

# FORSYTH COUNTY

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 10

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY FUNDS TO BE RESERVED FROM GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE TO ASSIST THE AIRPORT COMMISSION OF FORSYTH COUNTY WITH REQUIRED LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS UNDER PROPOSED GRANTS FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO FUND THREE CAPITAL PROJECTS AT SMITH REYNOLDS AIRPORT**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:**

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:**

See attached

ATTACHMENTS:  YES  NO

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: September 23, 2015  
COUNTY MANAGER

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WHEREAS, the Airport Commission of Forsyth County (hereinafter Airport Commission) proposes to apply for grants from the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration to fund three capital projects as follows:

- Taxiway Foxtrot Extension Design and Partial Construction
- Clear Terrain Obstructions East of Runway 15-33
- Taxiway Alpha Relocation; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission, which is responsible for the operation of the airport facilities owned by Forsyth County, has requested financial assistance from Forsyth County of up to \$1,500,000 to assist with local matching funds under the proposed grants; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that County assistance funds would come from the County's reserved General Fund fund balance and may be paid to the Airport Commission in an amount of up to \$1,500,000 for local matching funds under the proposed grants as necessary based on the Airport Commission's cash flow needs; and

WHEREAS, the receipt of County funds for the above purpose will be contingent upon the Airport Commission being awarded grants from the North Carolina Department of Transportation and/or the Federal Aviation Administration which require the payment of local match in excess of the Airport Commission's available cash; and

WHEREAS, any County funds distributed to the Airport Commission of Forsyth County must be applied to the local match and will be repayable to Forsyth County at 0% interest up to a 10-year period; and

WHEREAS, the proposed capital project improvements will increase the value of the Smith Reynolds Airport facility, which is owned by Forsyth County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes County funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 to be reserved from the General Fund fund balance to assist the Airport Commission of Forsyth County with required local matching funds under proposed grants from the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Manager and Chief Financial Officer are hereby directed to reserve \$1,500,000 of General Fund fund balance for use as required for local matching funds under the proposed capital project grants, which funds may be appropriated by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners for expenditure as necessary based on the Airport Commission's cash flow needs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Manager is hereby authorized to issue to the Federal Aviation Administration and/or North Carolina Department of Transportation a Letter of Commitment of local matching fund assistance up to \$1,500,000, if necessary.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman or County Manager and Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County, the necessary documents to provide County funds in a manner consistent with the provisions of this Resolution, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the Chief Financial Officer, where applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all amounts distributed to the Airport Commission of Forsyth County pursuant to this Resolution must be applied to the required local match of the grants identified herein and will be repayable to Forsyth County at 0% interest up to a 10-year period.

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2015, effective June 30, 2015.



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September 15, 2015

Mr. Paul L. Fulton, Jr.  
Chief Financial Officer  
Forsyth County  
201 North Chestnut Street  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Re: Financial Commitment Request

Mr. Fulton:

On August 27, 2015, Airport Commission Chairman, Thomas F. McKim, presented information to the Forsyth County Commissioners regarding three capital projects at Smith Reynolds Airport. During the presentation, Chairman McKim requested up to \$1,500,000 from the County to maximize available grants from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The three capital projects include:

- Taxiway Foxtrot Extension Design and Partial Construction
- Clear Terrain Obstructions East of Runway 15-33
- Taxiway Alpha Relocation

In order to proceed with planning these critical infrastructure projects, the Airport Commission of Forsyth County (ACFC) is requesting a Letter of Commitment from Forsyth County. The Letter would obligate the County to an amount up to \$1,500,000, if the ACFC is unable to fund the required local match required by the NCDOT and FAA. Any funds distributed to the ACFC would be applied to the local match and paid back to the County at 0% interest over a 10 year period.

Please establish a reserve account to assist the ACFC and give me a call at 336-767-6361 if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Mark R. Davidson, A.A.E.  
Airport Director