

Franklin-Hart Airport Authority

Minutes of the Special Meeting

December 16, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Authority Members Present: Eddie Addison (Chairman), Mike Ward (Vice Chairmen), Bill Flowers (Secretary/Treasurer), George Bennett, Kevin McCraney, Mark Brown, Bud Brown

•6:00 p.m. Call to Order

Eddie Addison called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

• Establishment of Quorum

Eddie Addison reported that a quorum was present and the business of the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority could begin.

•Prayer

Mike Ward voiced a prayer.

• Pledge of Allegiance

Mike Ward initiated the pledge to the United States of America.

Eddie Addison, Chairman of the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority initiated a welcome to all the Guests present for the December 16, 2019 meeting.

A welcome also to the two Hart County Board of Commissioners, the Chairman, Joey Dorsey and Commissioner Marshal Sayer

•Approve Agenda

Eddie Addison asked for a motion to “approve the agenda.” Kevin McCraney so moved. George Bennett seconded. Eddie Addison asked all in favor. Bill Flowers commented that the Agenda contains open ended sections referencing “Other On-Going Business and Other New Business. Eddie Addison asked all members if anyone had any additional Authority Business to present. Eddie Addison, the Chairman has none. No further comments. Eddie Addison asked all in favor of the Agenda. All opposed. Motion Passed Unanimous.

•Secretary Report

• Approve Minutes

Eddie Addison remarked that the minutes had been sent digitally. Eddie Addison and Bill Flowers distributed copies of the minutes for the November 18, 2019 meeting. Eddie Addison had a single word correction to page six. There were no

objections. Eddie Addison asked for any other additions, hearing none, a request for a motion to approve by Eddie Addison. George Bennett moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2019 meeting with the accepted correction. Kevin McCraney seconded the motion. Eddie Addison asked all in favor then all opposed. Motion Passed Unanimously.

- **Treasurer Update**

- **Operating Account**

- The operating account has \$14,658 to date, ending November 2019. No substantive issues regarding the operations account were noted.

- **Fuel Account**

- Eddie Addison reports the fuel account has to date, ending November 2019, \$52,593.

- **Audit Update**

- **2019 Fuel Discussion**

- The current ongoing Audit has thus far determined a monetary shortage in the fuel account of approximately \$3000. The Audit has a look back date of one year. A discussion regarding the commingling of fuel account and operations account funds and associated expenses has likely created the issue. Eddie Addison commented that he will continue to work with the Auditor to ascertain the discrepancy.

- **Schedule CPA Presentation**

- The auditor is currently working on an audit of the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority books. He, Jay Green (CPA), is preparing a presentation for our next meeting.

Georgia's Open Meetings and Open Records Law Presentation

Presenter: Mr. Joey Dorsey - Hart County BOC Chairman

Mr. Dorsey proceeded to provide a lengthy, approximately one hour and thirty minute, detailed overview of the O.C.G.A. 50-14 (Official Code of Georgia Annotated-Title 50, State Government-Chapter 14, Open and Public Meetings). Numerous questions were asked of Mr. Dorsey from members of the Authority as well as Guests. Mr. Dorsey provided answers.

- **On-Going Business**

- **Phase I Review**

- **Meeting with Croy/GDOT, today, December 16, 2019, to discuss Local Share, 3rd Meeting**

Payment to Stratton Brothers

Borrow Against SPLOST

Other Options

Eddie Addison and Mike Ward met with the Croy Engineering representatives and the Georgia Department of Transportation representatives this day to discuss the final local share obligation of the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority with regard to Phase 1. The discussion was lengthy. At the end of a much debated discussion the result was a reduced local share payment, to complete Phase I, for the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority. Eddie Addison distributed a spread sheet indicating the payout history highlighting payout number nine. With a previous payout of \$45,188 in July of 2019 and \$115,478 still remaining at the number nine pay request the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority has a \$70,290 remaining obligation. A small amount has been added to the payout request ten, which brings the obligation to \$72,066. This is the money that the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority must obtain to satisfy the current level of obligation to Phase 1. This change is a substantial reduction to the levels discussed at the previous meeting on November 18, 2019. Some future change may occur but is not anticipated.

Eddie Addison explains several options. One would involve the use of a local bank that would provide the needed funds. The payback would be to negotiate a loan with interest only payments to include several structured balloon payments at specified intervals. Several questions were raised as to whether this was a viable option. The dependence on SPLOST funds was imperative for future payback.

Another option was forward funding from Franklin County against the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority SPLOST. Eddie Addison commented that this option would be expensive. A general consensus was that either discussed option would be costly.

Bud Brown questioned the potential use of the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority's recent \$25,000 from Georgia Power. Bill Flowers mentioned the current SPLOST account of approximately \$24,000. The use of these funds, which would subsequently reduce the obligation of \$72,066 to approximately \$23,066.

After a lengthy discussion by all members and several guests the option to ask Franklin County for a forward funding arrangement to obtain the

approximately \$23,066 appeared to be the best option. Bud Brown stated that we should make the proposal to Franklin County. Eddie Addison asked for a motion referencing the option discussed to reach the \$72,066 local share obligation.

George Bennett voiced the motion to appeal to Franklin County for approximately \$23,066 from future SPLOST receipts and utilizing the Georgia Power contribution of \$25,000 plus current SPLOST funds of approximately 24,000 to thus provide for our current local share obligation for Phase I in the amount of approximately \$72,066. Bud Brown seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously

Eddie Addison explained that the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority must complete the obligated payout before GDOT will make final payment. General agreement was very strong regarding the need to pay Stratton Brothers.

Mark Brown moved to make a payment to Stratton and Sons immediately upon receiving the funds. George Bennett seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously.

- **Phase II**

Discussion

Eddie Addison gave a short brief regarding recent discussion with Croy Engineering on the Phase II project. The current local share will still remain at approximately \$37,000. We have a ninety day extension on the contract. A decision must be made at the end of ninety days.

- **New Business**

GCAM

Decision

Path Forward

Eddie Addison and Kevin McCraney met with Brian Metzger of GGAM (Grizzle Glenn Adams Martin) of Hartwell. The meeting concentrated around the use of their accounting expertise for the maintenance of the financial books of the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority. Mr. Metzger provided a MOU (memorandum of understanding). A copy of the MOU was distributed to all Members. Eddie Addison provided a brief on the MOU. Eddie Addison explained that we need the services of an accounting firm as the current clerk of Franklin County will no longer provide any services.

Kevin McCraney moved to accept the financial services of GGCM to represent Franklin-Hart Airport Authority. George Bennett seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously

Eddie Addison initiated a brief discussion on the need for a P. O. Box or some other mailing address for the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority as the use of the previous address of Franklin County would not be available. After a lengthy discussion with a number of options and suggestions a motion followed. Mike Ward moved to establish a P. O. Box at the Carnsville Post Office as the official address of the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority and use the address of GGAM address for all matters of a financial nature. George Bennett seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Eddie Addison announced that a lien had been filed by Margrett Dyal of Lavonia on behalf of Stratton and Sons for \$256,828.16 against the Franklin-Hart Airport. This lien was recored at the Clerk of Superior Court, Carnesville, Georgia, on December 11, 2019

Bud Brown asked about the responsibility of Georgia sales tax. Bud Brown provided to Eddie Addison recent documents relating to the Georgia sales tax pursuant to fuel sales.

No further business was brought forward.

Kevin McCraney moved to adjourn. George Bennett seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously.