

**Airport Commission Meeting
Minutes
April 14, 2026**

Present: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bickley, Mr. Amick, Ms. Carolyn Fulmer

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

Others in Attendance: Mr. Rowe, Mr. Funderburk, Mr. Gant, Mr. Price, 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 April 14, 2026.

2. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 27, 2026.
Motion seconded and all approved.

3. Chairman Comments (Milledge Wilson)

Mr. Wilson commended Ms. Ball for the work on the agenda and the minutes.

Mr. Wilson said that the phone is working at the airport. Every time you call it, it gives you lightening distance information.

Mr. Gant said that he talked with someone about 6 months ago. This is an older system, and they have newer systems available. It might be time to put in a request to get it upgraded. It has been an ongoing problem for a number of years.

Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Rowe to check on this. Mr. Rowe said he would be happy to check this. We've have had some consistent issues with the phone. We have had someone working on it multiple times. The blame has been shifted a few times.

Mr. Wilson turned the meeting over to Mr. Rowe for updates.

4. Josh Rowe – Discussion of Airport Activities

Mr. Rowe said he would go through the list.

1. Security cameras – We have had several incidents where having camera would have been a positive thing for sure. The big hang up has been the budget. We were able to find funding to cover it. It will be covered within this fiscal year. My hope is that we will have some security cameras out there or at least have the process started prior to July 1.

Mr. Fulmer asked where he found the funding.

Mr. Rowe said he did not have all of the answers to that; it was the administration's doing for the most part. The county is installing security cameras at various locations right now. We will get some assistance for SCAC. I talked with Mr. Cooper about it today. I don't know all of the planning as far as how many and where they will be. We will figure out the best places to install them.

Mr. Wilson asked if Mr. Rowe has an estimate on the cost.

Mr. Rowe said there are two options, which option A is the one we should go with because it offers a server upgrade and digital video quality. The estimate for that is around \$28,000, for the system and setup. Option B doesn't offer the server upgrade and the estimate for that is \$16,000.

Mr. Wilson said to push for option A.

Mr. Hart asked if they go with option A, will that get the internet working again.

Mr. Rowe said that it is highly possible. I would think that with the server upgrade, they will have to get a different provider, Carolina Connect. If anyone has any idea where to place the camera's please let us know.

2. Young Eagle Program – I have not personally received a lot of information on this. Talking with Mr. Cooper, he has spoken to some people to get this started to be able to provide us with some information that we need. Anything we can do to bring awareness to the airport will be a good thing.

Mr. Wilson asked if the county had a PR person for good publicity for the county.

Mr. Rowe said that the county does have a social media page called Newberry County Government. They do promotions on that page. Most recently it was something involving public works. We had some employees that went to a career fair at Boundary Street Elementary School. We took equipment, took photos of the kids, and posted the event.

Mr. Hart said that he and another gentleman did some boy scout merit badge classes at Saluda and they had some good PR from that.

Mr. Rowe said that there are certainly some opportunities.

3. Water Fountains – We are still looking into this if we are actually going to install water fountains. That option takes some planning. What I am likely to do is put in a water cooler. My guys periodically are out there so we can have them replace the jugs, etc.

Mr. Amick asked if he had looked into any vending machines.

Mr. Rowe said he hasn't gotten a lot of feedback on this. I have talked to some folks about what would be involved. There may be someone local, but I don't know anyone. That would be something we can do.

4. Women's Restroom – There would be a lot of planning for this.
5. Telephone – There is currently a telephone near the bathroom. We are looking at getting one put in a more neutral location. That may be something we can look at when we get into installing the security cameras.
6. FOD Duster – We did obtain this. The guys have been using it at least once a week. It is doing what it's supposed to do so far. We have had it for about 5 weeks. We are keeping it at public works for now.

Mr. Wilson asked how long it took.

Mr. Rowe said it took about an hour.

