

**Westmoreland County Airport Authority
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
October 15, 2024**

Regular Meeting

The Regularly Scheduled September meeting of the Westmoreland County Airport Authority was held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024, in the Authority Conference Room at Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Unity Township, Pennsylvania, in accordance with notice given.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rossi, who led the Pledge of Allegiance and directed that the following members be recorded as present:

Donald Rossi - Chairman
P. Richard Ridilla - Secretary
Gary Beck Sr. - Asst. Sec/Treas
Janice Smarto
Mark Gera
Paul Whittaker
Richard Pologruto

Also present were: Executive Director Gabe Monzo; attorney Amber Leechalk of Avolio Law, authority solicitor; Scott Kunselman of McFarland-Johnson, authority engineers; Ethan Hine of KTH Architects; Joe Wells, Latrobe Bulletin; Renatta Signorini, Tribune-Review; Valetta Mowry, pilot; Don Armitage of Laurel Highlands Jet Center; Anthony DeNunzio of DeNunzio's Chophouse; Airport Manager Moe Haas and Grants Director Dwayne Pickels.

Public Comments - None

Approval of Minutes

Upon the motion of Mrs. Smarto, seconded by Mr. Pologruto, minutes of the Sept. 10, 2024, regular meeting were unanimously approved.

Arnold Palmer Regional Airport and Rostraver Treasurer's Reports - Mr. Beck reviewed treasurers reports for September.

- Upon the motion of Mr. Pologruto, seconded by Mr. Ridilla, the September, 2024, treasurer's report for Arnold Palmer Regional Airport was unanimously approved.
- Upon the motion of Mr. Whittaker, seconded by Mr. Gera, the September, 2024, treasurer's report for Rostraver Airport was unanimously approved.

Rostraver Committee Report -

The restaurant facility at Rostraver Airport passed a health inspection recently, Mr. Beck reported.

Another tenant is proposing construction of a 70'x65' by 20' high hangar that is in line with the master plan at the airport and the developer is working with the authority's engineers to meet all requirements and specifications.

Upon the motion of Mr. Ridilla, seconded by Mr. Beck, approval to continue with plans to construct a new hangar were approved unanimously.

Property Committee Report -

Mrs. Smarto reported that she and the solicitor have reviewed the Dunkin’ property purchase proposal have proposed some slight changes, “otherwise, it looks good,” she said. “I think it will fly.”

Engineering Report - Mr. Ridilla

Mr. Ridilla reported that McFarland Johnson was selected as the authority’s primary engineering firm for the next five years. “We advertised for proposals and received one proposal,” Mr. Monzo added.

Upon the motion of Mr. Ridilla, seconded by Mr. Gera, selection of McFarland Johnson as primary engineering firm for the next five years was unanimously approved.

“Thank you,” Mr. Kunselman said. “We appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve the authority.”

**Engineer’s Update Report - by Mr. Kunselman of McFarland-Johnson
ARNOLD PALMER REGIONAL AIRPORT**

Relocate Taxiways D and E

This project calls for relocation of stub taxiways to meet current FAA safety guidance, Mr. Kunselman said. A pre-construction meeting was held on July 29, 2024. Construction is planned to start in the spring of 2025.

Terminal Addition & Improvements/Apron Equipment Storage Building Design

This project is to design and bid an addition and improvements for the terminal.

For the Equipment Building project, the general contractor, Allegheny Construction Group, requests subcontract approval for Danmar Contracting Inc. (Delmont, Demolition) at \$78,670.

A pre-construction meeting was held for the first phase of the terminal project on July 26, 2024. Construction is tentatively planned to begin in October.

The general contractor, Allegheny Construction, requests subcontract approval for the following subcontractors:

- Caldwell’s Windoware Inc. (Window shades - Pittsburgh) at \$7,720
- A. Folino Construction, Inc. (Paving – Oakmont, PA) at \$88,600.00
- Danmar Contracting, Inc. (Site Work – Delmont, PA) at \$483,185.00
- HB Reynolds, Inc. (Glass & Glazing –Emsworth, PA) at \$250,570.00
- Joseph Testa Concrete Contracting, Inc. (Concrete/Foundation Excavation, Carnegie) at \$1,055,000.00
- Massaro Industries (Tile – Oakmont, PA) at \$73,800.00
- MultiMetals, Inc. (Steel Fabrication & Erection – Greensburg, PA) at \$1,195,467.00
- Redwood Construction (Roofing - Washington, PA) at \$658,967.00
- Schrock Fence Company (Uniontown, PA – Fencing) at \$15,703.00,
- PLP Company (Bethel Park, PA – Line Painting) at \$58,500.00
- Courtman Painting, Inc. (Painting – Pittsburgh, PA) at \$96,810.00
- Tom Brown Contracting, Inc. (Waterproofing & Membranes - Lawrence, PA) at \$111,450.00.

