

Buildings and Grounds Committee Minutes  
September 8, 2014 - 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Lewza; Supervisors Collyer, Martin, Raymond, Veitch, Ziegler, and Sausville; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Tom Speziale, Keith Manz, Public Works; Turner Bradford, Michael Churchill, McFarland Johnson; Residents Bill Close, Tom Boghosian, Mike Chess, Jean Duffy, Douglas Kern, Kathleen Hurley, Anita Harris, Tom Harris, Joyce Sweis, Eid Sweis; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Martin the August 11, 2014 minutes were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Manz said there are three alternatives that will have to be approved which include the landside, gliders and taxiways. He said there are also easements that will be required as a part of the master plan update for the existing operation of the airport.

Mr. Churchill distributed handouts of the Airport Master Plan Update to all committee members. He said there are three options that will need action.

Mr. Churchill reviewed the landside alternatives. He said operationally it makes sense to go with Alternative #3, keeping operations in the same central area.

Mr. Churchill reviewed the taxiway alternatives stating that both alternatives provide the same function, which is to get the aircraft out to runway ends. A recommendation was to approve alternative #2, which would be half the cost and provides the same level of benefits.

Mr. Churchill reviewed the Gilder Runway Alternatives recommending alternative #1.

**A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve Alternative #3 for the Landside Alternative. Unanimous.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Collyer to approve Alternative #2 for the Taxiway Alternative. Unanimous.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Ziegler to approve Alternative #1 for the Glider Runway Alternative. Unanimous.**

Mr. Churchill said an analysis has been done with regard to the Avigation Easements, looking at the absolute minimum Avigation Easements to meet the FAA requirements in terms of land use, and runway protection zones. He said they are limiting easements to only existing

runway configurations. In conclusion, the county will negotiate only with willing sellers. The intent is that there will be no eminent domain.

Ms. Raymond clarified that each willing owner is free to negotiate whatever they wish to include in the easement. Mr. Churchill agreed.

Mr. Martin said, with respect to the required portion of the aviation easements, have discussions taken place with the FAA. Mr. Churchill said yes, and the FAA has been reviewing the draft report as well.

Mr. Lewza asked if there was any way to put into the resolution that eminent domain will not take effect.

Mr. Veitch said he would be very uncomfortable doing that. If there was a serious safety issue with the airport that would require eminent domain, the county would have to have the ability to do that.

Mr. Veitch said he doesn't want to see any expansion at the airport, but he wants to make sure that the airport is operating safely. He said he thinks the county needs to have a discussion overall as to whether they want to continue doing what they are doing with the airport. Discussions need to take place about the airport and what the future is down the road.

**A motion was made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve the 2014 Airport Master Plan.** Mr. Lewza voted no. Motion passed.

**On a motion made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Veitch the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom