

CHARLOTTE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.

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1. Call to Order

2. Invocation

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Commissioner Herston gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

15 **4. Roll Call**

Present: Chair Andrews; Commissioners Coppola, Hancik, Herston and Seay; Executive Director Quill; Attorney Garrard; Assistant Executive Director Parish; Mrs. Cauley; Ms. Desguin; Mr. Laroche; Mr. Mallard and Ms. Straw. **Others present:** Jim Kaletta, Gary Bayne, Bob Mauti, Vic Poitrias, Commissioner Doherty, Jim Deutsch, Thayne Klingler, Mark Kistler, other people and members of the press.

5. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

25 Mr. Quill moved the Lease Agreement with Allegiant Air for Hangar Space off the Consent Agenda to New Business.

6. Citizen's Input

30 **Luther Fitch** – Commented that he has filed a lawsuit on the Charlotte County Speedway on August 28th. He commented that Mr. Haase has until September 18th to respond and he has not heard anything from Mr. Haase. He commented that he is exercising his right in the contract with Mr. Haase. He wanted to let the Board know that if he does do business with the Authority he looks forward to getting the speedway up and running. He
35 commented that he has connections with the grandstands and lights and is ready to go. He commented that he needs the Authority's opinion and blessing.

7. Consent Agenda

40 **Commissioner Herston made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Seay seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

8. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

45 Mr. Quill commented that the income statement shows an operating gain for the month of July. He commented that the Speedway and Worldwide Flight Services are behind.

Commissioner Hancik asked if Worldwide was for fuel. Mr. Quill commented that is correct. Commissioner Herston asked if the audience sees what the Board sees on the screen and when the Board discusses the budget can it be made for the audience to see. Mr. Parish explained that it is too small. Commissioner Herston commented that he hears that
5 people around town keep saying that the Authority is losing millions of dollars and can it be pointed out on the statement of revenues and expenses. He commented that if the Authority is losing millions of dollars what is the Authority not doing that they should be doing. He understands that the Authority is doing everything correctly. Commissioner Seay
10 commented that she has not seen anything that says the Authority is losing anything. She commented that it looks like the Authority is making millions. Commissioner Hancik commented that if you go back to the budget it shows that there is depreciation. Mr. Quill commented that it was addressed He commented that what was talked about is what is the role of depreciation on the government side. He commented that in the private sector it is has a purpose. He commented that when looking at the airfield the Authority assumes that
15 the Authority will get grants to cover that. He commented that the first time the Authority applied depreciation in an airport setting was with the airline. He commented on the presentation last week that presented the depreciation attributable to the airline and proportionate share of other items. He commented the Authority still came out over a million dollars ahead. He commented if the Authority put depreciation on commercial
20 businesses the market cannot support it. He commented that if the Authority put depreciation on T-hangars more people would be chased out. He commented that Commissioner Hancik is correct that the depreciation on paper is two million and it is an issue. He commented that a lot of small airports are facing negative financial returns. He commented that the Airport's passenger traffic is up and opined that the Authority is doing well. Commissioner Seay commented that the auditor had mentioned addressing
25 depreciation a few years ago. She commented on the Authority having a complete and total destruction of the airport and the depreciation that the Authority is seeing is the rebuilding of the airport. She commented that saying the sky is falling because there is deprecation in the budget is a little beyond as to what is important in the budget. She commented on the planning process that Mr. Quill and Mr. Parish have in place to assure that the funds are covered and to set aside the funds that are needed. She commented that if the Authority had looked at this when the airport got destroyed the Authority could have folded their tent and went home, but they did not and good planning has gotten the Authority to this point. She commented that this is not a snapshot; it is the past, present and future. Commissioner
30 Hancik commented that he agrees in general terms but when there are statements made publically that the Authority operates the airport as a business and if the Authority operates as a business the Authority needs to recognize depreciation. He commented that the Authority should change the comments that are put out to the public that the Authority operates on a public entity accounting system. Commissioner Coppola commented that the
40 Authority does operate as a business and opined it is a successfully well-run business. Chair Andrews commented that the Authority receives no tax support and the Authority is responsible to generate its own revenue which is a business function. Commissioner Herston asked if the Authority is trying to say they don't operate as a business. Commissioner Hancik commented that the Authority does not recognize deprecation but run it like a business. He commented that the problem is not recognizing deprecation. He
45 commented that he recalls that the auditor said the Authority should start recognizing

