

**BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Report

Friday, January 6, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Sender called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Commissioner Hanson, Executive Director Carl Olson and Executive Assistant Lynnette Hindman were present.

The Committee approved the committee report from the September 29, 2016 meeting.

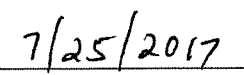
Carl gave a brief background on the Fire Station agreements with the City of Bloomington. Initially crafted in 1972 and amended in 1995, the City of Bloomington and the Airport Authority have partnered with each other to provide CIRA with fire/rescue services in exchange for the City's use of Airport Authority owned fire stations. In order to better capture the current conditions for each organization, Airport Authority and City staff, with the support of legal counsel, engaged in lengthy discussions aimed at creating two (2) new agreements which better outline the partnership needs and the operating characteristics of each organization.

The first agreement is a new intergovernmental agreement specifying the terms/conditions under which the City will continue to provide fire/rescue/EMS services to CIRA in compliance with FAA requirements. This agreement is very similar to the expiring agreement, with the exception of the Authority paying up to \$40,000 in specialized airport training for certain fire fighters at Station 6, the City paying for maintenance of the buildings and the Airport Authority paying for maintenance of the crash rescue vehicles/equipment. The second agreement is a lease agreement through which the City will lease fire stations #3 and #6 from the Airport Authority for municipal use, in addition to leasing approximately 3.7 acres for a possible new public works satellite facility. The term of both these agreements is thirty (30) years with a single, ten (10) year, mutually agreed upon renewal period. The lease rates for all 3 sites are based on appraisals and fair market value. Working together with the City, Staff was able to craft a cash neutral program which benefitted both organizations. As with the expiring agreement, the Airport Authority will continue to retain ownership of the property and structures with ownership of the improvements being transferred to the Authority at the end of the lease agreement. Related to this, should the City move forward with building improvements, they must first seek/secure Board approval of the work before moving forward. The Committee discussed the additional 3.7 acres and if this was necessary for the agreements to move forward. They shared their concern that it seems the City of Bloomington is getting the better deal. Carl noted that the 3.7 acres is part of the fair market value of the lease rate for the new agreements. The Committee directed Staff to share their concerns with the City of Bloomington and to see if there is any further consideration they would give to the Authority.

The Committee also discussed the reconstitution of the Airport Authority. Commissioner Sender noted that the board needs to decide if they would like to move forward with this. Time is of the essence.

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.


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Date