

Habersham County Airport Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.
Habersham County Airport Terminal
1112 Airport Rd, Cornelia, GA 30531

The Habersham County Airport Commission held a public work session on Wednesday July 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the Habersham County Airport Terminal located at 1112 Airport Rd, Cornelia, GA 30531.

Members Present: Ken Schubring, D. Higgins, Greg Caudell, Lawrence Bridges & Chris Limbach

Members Absent: None

Others Present: County Staff, Members of the Public and Media.

Call to Order: Ken Schubring called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Invocation and Pledge: Brenda Reed lead the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Topics of Discussion:

Family Promise of White and Habersham's Request for September Air Show: Tobi Cook provided an information packet to the Commissioners with details for this event, which would be used to raise funds for assisting homeless families in becoming self-sustaining. She wishes to hold the event on the tarmac of Runway 24 on September 25, 2021, between the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and believes that between 500 to 1000 visitors would be present. Admission would be \$10 per person with children 6 and under being admitted for free. Details were provided regarding marketing for the event, the event's structure, geographic scope and safety measures. Discussion was had amongst members of the Airport Commission, with the main concerns of all being the location of event activities and parking and ability to shut down parts of the airport. Phil Eberly, president of Habersham's airport consultant Lead Edge, stated that the FAA would not allow the airport to close without 6 months of advance notice. Another issue that was brought up by Interim County Manager Alicia Vaughn was that allowing this event will set a precedent and open the door for any and all 501(c)(3) organizations to be able to do the same, and that really a policy and the logistics for holding these events needs to be in place ahead of time. Phil Eberly suggested that the Airport be the one to sponsor the events and then donate proceeds to the organizations requesting assistance. This would keep the events under county control and avoid issues with setting precedents for the use of the Airport. The Airport Commission decided that a committee should be formed at the next regular meeting to work on structuring an event policy and that a liaison should report to the Board every month at the regular meeting to make sure that it is making progress toward completion.

Adjournment: Motion by Ken Schubring, seconded by Chris Limbach and voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:36 a.m.

The next meeting is August 2, 2021



Ken Schubring, Chairman



Greg Caudell, Secretary