depreciation. Commissioner Herston asked how to do that. Commissioner Hancik commented that you would put it in the budget over the years of depreciation. He gave the example of T-hangars. Mr. Quill asked Commissioner Hancik if he meant to recognize the T-hangars, should the Authority increase the rental rate to cover that. Commissioner Hancik stated that he is not saying that. Mr. Quill asked if it should all go on the airline. Commissioner Hancik commented something like that. Mr. Quill commented that the Authority did and went through it last week at the budget presentation on the airline cost center slide. He went over the slide again and explained that under the residual approach the Authority would make \$1.1 million from the airline. (Copy attached) Commissioner Hancik commented that the residual approach or compensatory approach could be discussed. Mr. Quill asked what Commissioner Hancik had in Springfield. Commissioner Hancik replied they had compensatory and did a rates and charges survey. He commented if that is the way the Authority wants to go that is fine as it relates to Allegiant and they have a great market here and are doing quite well. Commissioner Seay congratulated Mr. Quill and Mr. Parish for doing an excellent job of operating this airport and should be proud of everything that has been accomplished.

9. Committee Reports

a) **Land Use** – Commissioner Herston reported that the private side continues to be brisk. He commented on the Comp Plan. He commented that there are some things associated with agricultural property and residential estate properties.

b) **Economic Development** – Chair Andrews reported that the real estate market is still strong in Charlotte County. He commented on a shortage of housing. He reported that foreclosures are down in Charlotte County. He reported that at the ECEC meeting he attended there was a presentation and one of the things that was brought up was the shortage of labor. He commented on Cheney Brothers getting ready to open their doors. He reported that his office is receiving inquiries on rental properties. He commented on the article in the paper about the Sarasota Bradenton Airport reducing their fees. He commented that it is now \$11.69 per enplanement plus PFCs. Commissioner Seay reported that the News Press had an article that RSW is reducing their fees as well. Chair Andrews suggested that there be a workshop where the Authority can put the fees to bed. He commented that he does not want the airport defined by user fees. He opined that the airport has an economic impact. He gave the example of the rental cars and that one percent goes to the county. He commented that there are more than just charges.

c) **Personnel** - Commissioner Coppola had nothing to report.

d) **Public Relations/Special Events** – Commissioner Coppola reported on two newspaper articles. She commented that the one from Sarasota Herald Tribune talked about the passenger increase for the month of August and the one from the News Press reported on the terminal expansion and passenger growth. She commented on the Pioneer Parade. Chair Andrews reported that it rained.

- 5 e) **Government Liaison** – Commissioner Seay commented that the Authority needs to get ready what they want to present to the Legislative Delegation on October 15th. She reported that there are some pre-filed bills that may affect the Authority. She reported that there is a bill in the Senate and a companion bill in the House to raise the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour. She suggested having Mr. Paul keep an eye on that and is not sure that the Authority will want to look at it. She reported there is a bill on state contracts, one on absentee voting, changes to the Florida Competitive Workforce Act, public infrastructure and facilities, the display of the Confederate Flag and public records. She reported on the push to privatize the air traffic control system and the FAA. She commented on not having any changes to the Enabling Legislation and the Legislators do not like the Authority to bring changes every year.
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- 15 f) **Metropolitan Planning Organization** – Commissioner Herston reported that at the last MPO meeting there was a presentation of the draft of the 2040 Long Range Plan Transportation Plan. He commented that the Long Range Transportation Plan is mandated by the FDOT. He commented that the MPOAC meeting is at the end of October in Orlando.
- 20 g) **Aviation Activities Report** – Commissioner Hancik reported that the slides are self-explanatory. He commented that the passenger count for August of this year is over August last year by 55%, but year to date is 35% to 38% growth which is still tremendous growth rate. He reported that fuel sales increased over last year.

