

**Westmoreland County Airport Authority
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
March 10, 2026**

Regular Meeting

The Regularly Scheduled March, 2026, meeting of the Westmoreland County Airport Authority was held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 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
Edward Kilkeary Sr. - Treasurer
Mark Gera
Donald Rossi
Debbi Irwin
Dale "Lee" Landis
Edward Sobota
Brian Sokol

Also present were: Executive Director Gabe Monzo; attorney Amber Leechalk of Avolio Law, authority solicitor; Raena Lindemuth of McFarland-Johnson, authority engineers; Rich Chlodofsky, Tribune-Review; Abigail Hakas, Latrobe Bulletin; Paul Gough, Pittsburgh Business Times; Airport Manager Moe Haas, Grants Director Dwayne Pickels and Airport Asst. Manager Dylan Kovatch. Also in attendance were Anthony DeNunzio of DeNunzio's Italian Chophouse and Mitch Dexter and Corey Harper of Veregy. County Commissioner Doug Chew stopped in to welcome the four new members to their posts.

An executive session was called to discuss personnel matters at 9:01 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:44 a.m.

Public Comments - None

Approval of Minutes

Upon the motion of Mr. Kilkeary, seconded by Mr. Rossi, minutes of the Feb. 10, 2025, regular meeting were unanimously approved.

Arnold Palmer Regional Airport and Rostraver Treasurer's Reports -

Mr. Kilkeary reviewed treasurer reports for March, 2026 (attached).

Upon the motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Gera, the March, 2026, treasurer's report for Arnold Palmer Regional Airport was unanimously approved.

Upon the motion of Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Gera, the March, 2026, treasurer's report for Rostraver Airport was unanimously approved.

Rostraver Committee Report - Mr. Monzo asked Mr. Sokol to report on some electrical work that was done at Rostraver Airport. Mr. Sokol said he has been asked to visit the site and inspect some "surge operations" in a tenant's hangar and he complied and sent his findings to West Penn last week for review. He said he will report when there are any updates. "I'll keep everybody updated," said Mr. Sokol, who lives close to the facility and credited the board for its commitment to the airport.

Property Committee Report - Mr. Gera had no report.

Engineer's Update Report - by Mrs. Lindemuth of McFarland-Johnson

ARNOLD PALMER REGIONAL AIRPORT

Relocate Taxiways D and E

This project calls for removal and reconstruction of two stub taxiways to meet current FAA safety guidance. Mrs. Lindemuth said construction began in April, 2025, and Taxiway E is substantially complete. Taxiway D is substantially complete except for seeding, which will be completed in the spring. New signs for alphanumeric is complete and final surface markings will be completed in the spring. Final inspection was held on Nov. 20, 2025.

Terminal Addition & Improvements/Apron Equipment Storage Building Design

The Terminal Addition project is to design and bid an addition and improvements for the terminal. Construction of the first phase began in October, 2024. The engineer recommended approval of general contractor Allegheny Construction Group's change order No. 9A in the amount of \$10,565 addition for additional roof framing.

Upon the motion of Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Gera, the subcontract was unanimously approved as presented.

Mrs. Lindemuth added that all four Phase II agreements have been executed. A pre-construction meeting was held Nov. 5, 2025.

The refurbished passenger boarding bridge is anticipated to be ready for return to the site in mid-March.

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 and the 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 for \$24,561.04 and was approved by FAA. The vendor has been authorized to order the hood.

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. A grant has been offered by FAA and accepted. The agreement been executed with the supplier (Oshkosh) and a reconstruction meeting was held on Oct. 9, 2025. No responsive bids were received for the ARFF equipment. The engineer has identified a potential vendor to purchase all equipment through Costars contract. Truck is in production.

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 with authority funds to improve security and safety, and seeking reimbursement of those costs when the larger project is funded.

ROSTRAVER AIRPORT:

AWOS Replacement

This project is to replace the existing AWOS, which was installed in 2000 and is now obsolete. Bids were opened Apr. 17, 2025, and a grant offered by FAA was accepted. Agreement has been executed with the contractor (Bronder) and pre-construction meeting was held Oct. 9, 2025. Work began Jan. 19, 2026. New AWOS is installed and working. FAA inspection was completed Jan. 23, 2026.

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The engineer recommended approval of Bronder Technical Service's Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$1,168.94 (deduct) for reusing the existing foundation in lieu of constructing new. Total revised contract amount is \$232,306.06.

Upon the motion of Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Gera, the change order was approved as presented.

Rehabilitate GA Taxiways

The project is to rehabilitate taxiway pavement new the T-hangars. A pre-design meeting was held last month with FAA and BOA. Bids for the project will be solicited this spring, Mrs. Lindemuth said.

Promotions/PR/Events Committee report: Mr. Rossi welcomed the four new board members.

REQUISITIONS - Mr. Pickels reviewed the list of requisitions for March, 2026 (attached).

Upon the motion of Mr. Kilkeary, seconded by Mr. Gera, requisitions for March, 2026, were unanimously approved as presented.

Solicitor's Report - Amber Leechalk

Mrs. Leechalk presented nine new leases for tenants at Rostraver whose leases had expired.

Upon the motion of Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Kilkeary, the new leases with CPI adjustments were approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Monzo reported that gifted students from seven Westmoreland County school districts will gather at the airport tomorrow to present airport marketing programs that they have developed for the airport. "They've been working on these since November. They do a wonderful job and it's a lot of fun," he said. "We put out a press release and hopefully we get some coverage."

