

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority
2016-2017 Budget Hearing
Held June 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM

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 Joe Bob Pierce Secretary
 Gary Chesney Treasurer
 Ryan Wellmaker Commissioner

Staff: Chris Collins
 Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Emily Roth, Emily Shapiro, Michal Junik, Rich Carney, & Don Lewis

PUBLIC INPUT

There being none, Chairman Ancona moved forward with the meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Pierce to adjourn the 2016-2017 Budget Hearing. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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REPORTS

Minutes

Minutes were presented for the May 10th, Meeting for approval. There being no changes to the minutes, motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Treasurers' Reports

There being no concerns with the Treasurer's Reports, motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Reports as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor of the motion.

Bills for Approval

There being no questions or concerns with the Bills for Approval, motion was made and seconded to approve the bills as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

There being none, Chairman Ancona moved forward with the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Obstruction Removal Project

Mr. Collins noted two bids were received on Tuesday, May 24th for the upcoming project. Undercut Tree Services of Fairfield submitted a bid of \$9500. CSJ Tree Services of Texico submitted a bid of \$9800. Mr. Collins stated he was pleased the bids were similar and recommended approving the bid submitted by Undercut. Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Wellmaker to approve the bid submitted by Undercut Tree Service. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor. Mr. Collins mentioned it is possible the project could initiate late next week.

NEW BUSINESS

2016/2017 Annual Budget Ordinance 2016-04

Mr. Collins presented the 2016/2017 Annual Budget Ordinance for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Pierce and seconded by Commissioner Chesney to approve the 2016/2017 Annual Budget Ordinance #2016-04. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Salute to Freedom

Mr. Collins presented the annual request letter from Tourism Director Angela Schrum for the Annual Salute to Freedom. Mr. Collins stated "this year will mark either year 29 or 30 – whichever it is, that's a lot of years!" Chairman Ancona provided a history lesson on how the event got started at the airport. He mentioned the first event was planned and executed by members of the Mt. Vernon Jaycees. "I can still remember talking about the lack of a City fireworks show and how someone or some group needs to step up and put one on. Those conversations happened on the porch of the old Jaycees Clubhouse over near the City Reservoir. Many years had passed since the City hosted a fireworks display at the City Park – long before it was renamed Veterans Park. That venue was too close to home and parking was scarce. The Jaycees worked with the airport and the City. The

Committee Members for that first event were Alan Hale, Keith Echols, Roger Riley, and me. Others involved were Wayne Cherry, Jim Dodson, Carey Lipps, and Larry Henn. I can still remember working the pit and hand lighting the fireworks. It was exciting.” Motion was made by Commissioner Chesney and seconded by Commissioner Wellmaker to approve the Salute to Freedom Celebration. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Signs

Mr. Collins mentioned the need for two specific signs. He presented images of both signs while introducing Mr. Michal Junik, a Senior Aviation Management Student at SIUC. Mr. Junik has been interning at the airport for the last two weeks. Mr. Junik’s first assignment was to design and procure the needed signage. Mr. Collins stated that after an insurance audit by the airport’s property and equipment underwriter back in the winter, a recommendation letter soon followed. Cincinnati Insurance recommends signs be posted around the lake to prohibit swimming and boating. The sign states the following: *Welcome to Mt. Vernon Outland Airport. Please Observe the Following: No Swimming, No Boating, No Activities After Sunset without Prior Permission, Avoid the Helipad Area At All Times, Call (618) 242-7016 to report unsafe conditions.*

Mr. Collins highlighted another useful sign that targets truck drivers bringing cargo to the airport for ‘just in time’ shipping. Many times the drivers stop at the fork in the road or go into the lobby at ARDL to ask for directions. The proposed new sign should speed things up. The left side of the sign contains a photo of a DC9 being loaded with a forklift. The right side of the sign contains “Gate #2” in large font with a large arrow pointing to the upper right. Above both the photo and the “Gate #2”/Arrow are the words AIR CARGO. Mr. Collins praised Mr. Junik for his willingness to help on various projects and informed the Commissioners the pair has much more to do this Summer.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Collins mentioned the airport has officially been given the concept jet discussed at the March, 2016 Meeting. The aircraft is in the Hansen Air Group Hangar in Kennesaw, Georgia. Mr. Collins will be organizing a party to make the trip to Georgia very soon. A large box truck will most likely be rented since the wings have been removed from the aircraft. Discussion ensued with the Commissioners expressing their excitement.

Mr. Collins notified the Commissioners that the outdoor walk in freezer failed on Monday, June 6th – the first day of 90 plus degree heat. When Donnie Wilkey arrived the morning of Tuesday, June 7th, some contents in the freezer were approaching 40 degrees. Due to health department standards, all food had to be discarded. Mr. Collins presented an itemized list of the contents and their replacement costs to the Commissioners and stated Mr. Wilkey had given him the list earlier in the day. Mr. Wilkey asked if Mr. Collins would be willing to turn in the expense to the airport’s insurance carrier for an insurance claim. If not, would the airport help Mr. Wilkey absorb the loss. Mr. Collins explained that Mr. Wilkey had accumulated a large inventory of food in the freezer over the last several months. Since Mr. Collins was previously made aware that a large portion of the inventory was purchased at sales prices as much, much less than regular retail, a retail based list was not a fair picture of the loss. Mr. Collins stated that he is

adamant about turning the situation over to the airport's insurance carrier for fear of premium cost increases, or even worse, making the airport uninsurable. Mr. Collins mentioned the airport had purchased a replacement walk in cooler/freezer unit at the Moose Club auction in January. Airport Maintenance simply has not had a chance to swap out units due to grass mowing demands. Since the purchase, Mr. Collins and Mr. Wilkey have been brainstorming ways to incorporate the new unit on the inside of the kitchen where the unit is not subject to extreme temperatures. Mr. Collins explained that perhaps one large or two upright freezers operating in the stockroom may be the smarter and cheaper way to go. Discussion ensued with Mr. Collins recommending the request be tabled so everyone involved can look at options and costs. He reiterated that an insurance claim would not be advisable

There being no additional business to discuss under Other Business, no further items for discussion on the Agenda, and no Executive Session items, motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.