Upon the motion of Mr. Beck, seconded by Mr. Gera, subcontract approval for the above listed contractors was approved unanimously.

Snow Removal Vehicle and Equipment

This project is to acquire a 20-foot broom, carrier vehicle and equipment for snow removal through the Costars program using a BIL grant from the FAA to replace an existing obsolete vehicle, Mr. Kunselman said. The vehicle was delivered on May 30, 2024 and a final inspection was held with FAA on June 27, 2024. Punch list items have been addressed.

ATCT Improvements

This project consists of habitability and accessibility improvements of the Air Traffic Control Tower, which was originally built in 1981. The project is 100% FAA funded, Mr. Kunselman said. Final inspection for Phase I was held on June 27, 2024, with punch list items remaining to be addressed. The authority received a Phase II grant for up to \$1.2 million for installation of an elevator. Bids were opened June 13, 2024. A pre-construction meeting was held Sept. 4, 2024. Construction is planned to being in the fall.

The Plumbing contractor, HRANEC Sheet Metal Inc., requests subcontract approval for:
- EPI Insulation Company, Inc. (Plumbing Insulation – Parkersburg, WV) at \$1,650.00.

The HVAC contractor, HRANEC Sheet Metal, Inc., requests subcontract approval for:
- EPI Insulation Company, Inc. (HVAC Insulation – Parkersburg, WV) at \$950.00
- Kahoe Air Balance Company (HVAC Testing & Balancing - Eastlake, OH) at \$685.00.

Upon the motion of Mr. Pologruto, seconded by Mr. Whittaker, subcontractor approval was granted unanimously.

GA Corporate Hangar Entrance

This project would include access and parking improvements to the corporate hangar area. Preliminary plans and renderings have been prepared and funding is being sought. The engineer noted that, due to compliance issues with TSA regulations, it is proposed to move forward with modifications proposed by the engineer in the near future with authority funds to improve safety and security and seek reimbursement of those costs when the larger project is funded.

ROSTRAVER AIRPORT:

AWOS Replacement

Design has begun to replace the existing AWOS, which was installed in 2000 and is now obsolete, Mr. Kunselman said. Bids are scheduled for the late fall of 2024 and a grant application will be filed with FAA in January, 2025.

Promotions - Mr. Monzo reported that the 2024 airshow appears to be breaking even with about \$32,000 in donations to various organizations. “It’s a win. Everybody worked hard and we all lived through it. Everybody’s still smiling.”

Mr. Rossi noted the ongoing contributions of Shop ’N Save as a primary sponsor.

REQUISITIONS - Mr. Pickels reviewed the requisitions for October, 2024:

LATROBE

- Latrobe 66-22 (Acquire SRE) Requisition No. 6, totaling \$1,214.77
- Latrobe 72-24 (TW D&E CA) Requisition No. 3, totaling \$12,244.15
- Latrobe 73-24 (ATCT PH II) Requisition No. 3, totaling \$1,400.00
- Latrobe 74-24 (Terminal Add & Improve) Req. No. 1, totaling \$25,827.28
- Latrobe WCIDC (Requisition No. 9, totaling \$57,014.26

Special Projects Account 7110075814 Req. No. 257, totaling \$1,345.90

Upon the motion of Mr. Whittaker, seconded by Mr. Beck, requisitions for October, 2024, were unanimously approved as presented.

Solicitor’s Report - Amber Leechalk

Mrs. Leechalk had no additional report.

Westmoreland County Airport Authority

Executive Director's Report — Mr. Monzo reported that,

“We have been getting a lot of feedback from several agencies across the county on us flying in immigrants in the middle of the night, thousands at a time...I just want to dispel that rumor, and do it emphatically. We are NOT doing that. In order to do that, an aircraft the size of Spirit's, which hold 175 people, we would have to do five of those in the middle of the night.

If we were doing that, I guarantee you that the people of Lawson Heights would hand me in effigy in front of Joe's Store. So it's not happening. We have over 100 cameras on this airport. If anyone has a picture of us bringing in immigrants, please provide it to me and we will investigate it thoroughly. I've heard it from everybody, but it's not happening.”

Adjournment

With no further business, upon the motion of Mrs.Smarto, seconded by Mr. Ridilla, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the authority will be held **Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 9 a.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Dwayne Pickels, Grants Director