

Airport Commission Meeting
Minutes
July 14, 2026

Present: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bickley, Mr. Amick,

Absent: Mr. Hill, Ms. West, and Mr. Wilson, Ms. Carolyn Fulmer

Others in Attendance: Mr. Rowe, Mr. Funderburk, Mr. Marcy, Mr. Hart, and Ms. Ball

Call to Order-Invocation

Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order, and Mr. Rowe led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

1. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of the Agenda

Motion was made to approve the agenda for October 13, 2026.

2. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 14, 2026. Motion seconded and all approved.

3. Chairman Comments (Milledge Wilson)

Mr. Wilson introduced Mr. Johnathan Marcy.

Mr. Marcy said that Mr. Hart has been the AOPA airport network volunteer for Newberry County Airport. I will be the official designated AOPA for the airport. We are still going to work together. I am excited to help support the activities of the airport.

Mr. Wilson said that some of the hangers have flooding issues. He asked if this is something that could be included in the long-range plan.

Mr. Funderburk said it was his understanding that the capital improvements plan includes that area as part of an upcoming rehabilitation design. We have construction slated for this fiscal year which all applications, we are waiting on the FAA to release the funds. In the fall we will apply on the county's behalf for design of potential apron expansion if they deem it is necessary. We also have rehabilitation of taxi lanes. It is not set in stone right

now. If things become more of an issue, there are other avenues we can look at beside federal funding. We can go to the state aeronautics commission and see if they would be willing to participate in some improvements in that area.

Mr. Funderburk said if he remembered correctly, the grass and dirt surrounding that hanger is right at the edge of it. Typically, when we do a slab, we anticipate at least six inches of drop on the edge. That does not seem to be the case with this. We try to include some drainage around it.

Mr. Rowe said that they would look at it and see if the county can make the situation better.

Mr. Wilson said that he can hardly get the hanger door open. I have heard some complaints about some of the others.

Mr. Rowe asked if anyone had done any greasing on them.

Mr. Wilson said not that he knows of.

Mr. Rowe said that it was his understanding that they did. I will check on this. I did mention it to Mr. Bartley, but I will check on it.

Mr. Wilson asked what stage the funding was at.

Mr. Funderburk said that they were in the final steps for the taxi way rehab and parking lot improvements project. We submitted the funding application to the FAA. Typically, those are submitted in May or the first of June. Historically money is released sometime in late July but has been issued as late as September. They are starting to announce some of the grants, it's a matter of time at this point. As soon as the FAA releases funding and the county accepts, then we can start coordinating with the contractor to see what their schedule is.

We have recommended the award but in the last correspondence with Ms. Waldrop, she wanted to go ahead and award it. If for whatever reason the funding doesn't come through, then you would be in a pinch. The county can do whatever they want to, but we would recommend what we think would be the best course of action.

Mr. Wilson said that if the money is released in September and the county approves then you can talk to the contractor.

Mr. Funderburk said that it usually takes a month as far as getting contracts in place. We have to coordinate a pre-construction meeting and get a schedule from them.

4. Josh Rowe – Discussion of Airport Activities

Mr. Rowe said that about a week ago we were having some issues with fuel and fuel card reader. All of that has been replaced. We had to replace both control boards inside of the card reader. We also had some light issues that have been repaired.

1. Grass spraying – I will be meeting a representative from Opterra Solutions. They take care of retention ponds, etc. We are going over some plans for the rest of the year.
2. Security Cameras – We do not have them yet; we are progressing on that. The only thing we are waiting for is a quote. As soon as I have that I will be able to seek funding.
3. Phone lines – We had some issues recently. I hope to relocate the phone lines we talked about previously. I have to get with AT&T to get the logistics to do that.
4. Potholes – The guys are going out there next week to work on that.
5. Issue with geese – We are having an issue with them on the runway. I am looking into trying to figure out what to do about that.
6. Courtesy Car – Right now I do have a Ford single cab pickup that has become available. I have not talked to the administrator yet, but I wanted to approach you before I do that.
7. Water fountain – I am still working on this. If you're okay with a standalone, we can put one of those in now.
8. Vending Machines – I will look into it. If you know of anyone let me know.
9. Internet – We just upgraded the internet, which is supposed to enhance everything. We are using Carolina Connect as the provider.

Mr. Rowe said he had a request from a citizen. She wants to do a gender reveal from the air.

Mr. Hart said that Troy would be the person to contact.

5. Representatives of Ardurra

6. Comments

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