

Buildings and Grounds Committee Minutes  
June 9, 2014 - 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Lewza; Supervisors Collyer, Jenkins, Martin, Raymond, Veitch, Ziegler; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Keith Manz, Tom Speziale, Public Works; Michael Churchill, McFarland Johnson; Press.

Chairman Lewza called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Veitch the minutes of the April 2, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Manz said three bids were received for the removal of the Cogeneration Equipment at Maplewood Manor. The lowest bid was received from Three D Rigging & Construction at a cost of \$62,720.

Mr. Martin said between the contract with the LDC and Zenith Healthcare, does it provide for the Cogeneration Equipment to be removed. Mr. Manz said it is contingent that it be out before they take ownership.

**A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Ziegler to award a contract to Three D. Rigging & Construction, Inc. Glenmont, New York for removal of the Cogeneration Equipment at Maplewood Manor in the amount of \$62,720. Unanimous.**

Councilman Frank S. Blaisdell from the town of Milton read Resolution No. 28-2014 opposing each of three(3) expansion proposals presented by the engineering firm McFarland-Johnson, Inc., for the County Airport Master Plan update and against the expansion of any runways at the County Airport. This resolution was passed by the Milton Town Board.

Mr. Manz said the goal of today's meeting is to review the alternatives which are required by the FAA. Every ten years all general aviation airports, as well as commercial airports, are required to undergo master plan updates. The last one was done in 2003. McFarland Johnson was hired approximately 18 months ago by the county to look at the various options, last ten years and the future ten years to try and project the demand. They are required by law to come up with various options and alternatives which the Buildings and Grounds Committee and then the full Board of Supervisors will consider. Part of the process was the formation of a Technical Advisory Committee that involved two public hearings, with a lot of public involvement and participation which the county as well as the committee and Board of Supervisors take very seriously. At today's meeting McFarland Johnson will present alternatives that will be discussed.

A power point presentation was presented with regard to the proposed Airport Draft Master Plan by Michael Churchill from McFarland Johnson.

Mr. Lewza said after going through all the proposals, it is just not about the runway extension, there are also issues with glider alternatives because it is infringing upon personal property of people who already live there and businesses that will be coming into the community.

Mr. Lewza said his proposal with regard to the gliders; taxiway and landside would be to couple them together. He said there are many good projects that are going to be going on at the airport, and he would like them to be contained within the airport fences, nothing that intrudes into the Town of Milton which would include no runway protection zone, and no easements.

Mr. Lewza proposed voting on the runway as a separate issue.

Ms. Raymond said there are two issues, one that happens inside the fence and one that happens outside the fence. Some of the actions, we should, and she hopes the Board will take inside the fence, will have no effect on anyone outside the fence. She said she would hope that these issues will be worked on one at a time rather than in groups and packages. The things that happen outside the fence could be a result of what happens inside the fence. She said that she is absolutely opposed at anything that would look like eminent domain unless there is an amazing amount of public good at stake and a small amount of taking. She said she would like to see what happens outside the fence and the runway extension taken off the table for now.

Mr. Martin said he did not think that the county should be incorporating into the master plan for the next ten years, alternatives that would involve expansion of the runways. He agreed with taking a look at those items within the airport grounds that would add to safety at the airport.

Mr. Martin asked if there would be anymore development within the runway protection zone and why was the medical facility built within that runway protection. Mr. Lewza said with regard to the medical facility there was little discrepancy between the town, county and FAA about the runway protection zone and where it was located. The FAA is currently waiting for the completion of the Master Plan, at which time they will make decisions about the runway protection zone. When this occurs, most of the development that will take place will be outside the runway protection zone. The county is going to wait to make sure that issues don't rise again as they did with the medical facility. He said, yes, there is going to be development in the Town of Milton, and, no, it will not be in the runway protection zone.

Mr. Lewza said there would be a vote today on the grouping of the first three proposals, which includes gliders, taxiway and landside. Next month when the committee has a more concrete understanding of where they want to go with this, it will be broken down one by one as to how it is going to work and be outlined within the fences of the airport.

**A motion was made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Collyer to move forward with the first three items, which includes gliders, taxiway and landside and to redefine those proposals in the coming months. Mr. Veitch abstained as he is a board member of the Gateway House of Peace, which is located on the airport property. Motion passed.**

Mr. Lewza said the proposals will be accepted, but will be redefined as to what ones will be moved forward. He stressed that nothing would be looked at outside the fences. Nothing outside the airport will be accepted.

Mr. Lewza said, with regard to the runway, no build alternative 2 and 3 of the proposed master plan are unacceptable.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lewza, seconded by Ms. Raymond to not accept the runway extension of any of the three proposals. Mr. Veitch abstained from the vote as he is a board member of the Gateway House of Peace, which is located on the airport property. Motion passed.**

Mr. Burton, from the Town of Milton spoke on behalf of the residents who were opposed to the runway expansion proposals, land acquisitions, and easements, thanking the Buildings and Grounds Committee for voting no on all options. As voting members of our community we are optimistic that future decisions and resolutions regarding our economic growth, quality of life, and future we have as Milton residents will be considered for inclusion.

On a motion made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Raymond the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom