by: Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk

Minutes approved _____ by a vote of ____ to ____.