10. Attorney's Report

25 Attorney Garrard commented that at the last meeting Gulf Contours lease was on the Agenda and the Board asked him to approve it because it was not signed. He reported he received a signed copy last week from their lawyer and after looking at the Accounts Receivable they are three months behind on rent. He commented that he can't recommend approving the new Gulf Contours lease until they bring their arrearage up to date. Chair Andrews commented that he agrees with that. Attorney Garrard commented that he would contact their lawyer and let them know. Commissioner Seay asked if Mr. Goin has a plan of any kind. Mr. Quill commented that he knows Gulf Contours is on a payment schedule for property taxes. Commissioner Coppola commented that construction is starting to pick up again. Chair Andrews commented that kitchen cabinets is more of a remodel.

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35 Commissioner Herston suggested as a condition he pay double rent for the first three months. He suggested they pay the total past due rent and then pay \$12,000 before they start paying rent. He opined something needs to get worked out.

11. Executive Director's Report

40 a) **Development Update** – Mr. Parish reported that the terminal expansion will open Monday morning at 4:30 a.m. and they are scrambling with a long list of things that need to be resolved and completed. He commented that everyone is working fourteen to fifteen hour days and most of the staff will be here this weekend. He reported that the Taxiway A grant is on its way. He commented that there will be a pre-construction meeting and he would like to get the project underway as soon as possible. He reportedd

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that work continues on the design on the parking lot. He reported that some modifications to the general aviation access gates should start at the end of the month. He reported that at the end of the year the estimated fee estimate on the master plan should be done and will get that off to the FAA for their approval. He commented that will be an entitlement grant for next year. He commented on the report being finalized on moving the general aviation facility. He commented that the Authority will be talking to the FAA about funding the taxiway and the ramp and the Authority already has support from the FDOT on the building.

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10 **b) Misc. Items** – Mr. Quill reported that Corey Terminal Advertising out of Atlanta is interested in taking over the terminal advertising. He commented that Ms. Desguin surveyed a number of entities and went through the Authority’s positions and came up with some new minimums in the pay scales. He commented that the Authority had not increased the starting pay in ten years and it is in the budget. He commented that Commissioner Hancik asked him to survey eight other cities in regards to pay in the top three pay positions and will have them in October. He commented that the proposed changes in the personnel policy manual will be on the October agenda. He commented that tourism development tax is up 17%. He commented that Michael Boyd, who is an air service guru, said at a recent conference that it is possible that one hundred to one hundred fifty airports could lose air service due to pilot shortage. He introduced Thayne Klingler who is with Allegiant Airlines out of Las Vegas. He commented that the Authority is happy that Allegiant just added three cities. Mr. Klingler commented that he is the manager of airports, airport planning and airport affairs, contracts and agreements where Allegiant flies. He commended the Airport Authority board and administration on the excellent job they have done and their vision. He commented that it is a unique model that the Authority has and the model was very attractive to Allegiant when they first came to Punta Gorda. He commented that the no cost and no Facility Passenger Charge is significant and gets much recognition throughout the corporate headquarters of Allegiant Airlines. He commented that the reason they were able to grow so quickly is because of the structure the Authority has. He explained that Allegiant offers low air fare and that is what stimulates the demand and why they are so successful in so many markets across the country. He commented that they are in one hundred and seven markets which is more than Southwest. He commented that their growth rates by the end of the year is 50%. He commented that he expects new routes to come online to exciting new cities and they are serving larger cities that traditionally they did not serve. He commented on the jobs that are created. He commented that the new terminal is amazing and he likes the fiscally responsible way it was built and it is cost effective. He commented that Allegiant serves the Mesa-Gateway Airport. He commented that it had the similar beginnings as Punta Gorda and they are maybe three or four years ahead of where the Airport is now. He commented that their terminal expansion was similar to what the Authority is doing and kept the costs low. He commented that when they decided to build a first phase of a new terminal at a cost of \$340 million with twelve gates and the end vision was to have a terminal with 64 gates at a much higher cost. He commented that that airport said they needed to do it to bring more airlines there. He commented that Spirit and Frontier came and left. He commented that Gateway 2030 project was abandoned. He

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commented that the Allegiant revenue guys think there is a revenue premium at the airport in Sky Harbor, and the Airport Authority at Gateway does not get what Allegiant wants to do and are trying to do something different. He commented that Allegiant may end up leaving. He suggested that the Authority continue down the path that they are going and Allegiant appreciates it. He commented that growth is expected to continue and Allegiant appreciates the Authority's support. Commissioner Seay commented on adding a destination so the Authority can see them in Las Vegas. Mr. Klingler commented that there is a lot of interest from the Florida airports regarding Las Vegas. He commented that Allegiant does not do a lot of long haul flights but with the Airbus' coming on board they are more fuel efficient. He commented that the MD80 fleet will be converted to an all Airbus fleet at Punta Gorda by the end of the year which is a first in their system. He commented that the Airbus' are much quieter. He commented that there are five permanently based aircraft at Punta Gorda and by the spring there will be six and by next spring seven. Commissioner Herston commented that the Authority is proud to be partners and have worked hard to keep the airport low cost. He commented that he will do what he can to keep it that way.

12. Old Business

a) **Three Palms Speedway** – Mr. Quill commented that the Speedway is behind on their rent, behind on their property taxes and the grandstands issue. He pointed out that two previous operators are responsible for a portion of the taxes. He commented that he will get with Attorney Garrard to send a letter to have them get in compliance. Commissioner Herston asked how many years are they behind on taxes. Mr. Quill commented that they signed the lease in the fall of 2013 and at that time two previous operators still owed taxes. He commented that because it is government property there can't be a lien against it. He commented that staff has discussed with the tax collector that the tenant will sign a document that they will pay their property taxes quarterly. Attorney Garrard explained that the law suit that Mr. Fitch filed against Three Palms Speedway is based on a promissory note secured by leasehold mortgage on the lease with Three Palms Speedway. He commented that if the creditor requests the landlord's consent to subordinate the lease to the note, and in this case they did not, and if Mr. Fitch wins his judgement against the Speedway it still has to come to the Authority to approve any lease and is not carte blanc. Commissioner Seay commented that at the last meeting Mr. Haase's son was here and stated that he would have the grandstands in three weeks and it is now four and a half. She commented that she has checked with the County and there has been no effort to obtain a permit. She commented that she had talked with the people that Mr. Haase stated he had been dealing with regarding the grandstands and a year and a half ago when they had put down \$1,000.00 on planking, not the risers, and never completed the payments. She commented that Mr. Haase had commented on leasing seats and the Authority had made an arrangement with the Speedway that they would put in grandstands and the grandstands would become the property of the Authority. She pointed out the difference between grandstands and bleachers. She commented that there was to be grandstands and not bleachers. She opined that there is a lease that is in arrears, taxes in arrears, violation of an agreement that said the Authority would have grandstands and opined that enough is enough and

5 suggested talking with someone who is able to do something with the racetrack. She
opined that the Authority was misled. She commented that sending a letter will delay
things. She suggested to start proceedings against Three Palms Speedway and Mr.
Haase for nine months of back rent that the Authority granted so grandstands could be
10 installed and the taxes paid. She commented that the Speedway has not done anything
to show the Authority that they can perform under the lease. She commented that the
property is derelict. She suggested that the Authority institute immediate action against
the racetrack to remove them from the property. Commissioner Coppola asked if they
15 have held any events. Commissioner Seay commented that they have had a couple of
events and are not able to get a count on how many people are showing up to race. She
commented that they have failed to pay insurance on a couple of occasions. She
commented that she is looking for proof that there was an event and they did not have
insurance and if something would have happened the Authority would have been
20 responsible. She commented that there are a couple of events coming up and she is not
sure if there is insurance. She commented that the Authority has some issues that
include insurance that is not paid, grandstands that are not paid, a lease not paid and
taxes unpaid and the Authority is allowing someone to be here when there are people
willing to step up to the plate. Commissioner Herston asked why does the Authority
25 not file an action to take control of the situation. He commented to have the Judge make
a determination on the lawsuit. Attorney Garrard commented on the Florida Landlord
Tenant Act where the landlord gives a five day notice of the violation and there is a
hearing on that then twenty day waiting period for a summons to be served and then
there is Mr. Fitch's lawsuit. He commented that Mr. Fitch will be claiming security
30 interest on some of the portable property, which is anything the Authority does not
own. Chair Andrews commented that if the decision is made today is to begin the
process it is not going to happen overnight. Commissioner Seay commented that at one
time Attorney Garrard talked with Darol Carr about the problems that the Authority
has encountered with the track and suggested talking with him again. Commissioner
35 Coppola commented on the Speedway having insurance before an event takes place
and that the Authority should have a copy of the insurance. Mr. Quill commented that
the Authority had received notice that they have paid their insurance and at one point
it did lapse. Commissioner Coppola suggested that there is insurance now while the
Authority is waiting on the process. **Commissioner Seay made a motion to authorize
40 Mr. Quill and Mr. Garrard to institute appropriate legal process leading to the
eviction of Three Palms Speedway LLC. Commissioner Coppola seconded.**
Commissioner Hancik asked if the Authority is leaving themselves open to some sort
of process when saying leading to eviction. Would it be safer saying leading to eviction
or correction? Attorney Garrard commented that there is grounds for eviction.
Commissioner Coppola commented that the Authority has given them two years for
45 correction already. There was discussion on the deposits that have been made.
Commissioner Coppola commented that the Authority gives a tenant leeway and
encouragement and they still do this and it is upsetting. Commissioner Herston asked
if Attorney Garrard will be handling the eviction and is there a need for the Farr firm.
Attorney Garrard opined that there is no sense spending a lot of money on attorney's
fees when you can't collect something at the end. He commented that it is a Limited

Liability Company which he opined has limited finances. **Motion passed unanimously.**

13. New Business

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- a) **Legislative Delegation Meeting - October 15th** - Commissioner Seay explained that the legislative meeting is intended to provide the Authority an opportunity to meet with their legislators to ask for anything that the Authority would want. She commented that last year the Authority asked for funds to support the project with Western Michigan University and they were very supportive, but due to some negotiation issues that temporarily was set on the back burner. She is suggesting the Board go to the Legislative Delegation this year and ask for their support again on the Western Michigan University project. She commented on pilot shortages, the need for flight training, tourism and economic development and the necessity for a work force are addressed through the Western Michigan University relationship. She commented that there is a possibility that Western Michigan University will come to Punta Gorda, and the probability that they will come strictly to the airport is even higher. She commented that Western Michigan University has told their board of trustees that they want to come to Florida and have chosen Punta Gorda for their flight training and aviation side. She commented that the Authority has to make a decision as to whether the Authority wants to continue to support them and to ask the Legislative Delegation for their support. She recommends that the Authority can ask if they have their support and the Authority will get back to them as soon as they have more information, or the Authority can put a dollar figure on it. She commented on an article in the paper on the Impac building which is not the Authority's and the health care programs Western Michigan University has been operating in Charlotte County. She commented that the Authority should be focusing on the aviation side, aviation programs and the opportunity for their flight school to be here. She commented that the Airport has had a tremendous economic impact on the County, and bringing the aviation program to the Airport would be a tremendous boom for the airport, the county, the workforce development, flight training and addressing the pilot shortage. She commented that the Airport will look great and she would like to bring that as one of the ideas for the Authority to take to the Legislative Delegation when asking for their continued approval in the upcoming year. She commented that it has been adjusted to accommodate whatever the County may or may not need, but the Authority is looking at it from only the airport prospective. She commented that the Florida Department of Transportation had approved \$2.5 million and the Authority may need to go back to them. She commented that the Authority needs their Legislative Delegation to support the Airport in pursuing the aviation program. She commented that Western Michigan University has an A&P program that they would like to bring it to Punta Gorda. She commented that there are not any changes to the Authority's enabling legislation and asked the Authority to think about anything that they may want to bring to the Legislature. Commissioner Herston commented that this is an action to appoint a representative and he was a representative
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two years ago when he was chairman so he is out. Commissioner Seay suggested that Chair Andrews would be a good choice. Chair Andrews commented that he will be the representative. Commissioner Coppola commented that a lot of this has been lumped with the Impac building and that is where the controversy is. She commented that she is definitely for Western Michigan University coming to Punta Gorda but is not crazy about the other part. She asked if Western Michigan University actually needs the Impac building or could they build on the airport rather than spend \$6.3 million to buy a building that is in need of a lot of work. She asked how does the Authority separate the two. Commissioner Seay commented that you don't mention it because the Authority is not part of the Impac building which was a county initiative. She commented that when Western Michigan University came to the Authority it was to discuss the possibility of bringing the aviation school to the Airport. She commented that Western Michigan University wanted to locate to Florida and they had looked at several locations in Florida and they narrowed it down to Southwest Florida. She commented that after talking with the Authority they wanted to come to Punta Gorda. She explained that the original idea was for Western Michigan University to bring only the aviation program to Florida and it ballooned from there. She commented that Western Michigan have made the choice to come to Punta Gorda and the Authority should facilitate that process and help them to come to the Airport. She commented that they have the money to invest and that is a very positive growth opportunity for the Airport. She commented if the Authority wants to ask for support for Western Michigan University it will need a vote from the Board before the Authority can speak. Commissioner Coppola commented that she spoke with Representative Roberson and he said that they are convening a month earlier this year. Commissioner Seay commented that it might be good for the Authority to contemplate those issues and if the Authority would want to take a stand on any of them it might be something that the Authority can talk about mentioning that the Authority is not asking for funding, but asking for support or non-support of certain issues.

