

**Westmoreland County Airport Authority  
Regularly Scheduled Meeting  
June 10, 2025**

# Regular Meeting

The Regularly Scheduled May meeting of the Westmoreland County Airport Authority was held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 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. Whittaker, who led the Pledge of Allegiance and directed that the following members be recorded as present:

Paul Whittaker - Chairman  
Janice Smarto - Vice Chairman  
Edward Kilkeary, Sr. - Secretary  
Donald Rossi  
Gary Beck Sr.  
Mark Gera  
Richard Pologruto

Also present were: Executive Director Gabe Monzo; attorney Amber Leechalk of Avolio Law, authority solicitor; Raena Lindemuth of McFarland-Johnson, authority engineers; Richard Cholodofsky of the Tribune Review; Pilot Valetta Mowry; Anthony DeNunzio of DeNunzio's; Airport Manager Moe Haas and Grants Director Dwayne Pickels.

**Public Comments** - None

## Approval of Minutes

Upon the motion of Mr. Pologruto, seconded by Mr. Kilkeary, minutes of the May 13, 2025, regular meeting were unanimously approved.

## Arnold Palmer Regional Airport and Rostraver Treasurer's Reports -

Mr. Kilkeary reviewed treasurers reports for May, 2025.

Upon the motion of Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mrs. Smarto the May, 2025, treasurer's report for Arnold Palmer Regional Airport was unanimously approved.

Upon the motion of Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Pologruto, the May, 2025, treasurer's report for Rostraver Airport was unanimously approved.

**Rostraver Committee Report** - Mr. Beck reported that the new restaurant at the airport is doing really well, he added.

Mr. Monzo said the proprietor of the Blaine Hill Catering restaurant has extended an invitation to the board to visit and try the restaurant and suggested that the board could hold an upcoming meeting at the Rostraver Airport and try the restaurant. "It's up to you," he told the board, which agreed and will have the meeting notice amended for the October, 2025, meeting. The solicitor will advertise the meeting location change.

Upon the motion of Mr. Pologruto, seconded by Mr. Kilkeary, a motion to hold the October authority meeting at Rostraver Airport was unanimously approved.

**Property Committee Report** - Mr. Gera had no report.

**Engineer's Update Report - by Raena Lindemuth of McFarland-Johnson**

**ARNOLD PALMER REGIONAL AIRPORT**

**Relocate Taxiways D and E**

Mrs. Lindemuth reported that the prime contractor, A. Liberoni, Inc., is requesting subcontract approval for KU Hillis-Carnes Engineering Associates Inc. (Pittsburgh - Materials Testing) in the amount of \$60,000. This project is to remove and reconstruct two stub taxiways to meet current FAA safety guidance.

Upon the motion of Mrs. Smarto, seconded by Mr. Gera, the subcontract was unanimously approved.

**Terminal Addition & Improvements/Apron Equipment Storage Building Design**

This project is to design and bid an addition and improvements for the terminal. Construction of the first phase began in October, 2024, and is expected to last about 16 months. Bids were opened for PH II construction on April 17, 2025, Two grant applications have been filed with the FAA for review for the second phase of the Terminal Addition. The Engineer recommended approval of Change Order No. 2B for installation of an additional utility feed conduit for the electrical contractor, A-1 Electric Inc. in the amount of a \$6,392.36 ADD and a new total contract amount of \$2,090,212.36, and Change Order 2D for AHU servicing and storage for the HVAC Contractor, HRANEC Sheet Metal Inc. in the amount of \$4,957 ADD and a new contract total of \$2,325,957. FAA has concurred with both change orders.

Upon the motion of Mr. Gera, seconded by Mr. Rossi, the change order were unanimously approved.

**Snow removal Vehicle and Equipment**

This project was to acquire a 20 ft. 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. The vehicle was delivered on May 30, 2024. A final inspection was held with FAA on June 27, 2024. Punch list items have been addressed. It was determined that a dump hood is needed for the broom. A quote from M-B Companies, Inc. was received. Discussions with FAA have indicated that it should be eligible for grant funding if Federal Contract provisions are complied with. Awaiting confirmation from the supplier.

