

**MOUNT AIRY/SURRY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
**MEETING OF JULY 25, 2019**

The Mount Airy/Surry County Airport Authority met on July 25, 2019 for an Airport Authority meeting. The meeting was held at 6:00 pm at the Surry County Historic Courthouse, 114 West Atkins Street, Dobson, North Carolina.

Authority members present for the meeting were Authority Chairman Eddie Harris, Authority Vice Chairman Larry Johnson, Authority Member Jon Cawley, Authority Member Bill Goins, Authority Member Mark Marion, Authority Member David Rowe, and Authority Member Van Tucker.

Others present for the meeting, at various times, included:

Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager  
Rhonda Nixon, Budget and Performance Director  
George Crater, Airport Manager  
Ed Woltz, Airport Authority Attorney  
Tim Gruebel, Parrish and Partners

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Authority Chairman Eddie Harris called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

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The Authority reviewed the minutes of the May 23, 2019 meeting.

Upon motion of Authority Member Marion, seconded by Authority Member Tucker, the Authority voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2019 meeting.

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George Crater, Airport Manager, discussed a potential land swap and requested to move forward with the land appraisals. The potential swap would be less acres for the County, but the Airport Manager believes it would be a positive move. Once appraised, DOT Aviation Division would consider for approval. After their approval, the Airport Authority would make the decision whether or not to proceed. Tax values of the properties were discussed. Obtaining one appraisal is the norm in land swaps.

Upon motion of Authority Member Tucker, seconded by Authority Member Goins, the Authority voted unanimously to approve moving forward with the appraisals.

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Tim Gruebel, Parrish and Partners, presented a status report to the Authority. Mr. Gruebel reported on Phase I. He stated the earthwork is complete, the final seeding is done, stone is down, and the steel is being delivered. Parrish and Partners is working with Division of Water Quality on permits.

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George Crater, Airport Manager, gave an update on taxiway and lighting.

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George Crater, Airport Manager, gave an update on Phase II projects. Mr. Crater discussed a 6 million dollar project, being split in two phases. Mr. Crater stated water and sewer will be in Phase II. Phase II also includes grading and infrastructure.

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George Crater, Airport Manager, presented an Airport logo, designed by Surry Community College. The consensus of the Authority was to approve the logo.

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Ed Woltz, Airport Authority Attorney, presented the following legal updates:

The Airport Authority Attorney recommends requiring all enterprises operating on airport property to be subject to Airport Authority approval. He also suggested the mechanics that service planes be required to have the same liability coverage as the mechanic provided by the FBO. Mr. Woltz will bring the rules and regulations to the next Authority meeting for approval.

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Airport Authority Attorney Ed Woltz discussed the Brown access. A portion of Bluebird Lane has been deleted from the State Highway system by NC DOT. Rachel Bingham is consulting with the FAA on a proposed property swap that would assist in the Brown access. If there is not a property swap, Mr. Brown will need to purchase an easement. If a swap is made, an appraisal and survey of both properties will be done with a price determined for the value difference.

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Airport Authority Attorney Ed Woltz reported Dan Barrett has filed a motion to supplement the Court of Appeals lawsuit with a copy of the Federal complaint. The Court of Appeals lawsuit was heard without oral argument on March 26, 2019.

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Ed Woltz, Airport Authority Attorney, stated the Warthog Lane sale closed with all necessary approvals.

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Mr. Woltz discussed the need for a revised FBO contract to allocate responsibilities between the Airport Manager and the FBO. The current contract comingles the responsibilities since RA Tech used to hold both positions.

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The Airport Manager will explore the costs for a fuel truck.

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**There was no additional business to come before the Authority.**

**Upon motion of Authority Member Tucker, seconded by Authority Chairman Harris, the Authority voted unanimously to adjourn.**

**The meeting ended at 7:04 pm.**

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**Eddie Harris**  
**Airport Authority Chairman**

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**Sandy Snow**  
**Airport Authority Secretary**