b) Purchase Tractor - Mr. Quill commented that the federal government is requiring additional pollution equipment on the tractor the Authority wants to purchase effective before October 1, 2015. Mr. Parish commented that the tractor was in next year's budget. He explained that the existing tractor is approaching twelve years old and has reached its limit of useful life. He commented that the Authority will continue to use it as a back-up and a secondary tractor during mowing season. He commented that purchasing the tractor after October 1st will increase the purchase price by eight thousand dollars because it would require changing one of the tanks which would be a challenge. He is requesting the Board to approve purchase of the tractor this month on a State Contract. He commented that by this purchase it would continue the existing routine with the same tanks so the Authority does not have multiply tanks and additional costs. Commissioner Herston asked if the Authority is required to purchase under the State Contract. Mr. Parish explained that the Authority could go out to bid but the State Contract price has been negotiated by the state and is generally cheaper.

He commented that this tractor is the same as the ones used on the side of the highways. He explained that it is a large Kubota tractor and the price is about twenty-five thousand dollars cheaper than if the Authority brought it off the showroom floor. Commissioner Seay asked if it is covered in the budget and where is it coming from. Mr. Quill commented that it will come out of current year budget. Coppola asked if there is a trade-in value of the old tractor. Mr. Parish commented that the Authority looked at trading it in but prefer to keep the old one as a back-up. He commented that the current back-up was taken off inventory six months ago and sent to the scrap yard. He commented that there is not a back-up right now and this will put the New Holland into the back-up role. Commissioner Coppola asked didn't the Authority have a different kind of mower called a cow in the past. Mr. Parish commented that the Authority still leases about four hundred acres that is not mowed. He commented that you cannot let cattle roam inside the airport fence. Commissioner Hancik stated that the Authority will pay for the tractor out of the current budget, and is there money in the budget. Mr. Parish commented that it was taken out. Commissioner Hancik suggested buying two tractors and get it over with. Mr. Parish commented that the Authority does not have the manpower to run two. He commented that when equipment sits it tends to deteriorate faster and the Authority can keep one running eight hours a day five days a week. He commented mowing is done seven days a week and when the tractor is down or in maintenance the back-up will be used. **Commissioner Seay made a motion to approve the purchase of the new tractor in the amount of \$72,028.66. Commissioner Herston seconded.** Commissioner Hancik asked if that would require a budget adjustment. Mr. Quill commented that an amendment will be done at year-end. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- c) **Allegiant Lease** - Mr. Quill commented that Allegiant is interested in leasing 10,740 square feet in the FBO building which used to be Eastern Avionics. He commented that these are typically done on the consent agenda but it was pulled off. He commented that it is \$5.19 per square foot. He commented that this lease would be on a month-to-month basis. **Commissioner Seay made a motion to approve the lease with Allegiant Air. Commissioner Coppola seconded.** Commissioner Herston asked if it was a signed lease. Mr. Quill commented that after approval it will be mailed to corporate for signatures. Mr. Parish commented that the Authority has been negotiating with Allegiant and they have agreed to it, but the Authority has not gotten a signature. **Motion passed unanimously.**

