

Mt. Vernon Airport Authority  
2019 - 2020 Budget Hearing  
Held August 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Present: Gary Chesney                      Chairman  
          Eddie Lee                              Vice Chairman  
          Ryan Wellmaker                      Secretary  
          Mike Ancona                          Treasurer  
          Marty Cox                              Commissioner

Staff:    Chris Collins  
          Sheila Jolly-Scrivner

Guests: Steve Willis, Don Lewis, Ruth Anne Strawn, and Phil Bean.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There being none, Chairman Chesney moved forward with the hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wellmaker and seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn the 2019 - 2020 Budget Hearing. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
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**PUBLIC INPUT**

There being none, Chairman Chesney moved forward with the meeting.

## **REPORTS**

### **Minutes**

Minutes were presented for the July 9th, Meeting for approval. There being no changes to the minutes, motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

### **Treasurers' Reports**

There being no concerns with the Treasurer's Reports, motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Reports as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor of the motion.

### **Bills for Approval**

There being no questions or concerns with the Bills for Approval, motion was made and seconded to approve the bills as presented. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There being none, Chairman Chesney moved forward with the meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Midwest LSA Expo**

Mr. Collins noted the airport's annual signature event is just over three weeks away. The usual assortment of exhibitors is on tap with two exciting new visitors added to the mix: the InnovAviation FX1 and the Texas Aircraft Colt. Mr. Collins mentioned his excitement of Bonnie Café being added to the event. He stressed the importance of volunteerism and ambassadorship during the weekend.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2019/2020 Annual Budget Ordinance 2019-03**

Mr. Collins presented the 2019/2020 Annual Budget Ordinance for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Wellmaker to approve the 2019/2020 Annual Budget Ordinance #2019-03. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

### **Annual Tax Levy Ordinance 2019-05**

Mr. Collins presented the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance 2019-04 for approval. He mentioned the Ordinance includes a "frozen" levy amount of \$123,128, the same amount levied the previous four years. Motion was made by Commissioner Wellmaker and seconded by Commissioner Cox to approve the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance #2019-04. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

### **Snow Plows**

Mr. Collins provided information on a 2004 Freightliner FL70 Dump Truck at Ford Square. Roy Schmidt brought the truck to the airport for an inspection, drive around, and comparison to the airport's newest dump/plow unit (also provided by Ford Square). After the evaluation, Mr. Collins contacted each Commissioner individually for approval to purchase the Dump Truck and 11' snow plow after the evaluation. Mr. Collins asked

for formal approval of the \$33,500 total cost. This price includes the dump truck, 11' plow, hydraulic in-cab controls, and lighting upgrades. Mr. Collins stated the funds for this piece of equipment are included in the Momentum 2023 Capital Development Program. Discussion ensued. Mr. Collins presented some comparables he found online. He noted for the model year and engine, the Ford Square offer is fair. Motion was made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Wellmaker to purchase the Freightliner Dump Truck/11' plow combination at Ford Square for \$33,500. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor.

Mr. Collins mentioned there will be just over \$6000 remaining in the "New Snow Plow" line item in the Capital Development Plan. So the big question – what does the airport do with the broken down old 1997 Ford FL700 w/10' electrically operated plow unit (the unit being replaced)? At first, Mr. Collins was thinking of declaring it surplus and selling it on eBay in the fall. However, he explained it would be nice to have a third (backup) snow plow unit. There are many things that need repaired on the old unit. The biggest challenge is converting the electric powered plow to a hydraulic operated system. Neighboring FAST Truck Service has experience with these types of projects and has agreed to evaluate the truck and provide a price. Mr. Collins hopes to have an estimate next month. If the total cost to upgrade the old unit is somewhere close to \$6000, the money would be well spent in that capacity.

### **ARFF Station Upgrades**

Mr. Collins explained the City firefighters remodeled the interior of Station #4 two years ago. Station #1 was remodeled last year. Over a year ago, he was asked if Station #3 could be remodeled in 2019. Since the fire fighters' Foreign Fire Insurance Fund was covering the bill, Mr. Collins said yes. The airport's part of the agreement included a new roof and the promise to correct the energy inefficient window/wall units in the Alarm/Watch and Bunk Rooms (the Foreign Fire Insurance Fund only covers interior projects). Mr. Collins explained the roof at Station #3 was completed last year. It is time for the window/wall units to be replaced this year. The project would cover removal of the existing inefficient window/wall units. New window wall units, constructed of insulated 2"x 6" stud walls and modern aluminum windows would be installed. Interior/exterior material and color matching would be addressed. Mr. Collins explained he has \$10,000 plugged into the Momentum 2023 Capital Development Plan for ARFF Station Upgrades. He presented bids from Bevis Construction (\$9,500) and Wheeler Construction Concepts (\$10,200). Mr. Collins stated a Notice for Bids for the interior remodel project managed by the firefighters hit the papers last Thursday. The City plans to perform the interior remodel in October. Since the airport's project needs to be completed at the start or well ahead of the City's project, approval of the airport's project needs to occur. Mr. Collins recommended approval of the bid from Bevis Construction. Motion was made by Commissioner Wellmaker and seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the low bid submitted by Bevis Construction. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor. Mr. Collins asked if the Commissioners were wondering what the facility will look like when completed. He invited them to stop by MVFD Station #4 on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and ask the firefighters to show that facility.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Collins outlined work the maintenance staff has completing along the Stinson Drive fence line. The airport is still trying to correct the damage caused by Tropical Depression Gordon last September. Only in the last six weeks has the facility been dry enough to “build” its way into the large creek/fence area damaged by fast moving water and debris. Until last week, the site was in a difficult one way access area. Three culverts and several truckloads of asphalt millings placed in the waterways along Stinson Road by the Maintenance Team have provided much easier access to the damaged area. Mr. Collins said the guys spent two days working on the damaged fence area last week. He expects several more days will be needed to extend the two 36” diameter culverts and fill. Then, the fence guys can come in and make the fence look like new. Mr. Collins noted the ultimate goal of all this activity is to have nearly all weather driving capability around the inside perimeter of the fence (via 4x4 truck or tractor). He has identified several additional culvert areas that we will need to addressed next summer. He said his goal is to have 100% access by the end of 2021.

Mrs. Scrivner highlighted the Bonnie Café’s recent win in the City’s Convention Tourism Bureau’s “Best of” contest. Bonnie Café-Mt. Vernon was recently named Best Breakfast in Mt. Vernon!

There being no Executive Session items, no additional Other Business items, and no further items for discussion on the Agenda, motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.