



Franklin-Hart County Airport Authority  
823 Airport Rd  
Canon, GA 30520

June 6, 2024

## Franklin Hart Airport Authority Regular Meeting Minutes

- **6:00 PM Call to Order**
  - Chairman Addison called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM
- **Establishment of Quorum**
  - Attendees: Eddie Addison (Chairman), Mike Ward (Vice-Chairman), Kevin McCraney (Secretary/Treasurer), Woodson McFarlin, Jonathan “Bo” Rowland
  - Absent: Johnny Coxx
  - Guests: Representative Alan Powell, Marshall Sayer, Dick McSpadden, Kenny Smith, Shan Chitwood, Bill Leard, Terrell Partain, Jim Barlow, Elizabeth Busby, Bobby Martin, Rick Cawthon, Jeff Brown, M J Kneiser, Frankie Teasley, Terry Harris, Cindy Youngblood, Dwayne Dye, and Joey Dorsey
- **Prayer**
  - Mike Ward voiced a prayer.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
  - Mike Ward led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Approve Agenda**
  - Mike Ward made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Bo Rowland. Passed unanimously.
- **Old Business**
  - Financials and minutes from the April 17, 2024 meeting were not available and will be approved at the next meeting.
- **New Business**
  - Grant Appropriation Discussion
    - Alan Powell has designated \$1.7 million grant for the airport. Requires a 25% match. Alan discussed how to raise funds for the local match and the need to expand for corporate jets. Most are using the Anderson airport now, spending their funds in South Carolina. \$1.7 million is designated for hangars. Alan has asked for focus on corporate hangars. Corporate is a need. \$425,000 is needed for the match from local funding. Total would be \$2,125,000. Eddie said Purina is parking their plane in Anderson. They

need a 135-foot X 135-foot hangar. Eddie has discussed with Haering as well. We do not have prices on hangars yet. Eddie believes we could build two corporate hangars and possibly put money towards a row of t-hangars. Several questions from attendees on the potential for planes here. Matching funds source was main source of discussion. Rep Powell pointed out that many houses cost more than that purchased by individuals. Low interest loans, funding from the counties, EMC, etc. were possible fund sources that were discussed.

- Chairman Addison asked where do we go from here? Need to start with a business plan. Eddie committed to get with our leaders to formulate.
- Commissioner Dorsey voiced concerns about excessive growth. Stated we need to plan carefully.
- Hangars would not add jobs immediately but would increase revenues for the counties. Needs further study.
- Property purchased may be considered in-kind. Need to check with Danny Doyle.

- **Adjourn** – meeting was adjourned by Chairman Addison at 7:05 PM

### **Certificate of Secretary**

I certify that I am the duly elected and acting secretary of the Franklin-Hart Airport Authority, 823 Airport Rd., Canon, GA 30520; that these minutes were approved by a majority vote at a meeting consisting of a quorum of the authority members on the date listed below.

Approved Date: August 8, 2024

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J. Kevin McCraney  
**Secretary/Treasurer**