

Minutes of the  
GILLESPIE COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD  
Monday, Jan 21, 2025  
@ Airport Terminal

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MEMBERS PRESENT:	STAFF PRESENT:	GUESTS PRESENT:
Steve Allen	Tony Lombardi, Manager	Ethan Crane
Gwen Fullbrook	Bobby Watson, City	Larry Hauptrief - EAA
Paul Hannemann		Randall Fuchs
David Gasmire		Kraig Trupin (via phone)
		Joe Fritz
		Bob Snowden
		Randy Smith
Absent		Michele Wilkinson
Kory Keller	Keith Kramer, County	
Tim Lehmberg		
Chad Ellebracht		

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM by the Chairman, Steve Allen

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular “Dec 2, 2024” meeting were approved.

## AIRPORT MANAGER’S REPORT

- Upcoming Events/Court Actions – The Manager reviewed the upcoming events for the airport and the recent commissioners court actions.
  - Event Update –
  - 2025
    - Apr 24-27 - T-6 Annual Fly-in
    - May 3rd – Airport Open House (50th Annv. of end of V-War)
- Court Actions – On Dec 9th, the Court approved the soliciting Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for professional planning and design services for the expansion and/or remodeling of the terminal building at the County Airport. They also approved the appointment of Gasmire and the reappointment of Keller, Ellebracht and Hannemann. On Dec 23rd, the court approved the t-hangar lease for C-12 and the agreement for legal services. On Jan 13th, the court approved the selection SKT for architectural services.
- T-hangars occupancy update. The Manager stated that the County T-hangers are 100% ...waiting list is at 35.

- Airport Status – the Manager reviewed the current status of the airport.

	Lights (PAPIs, Beacon, Rwy Edge, Taxiway, Signs)
	Communication (CTAF, GCO, AWOS)
	Weather Station
	Facilities
	Miscellaneous (Construction, Closures, etc)

- Airport Development Update:
  - Active Private Projects –

#	Developer	LOI Date Rcv'd	Status	Comments
1	EPCON	5/22/24	PHII	Dev'l Agmt in coordination (Legal review)

## OPEN FLOOR

- FBO – Ethan stated that they set a record last year in fuel sales. He also mentioned that they had some personnel turnover, and he believes that they are set for a while.
- Michele Wilkinson (Wine Flights VIP) – Michele introduced herself to the board and mentioned that she is actively looking into starting a business at T82.
- Crosswind Aviation – Gwen reviewed her successful “Santa Fly in” event. She also mentioned again that she plans to hold 3 camps this summer.
- EAA – Larry Hauptrief mentioned that the local chapter has about 50+ members and that they had a very interesting guest speaker at their last meeting (Tammie Shults, retired SW Airline pilot, and one of the first female naval aviators to qualify in the F/A-18 Hornet). She gave a presentation on “Angel Flights”.
- TFS – Randal stated that all of the air assets have relocated...The helicopter was reassigned to California and the SEATs moved to Fort Stockton, Texas, but might return once the weather gets better.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Item a. Maintenance Shop Sale– The board reviewed the request by Tac Aero to sale their maintenance hangar and maintenance business to Halo Aviation Texas, LLC. In addition, Kraig Turpin (the new owner) requested that the Board support his request to assume the Tac Aero Lease. The board unanimously recommended approval to both.

- Item b. Modifications to the Exterior of the Rhett Hawk Facility. The board reviewed the request from Tac Aero to add a business sign to the northside and the west side of the building. The board unanimously recommended approval, pending city approval.



## OLD BUSINESS.

- CIP Update – The Manager gave a quick update on the following CIP projects:
  - Pavement Project
    - The manager attended the Preliminary Engineer Report meeting on Jan 14<sup>th</sup>
    - Discussion summary
      - As the report was presented, it was \$1.8M over budget (w/out runway treatment)
      - TXDOT wants Garver to re-evaluate using state-standard products/materials, which will reduce the cost
      - The team reviewed/adjusted the project phasing to minimize disruptions of airport operations
      - The manager offered to use AIG funds to help, so that the runway could get rehabbed, and taxiway Alpha/Delta could get modified to ADGII standards.
  - Obstruction Survey
    - KSA's survey team has started their initial work.
  - AWOS Replace Project – TXDOT is waiting for funding from the County
  - Drainage Study
    - This project was approved by TXDOT Commission in December. The board unanimously recommended approval of the participation agreement...Awaiting GC Comm Court approval.