**ARFF Vehicle and Equipment**

This project is to acquire a new B-IV Airport Rescue & Fire Fighting vehicle and equipment. The existing vehicle was acquired in 2010 and is deemed obsolete by NFPA and FAA Part 139. Bids were opened on April 17, 2025, for a new vehicle and replacement equipment. No responsive bids were received for the ARFF equipment. A grant application has been filed for review. The engineer is proceeding with exploring purchasing the equipment through eligible Costars suppliers or rebidding for next grant season.

**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 all punch list items addressed. Phase II construction began Oct. 7 and is planned to last through May. Final inspection with FAA is scheduled for June 24, 2025.

**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. 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 security and safety, and seeking 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 for a replacement system were opened April 17, 2025. A grant application has been filed with FAA for review.

**PROMOTIONS** - Mr. Monzo reported that some 800 kids and parents who participate in the “Shop with a Cop” program with the Pennsylvania State Police are expected to attend the practice performance of the airshow on Friday, June 20. Shop n’ Save will provide hot dogs for them.

**REQUISITIONS** - Mr. Pickels reviewed the requisitions for May, 2025

Latrobe 69-24 Terminal Addition PH I (FAA PH II) Requisition No. 8, totaling \$171, 578.94 (Allegheny Constr)  
Latrobe 70-24 (Terminal Addition PH II, III) Requisition No. 9, totaling \$11,633.16 (A-1 Electric)  
Latrobe 71-24 (Remove/Reconstruct TW D CA) Requisition No. 9, totaling \$37, (942.47 (MJ/A. Liberoni)  
Latrobe 72-24 (Remove/Reconstruct TW E CA) Requisition No. 8, totaling \$144,654.36 (A. Liberoni)  
Latrobe 73-24 (ATCT Improvements PH II CA) Requisition No. 10, totaling \$113,212.36 (MJ/HRANEC/ABS)  
Latrobe 74-24 (Terminal Add & Improvements PH I) Req. No. 9, totaling \$20,331.42 (MJ)  
Latrobe WCIDC Requisition No. 17, totaling \$155,547.18 (MJ/A-1/Allegheny/Sandler)  
Special Projects Account 7110075814 Requisition No. 264, totaling \$18,259.69

Upon the motion of Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mrs. Smarto, requisitions for June, 2025, were unanimously approved as presented.

**Solicitor’s Report - Amber Leechalk**

Mrs. Leechalk had no additional report.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Mr. Monzo reported he recently attended an event with several state senators and representatives who discussed the “State of the State,” and was pleased to report “some good news” — that being the funding that was provided by the state Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP), through the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget, with help from Senator Kim Ward’s office. The \$6.5 million in funding from RACP helped to make the massive terminal project possible, along with other state and federal funding sources. “With \$22 million worth of terminal construction, \$2.5 million in control tower construction and more than \$3 million in taxiway construction...we’re in this, and the funding is coming in,” Mr. Monzo said.

“Last Friday, we moved over 1,000 people through this terminal building. On Sunday, we moved 1,100 people through this terminal building,” he added. “Four flights in one day, that’s a lot of people through this building. But we got them in, got them moved, very efficiently, very safely...anyone who says we don’t need a new terminal building should have been here”

“We’re looking forward to a great airshow this year,” he added.

Mr. Monzo also reported that Mr. Ridilla has retired from the airport authority and county commissioners have been notified. Discussion followed of how much expertise Mr. Ridilla brought to the authority over his tenure. “We appreciate all of his efforts,” Mr. Rossi commented.

**Chairman’s Report**

Mr. Whittaker thanked Mr. Rossi for his efforts at the aviation museum at his hangar. “I think the airport is getting a great amount of positive exposure over the past few months.”

**Adjournment**

With no further business,

Upon the motion of Mrs. Smarto, seconded by Mr. Gera, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

## Westmoreland County Airport Authority

The next regular meeting of the authority will be held **Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 9 a.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Dwayne Pickels, Grants Director