

**MACON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
**Minutes of the Meeting Held on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The Macon County Airport Authority meets for its regularly scheduled meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Macon County Airport. All members with the exception of Member Horton are present. Member Horton is excused. Also present are: Stuart Sloan, Legal Counsel; Sabrina Crone, Airport Manager; Jack Morgan, Project Manager; Greg Kershaw, Project Engineer; Gary Shields, Commissioner; Lori Carpenter, Finance Director; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; and Jimmy Rogers, citizen. Chair Schmitt welcomes all of those present and calls the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2025.** After a brief discussion, Member Rhodes makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Mr. Kershaw reports that he is working on two projects for the authority. They are (1) The Crack Sealing and Repair project and (2) The Fence Repair and Tree Removal project. The crack-sealing project will not be set up until September 2025. AIG funding will be used for this project. The fence repair/tree removal project should be bid, and completed by the end of the summer. NPE funds will be utilized for this project. The DOA has turned down the Land Acquisition project until more safety projects are addressed and completed.

**DISCUSSION OF PROGRESS OF “OLD” TERMINAL BUILDING RENOVATION:** Mr. Morgan reports that the old hangar building is infested with termites, and that the contractor to be used to address this problem has submitted Change Order #1. Change Order #1 is for \$7,016.15, which will be used to repair any damage. Member Rhodes makes a motion to approve the change order as presented. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Ms. Carpenter states that the authority has \$11,750.00 in contingency that can be used for this change order. The roof also leaks, and at some point, the roof will need to be repaired in totality, but for the present time the damage over the part of the building that is, being repaired could be done as a partial fix. An estimate of \$18,695.97 is required to do the partial fix. However, it is decided that a total roof repair is desirable, and Mr. Morgan will obtain estimates for the entire roof repair. Chair Schmitt suggests that Senator Kevin Corbin be contacted to see if any additional funds are available for this purpose. A Walker Whiteside invoice has been submitted for \$9,000.00. Ms. Carpenter presents a budget amendment in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the Walker Whiteside invoice payment and \$3,000.00 for termite treatment. These funds can be taken from the rent payment. Ms. Shuler makes a motion to approve this budget amendment as presented, and Member Rhodes seconds the motion. It passes by unanimous consent.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Ms. Carpenter presents the FY 25/26 budget for approval. The budget is for \$48,800.00. A public hearing will be required for approval, and this will be scheduled for the May 2025 meeting. The authority accepts the budget as presented.

2. The authority discusses that a contractor wants to “donate” dirt to the airport from his construction site. There is no charge for the dirt, but there would be a charge for moving the dirt to the airport. Mr. Kershaw states that there are no grant dollars available for paying for the dirt moving, and states that the dirt would need to be compacted when delivered. After further discussion, Member Rhodes states that this does not sound like a good deal for the airport, and it is decided that this will not be pursued. Member Haithcock states that a few loads of dirt is needed to dump in a hole located on the airport property. The authority is in agreement with this proposal and asks Member Haithcock to follow up on this issue.

3. Ms. Carpenter states that she has the VirTower invoice for Chair Schmitt to sign. She will then forward payment to VirTower.

4. Member Haithcock attended the NC Aviation meeting in Raleigh. He reports that aviation is booming in North Carolina with 88 billion dollars utilized for projects, and 34 billion dollars for employee services in the aviation business, and that it is a driving force in the state’s economy. He continues by stating that the AIG Funding applications, which help maintain and support the growth of airports, are available.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Rhodes makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Shuler seconds this motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock, Secretary