Mr. Monzo also presented a request from Rotortrade to expand their current hangar from 9,000 square feet to 12,000 square feet.

Upon the motion of Mr. Kilkeary, seconded by Mr. Rossi, the request was approved unanimously.

Mr. Monzo reported that landing fees at Arnold Palmer Regional "have not changed in some time. I did a survey with Vector Aerospace and we came up a little short," he said. "I'm proposing to change ours to \$3 per 1,000 pounds for anything over 6,000 pounds and anything over 100,000 pounds would be a flat rate of \$400."

Upon the motion of Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Kilkeary, the motion to increase landing fee rates for Arnold Palmer Regional Airport was approved unanimously.

Mr. Monzo reported that officials from Veregy are once again present to discuss a plan to install solar panels at the airport. Mitch Dexter and Corey Harper from Veregy and bond counselor Joe Muscatello reviewed a streamlined \$4 million option for the authority to consider.

A motion was made to enter into executive session, but was challenged by a member of the media. After some discussion, the board did not enter executive session.

Upon the motion of Mr. Sobota, seconded by Mr. Gera, the matter was tabled and will be discussed in the authority's property committee.

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Chairman's Report

Mr. Whittaker deferred to Mrs. Leechalk, who reported that “previously, we had discussed Gabe coming on in an advisory capacity” after he retires on May 1, 2026, he could be brought on as a part time employee, starting on May 1, 2026. If approved, he would be paid \$50 per hour for 1,000 hours a year or less.

Upon the motion of Mr. Gera, seconded by Mr. Kilkeary, authorization for the part-time post was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the authority will be held **Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 9 a.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Dwayne Pickels, Grants Director

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Arnold Palmer Regional Airport Treasurer's Report

Operating Revenue, February.....	283,288.03
Operating Revenue to Date.....	639,499.46
Expenses Disbursed, February.....	499,206.85
Expenses Disbursed to Date.....	896,426.50
Balance General Account, 2/28/2026.....	34,809.31
Accounts Payable, 2/28/2026.....	195,655.18
<i>~invoices totaling \$195,655.18 paid 2/28/26</i>	
Accounts Receivable, 2/28/26.....	5,745.94

Rostraver Airport Treasurer's Report

Operating Revenue, February.....	57,131.59
Operating Revenue to Date.....	80,325.01
Expenses Disbursed, February.....	126,692.43
Expenses Disbursed to Date.....	143,629.90
Balance General Account, 2/28/2026.....	150,672.92
Accounts Payable, 2/28/2026.....	46,612.93
<i>~ invoices totaling \$46,612.93 paid 2/28/2026</i>	
Accounts Receivable, 2/28/2026.....	13,303.20

WESTMORELAND COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING March 10, 2026

Latrobe – 69-24 REQUISITION NO. 16:

Allegheny Construction Group Terminal Addition Ph I (FAA Ph II)	\$125,329.45
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Latrobe – 70-24 REQUISITION NO. 17:

A-1 Electric Terminal Addition Ph I (FAA Ph III) (EC)	\$69,142.10
Wheels Mechanical Terminal Addition Ph I (FAA Ph III) (PC)	\$33,302.70
Allegheny Construction Group Terminal Addition Ph I (FAA Ph II)(GC)	\$5,767.20
HRANEC Sheet Metal Inc. Terminal Addition Ph I (FAA Ph III) (HC)	<u>\$45,869.45</u> \$154,081.45

Latrobe – 74-24 REQUISITION NO. 16:

McFarland Johnson Terminal Addition & Improvements Ph I (FAA Ph IV)	\$28,156.80
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Latrobe – 77-25 REQUISITION NO. 3:

McFarland Johnson Construction Observation & Admin Services for Terminal Addition	\$6,459.81
HRANEC Sheet Metal, Inc. Terminal Addition & Improvements, Ph. II	<u>\$4,500.00</u> \$10,959.81

Latrobe – Westmoreland County IDC REQUISITION NO. 25:

Allegheny Construction Group Terminal Addition Ph I (FAA Ph II)(GC)	\$73,486.13
A-1 Electric Terminal Addition Ph I (FAA Ph III)(EC)	\$38,757.56
Wheels Mechanical Terminal Addition Ph I (FAA Ph III)	\$18,667.80
HRANEC Sheet Metal, Inc. Terminal Addition & Improvements Ph III (HC)	\$25,712.09
McFarland Johnson Terminal Addition & Improvements Ph I (FAA Ph IV)	<u>\$15,783.27</u> \$172,406.85

Latrobe – ESA-2024-1022-4615 REQUISITION NO.7 :

Dabico A-Bridge, LLC Gate 2 Renewal Upgrades	\$96,546.58
Dagostino Electric Services Terminal Addition Ph I	<u>\$27,000.00</u> \$123,546.58

Rostraver – 33-25 REQUISITION NO. 4:

McFarland Johnson AWOS System Replacement	\$13,092.87
Brondor Technical Services, Inc. AWOS System Replacement	<u>\$232,306.06</u> \$245,398.93

Special Projects Account REQUISITION NO. 272:

5% Sponsor Share 77-25	\$547.99
25% Sponsor Share ESA-2024-1022-4615	\$30,886.65
5% Sponsor Share 33-25	<u>\$12,269.95</u> \$43,704.59