



COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners
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Official Minutes

June 21, 2016

A "Special Meeting" of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner's was held on **Tuesday, June 21, 2016**, at 10:00 a.m., at the Community Center, Mio Michigan 48647.

Members Present: Commissioners Kischnick, Wilson, Christenbery, Boerner and Grantner.

Members Excused:

Others Present: 7 members of the public were in attendance.

Chairman Kischnick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call, followed by the Pledge to the Flag

**The B.O.C approved the Agenda, as presented.

Wilson/Boerner a motion to accept the **Agenda** for **June 21, 2016** "Special" B.O.C Meeting, as **2016-113** presented.

5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

Public Comment:

**Has the B.O.C considered changing the direction of the runway to avoid any easement issues? What data is there on the economic return of the land acquisition project? Commissioner Kischnick asked Ms. Stephanie Ward, AICP Manager, Mead & Hunt, Inc. to address during her presentation.

Order of Business:

****Oscoda County Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport Discussion****

**Ms. Stephanie Ward, AICP Manager, Mead & Hunt, Inc. addressed the Board regarding the Airport Land Acquisition Project and asked the B.O.C to approve the Contract Agreement to move forward with Phase I of the three parcels for aviation easements. Also, the cost of this project will need to be paid locally until the County is in possession of a signed agreement from the property owners and then the cost of the project will be reimbursed at 95%. The following two motions were made:

Christenbery/Wilson a motion to accept the agreement for Professional Consultant Services. Project No. **2016-114** 1511100-160702.01 for the 51M Mio Land Acquisition-Runway 9 Approach-2016, Avigation Easement Acquisition between the Oscoda County Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport and Mead & Hunt, Inc., as written, and approved by MDOT and

authorize the Chairman to sign.

5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

Grantner/Boerner a motion to authorize the payment for the Airport 51M Mio Land Acquisition Project **2016-115** No. 1511100-160702.01 as invoiced, up to the amount of \$64,616.00, reimbursed back to Oscoda County at 95%, and so amend the General Fund and the Special Airport Fund, to reflect.

Roll Call Vote: Christenbery, yes; Wilson, yes; Grantner, yes; Kischnick, yes; Boerner, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**Ms. Ward addressed the National Guard transmitter request. A temporary site that would be used sporadically, gravel area, mannered during the use with a generator or a long-term site that would be permanent and require phone line, power and hard surface pad. It was the consensus of the Board to look into this further to see what the benefit would be and to do a site visit to another airport before any decisions are made.

**According to Ms. Ward the Airport would be eligible for Airport Snow Removal Equipment, however it has to be new equipment and purchased following the MDOT guidelines and are approved. Funds would not be available until the Land Acquisition Project is completed and not until more funds became available. The 5-Year CIP for 2017-2022 included the Tree Clearing, Crack Seal & Paint Marking, Snow Removal Equipment, and 5n to10 Hanger T-Units that will be discussed at the Annual MDOT Mio MAP Meeting.

**Ms. Ward addressed the changing of the direction of the runway. MDOT would not consider this justifiable and the cost would be significant. The direction of the runway was taken into consideration and recommended back when the Airport was developed to meet all the requirements and for the aircraft and pilots takeoff and landing safety. An Economic Study is in the works and a survey will be sent out to Airport Managers to distribute to pilots that use the Airport to see what the impact of having the Airport is on our County.

Public Comment:

**As a tax payer that has no interest and no return in the Airport, what would the process be if the County did not choose to receive the Airport “Grant Funds” anymore from the Federal and State? Commissioner Kischnick commented that the County is obligated and the County would have to pay all grant money back and the County would still have to continue to maintain the Airport for 20 years. Again, the B.O.C was asked to keep the cost down, if at all possible, at the Oscoda County Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport with all future projects.

Wilson/Boerner a motion to adjourn today’s meeting, **June 21, 2016** (11:30 a.m.) **2016-116**

5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

The next Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

**John A. Kischnick, Oscoda County
Board of Commissioners, Chairperson**

**Jeri Winton, Oscoda County
Clerk & Register of Deeds**