7. Grass clumps\spraying – I do need to go back out there. I know my guys sprayed about two weeks ago. We do have to get some hy-end spray.

Mr. Wilson said that in front of his hanger and the forestry hanger, it doesn't look like it has been done.

8. Gravel in potholes – I currently don't have any gravel. I hope to have some by the end of next week.
9. Additional hangers – We are certainly looking into any options to increase that. We have an exceedingly long waiting list. I have talked with Mr. Cooper and others about some options. The new administrator has some energy on this.

Mr. Amick said that some other companies have offered to build the hangers, lease the land from the county and after so many years, it would revert back to the county. It wouldn't be a lot of money out of the county's pocket.

Mr. Rowe said that that option has been brought up with some of the people I have talked with.

10. Beautification – We have some upcoming projects on the CIP. Luke will talk about that later. Some of the things we have will make it look better.

Mr. Rowe said that they did receive the official notification on the non-directional beacon. It has been officially decommissioned.

Mr. Funderburk said they received the official letter from the FAA on March 19. The airport has to take that off of air now. The intention is to remove everything. If anyone wants that equipment, they can have it or we will trash it.

Mr. Rowe said that they are going to try to remove anything in the view of the terminal, like lines, poles, etc.

Mr. Rowe said that they have decided to combine the parking lot rehab and the taxi way rehab and bid it that way.

11. Courteous Car – Mr. Amick said he had two people call about this.

Mr. Rowe said that at the end of the fiscal year, he will be getting a new vehicle. That individual is currently driving a truck. I don't think we will be able to use this too much out there. I have mentioned this to the administrator.

Mr. Hart asked if a car dealership would donate a car.

Mr. Rowe said that he would check on that.

Mr. Gant suggested checking with the sheriff's office about an old police car.

Mr. Amick asked about getting a full-time person at the airport.

Ms. Fulmer asked about hiring someone part-time, like a college student.

Mr. Rowe said that the county would look at it. That would be a decision made by the administration and the county council. I can certainly make any suggestions.

Mr. Rowe said that that hasn't been discussed.

5. Representatives of Ardurra

Mr. Funderburk said they had the taxi way rehab project coming up. That is to redo the portion of the taxi way that was the old runway. I talked with Josh and Ted a few weeks ago and we are going to bid for the parking lot project as a bid additive. That means that if the pricing comes back fair, within our estimate then we will actually add it as part of the taxi way. We could get both of those projects done this federal fiscal year. That means that come July and August, we would start on those projects together. If the bid comes back high, the taxi way project will take precedence over the runway project. The bids will go live this Thursday. We will open bids on May 21, then submit a grant application for that cost to the FAA. They will review and then we will find out if we have funding. The parking lot aspect is a little different because we are using some FAA funding, but it is not fully funded. You have your AIG funds from last year. The state funds will come from SCAC, 60/40 grant.

Mr. Amick asked if they would receive any email updates.

Mr. Rowe said he would send the updates when he receives them.

Mr. Funderburk said that the ALP has been completed.

Mr. Rowe said that they have a good partnership with Ardurra, they make it a lot easier.

Mr. Rowe said that talking with Mr. Cooper, it might be a good idea to have a 5/10-year plan.

Mr. Gant said that the FAA has a 10-year plan.

Mr. Funderburk said that the CIP is a five-year plan and they update it every fall. We can update it at any time.

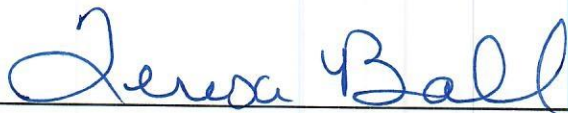
6. Comments

Mr. Wilson said that the hanger doors need to be greased.

Mr. Rowe said that he turned that over to building maintenance. They should be out there this week if they haven't been there already. I can have them check everything.

Mr. Hart said that new tie downs were installed.

Mr. Wilson asked the committee to think about a new chairman. I have been honored to be the chairman for this long.



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