## REPORTS

The manager reviewed the sale tax reports for the City and County.


**ADJOURNMENT** (2:00). Next meeting is Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at the Airport Terminal Building at 1pm.

**Note:** all minutes are available on the airport website (<http://www.gillespiecounty.org/page/airport%20-%20AAB%20Minutes>)

Attachment



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## Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Airport Manager's Report
4. Open floor (EAA, Crosswind, TFS, Tac Aero, and guest)
5. New Business
6. Old Business
7. Comments-FBO, EDC, and Board Members
8. Adjourn

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# AAB

- Minutes Approval – vote needed
  - Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Airport Manager's Report
  - Event Update (*Italicized - Unconfirmed*)
    - Apr 24-27<sup>th</sup> – T-6 Formation Training
    - May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Airport Open House (50<sup>th</sup> Annv. of end of V-War)

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- Airport Manager's Report
  - Court Review – On Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, the Court approved the soliciting Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for professional planning and design services for the expansion and/or remodeling of the terminal building at the County Airport. They also approved the appointment of Gasmire and the reappointment of Keller, Ellebracht and Hannemann. On Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, the court approved the t-hangar lease for C-12 and the agreement for legal services. On Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, the court approved the selection SKT for architectural services.
  - T-Hangar Occupancy – 100% (35) Airport Status:

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- Open Floor
  - FBO
  - Crosswind
  - Texas Forest Service
  - Estenson Group
  - Tac Aero Tailwheel Academy
  - MX Shop
  - Guest

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Item a.

New Business

## Maintenance shop sale

1. Recommend the Approval of the sale of the Tac Aero Maintenance hangar and business to Halo Aviation Texas, LLC
2. Recommend the Approval to allow Halo Aviation Texas, LLC to assume the Tac Aero lease



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Item b.

New Business

## Tac Aero Sign



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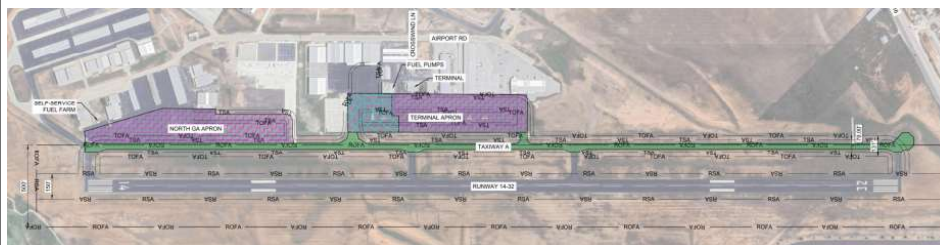
Old Business

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# Pavement Project Comments

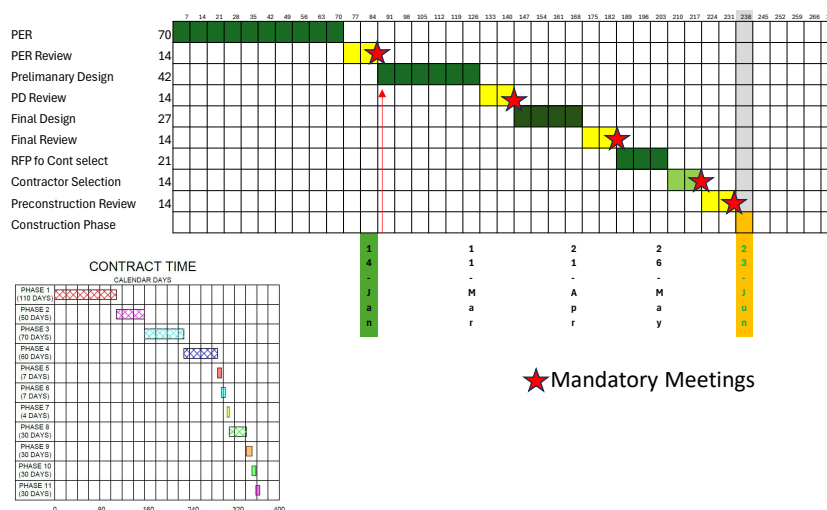
- Preliminary Eng Report Meeting
  - Jan 14
- Discussion summary
  - \$1.8M overbudget (w/out runway treatment)
  - TxDoT wants Garver to use correct pavement material
  - Phasing was looked at to minimize disruptions
  - AIG funds possible to help (runway treatment and ADGII mods)



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# Project Timeline



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## Other CIP Projects

- Automated Weather Observing System Replacement
  - ID'd by TXDOT as top candidate in state for the AWOS replace program
  - TXDOT is awaiting payment from County
- Obstruction Survey
  - To help getting a more precision approach (LPV) to Rwy 14
- Drainage Study
  - To update the current "out-date" drainage study, and to help with the south development
  - APPA awaiting court approval

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## AAB

- Old Business continue:
  - Architectural services – SKT
  - EPCON developmental agreement
  - Legal services

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- Comments-EDC, and Board Members



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# Sales Tax

SALES TAX COMPARISON SUMMARY - JANUARY, 2025 (NOVEMBER SALES)

CITY	% change month	% change ytd	COUNTY	% change month	% change ytd
Fredericksburg	(4.16)	(4.16)	Gillespie	(6.56)	(6.56)
Kernville	0.46	0.46	Kerr	(4.29)	(4.29)
Boerne	4.28	4.28	Kendall	3.27	3.27
Llano	16.14	16.14	Llano	15.14	15.14
Marble Falls	(2.71)	(2.71)	Burnet	1.33	1.33
Bandera	(0.91)	(0.91)	Bandera	(5.04)	(5.04)
Johnson City	(19.86)	(19.86)	Blanco	(1.39)	(1.39)
Brenham	(6.07)	(6.07)	Washington	(6.03)	(6.03)
New Braunfels	13.42	13.42	Comal	(1.11)	(1.11)
Rockport	4.20	4.20	Aransas	3.73	3.73
Corpus Christi	(0.22)	(0.22)	Nueces	(0.19)	(0.19)
Austin	(4.57)	(4.57)	Travis	(3.30)	(3.30)
San Antonio	(2.91)	(2.91)	Bexar	(2.41)	(2.41)
Houston	(1.08)	(1.08)	Harris	0.02	0.02
Dallas	5.31	5.31	Dallas	1.33	1.33
State (Cities)	(0.32)	(0.32)	State (Counties)	1.41	1.41

Shaded numbers are worse than ours.

Gillespie County

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
JAN	388,091	415,372	406,560	371,424	285,619
FEB	426,591	453,797	453,797	419,141	350,057
MAR	345,135	351,287	351,287	305,429	255,886
APR	362,273	346,599	346,599	285,134	225,110
MAY	433,012	404,469	404,469	401,106	345,729
JUN	399,611	341,416	341,416	354,750	334,243
JUL	373,955	390,850	390,850	364,652	336,528
AUG	362,714	352,245	352,245	355,111	364,353
SEP	366,504	455,706	455,706	312,932	308,778
OCT	330,808	328,640	328,640	321,054	282,563
NOV	377,516	372,394	372,394	368,574	371,347
DEC	413,035	375,629	375,629	361,348	326,905
Total	388,091	4,586,526	4,586,602	4,221,655	3,789,118

NOVEMBER SALES RECEIPTS

January Sales Tax Report

City of Fredericksburg

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
JAN	765,994	799,260	782,905	760,015	582,454
FEB	924,657	994,706	871,461	871,461	744,208
MAR	667,791	633,261	611,429	611,429	508,167
APR	699,382	636,485	636,485	636,485	438,755
MAY	900,460	822,646	822,646	822,646	757,207
JUN	780,066	715,407	715,407	715,407	668,869
JUL	733,798	738,475	738,475	738,475	667,080
AUG	766,115	703,432	703,432	703,432	799,227
SEP	757,497	730,795	730,795	730,795	661,403
OCT	702,427	675,110	675,110	675,110	623,790
NOV	782,296	735,976	735,976	735,976	771,224
DEC	816,124	744,887	744,887	744,887	649,485
Total	765,994	9,319,851	8,914,085	8,608,171	7,871,869

Fredericksburg

Gillespie County

Combined

	Jan 25	Jan 24	Change	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	Change
Fredericksburg	765,994	799,260	-4.16%	765,994	799,260	-4.16%
Gillespie County	388,091	415,372	-6.56%	388,091	415,372	-6.56%
Combined	1,154,085	1,214,632	-4.98%	1,154,085	1,214,632	-4.98%

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