14. Citizen's Input

Vic Poitrias - Asked if there are any tours of the new terminal. Mr. Quill commented that after the meeting he'll have some people walk through. Mr. Poitrias asked if there are any other repayments, besides the Sheriff's office, that the Airport has to make back to the county for resources that are used at the airport. Mr. Quill wanted it clarified on what services. He commented that the Authority pays the Sheriff's department and the Authority is on their health insurance policy. Mr. Poitrias asked if the Authority was aware of the six

fire fighters that are out there. Mr. Quill said he was. Mr. Poitrias asked who pays their salary and benefits. Mr. Quill commented that the county taxpayers pay the firefighters. He commented that they provide service to the airport and to the community off of the airport. Mr. Poitrias commented that the idea of no tax money being used by the airport isn't true. Mr. Quill commented that the Authority is not charging them rent on the building. Mr. Poitrias asked is it for engine 7 and rescue 7 or for the two vehicles. Mr. Quill commented that the Authority provides the ARRF vehicles. Mr. Poitrias was concerned with the salaries for the firefighters that are dedicated. Mr. Quill commented that they serve both the airport and the community, or are you talking about the two that are on staff for the airport. Mr. Poitrias commented that there are two bodies and with the shifts they have it turns out to be six salaries and they are dedicated strictly to the airport. He commented that if there is a fire in town they stay at the airport. Mr. Quill commented that this is the county and the city has a separate fire department. Mr. Poitrias commented that if it is a county fire. Mr. Quill commented that the two positions do stay at the airport. Mr. Poitrias commented that the fact the salaries are not paid by the airport the taxpayers are paying those salaries. Mr. Quill commented that is correct. Mr. Poitrias commented that the Authority is doing a good job, but the idea that the Authority claim that no taxpayer money is being spent towards the airport and that is really not the case. Commissioner Seay commented that the Authority provides the building at \$1 a year so it balances and it seems to her that the Authority is doing a fine job and if something should happen at the airport does that not have an impact on the county. Mr. Poitrias commented that he is not sure what their salaries are but he is going to make a public request to the county administrator to find out what they are. He commented that you take salaries and benefits the numbers get up there pretty good. He will do further research and he will get back to the board. Chair Andrews stated that the Authority does not receive ad valorem tax support which went away in 1993. He commented that if you want to boil it down to paying two salaries here and the lease and we can tweak it and adjust it anyway you want to make it look. Mr. Quill commented that the airport does have coverage by the Sheriff's Department and Fire Department as does every piece of property in the county. Mr. Poitrias commented that the Authority is paying back the Sheriff's Department but the salaries and benefits of the two firefighters are not being repaid.

Jim Kaletta - Commented that the FAA has a program called the Master Pilot Award. He explained that it is a program where a person flies for fifty years with no accidents and violations. He reported that on October 17th he will be giving four local pilots the award and it will be held in the EAA building at 1:00 pm. He commented that he is working with the airport and making this a dual meeting because the airport is ready to announce all the improvements. He commented that he will make it into a Wings program and whoever comes will receive credit.

15. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Coppola - Commented that it was a pleasure to meet the gentlemen from Allegiant and thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Seay - Passed

Chair Andrews - Thanked everybody for coming.

16. Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

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Paul Andrews, Chair

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Kathleen Coppola, Secretary/Treasurer

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