

**TITUSVILLE – COCOA AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

A Special Board Meeting of the of the Titusville - Cocoa Airport Authority was held on February 15, 2019 at the Titusville - Cocoa Airport Authority Office at 355 Golden Knights Boulevard, Titusville, FL. The following members were present: Mr. Jerry Sansom, Chairman; Mr. Milo Zonka, Vice Chairman; Dr. John Leavitt, Treasurer; Dr. David Hosley; Mr. John Craig; Mr. Al Elebash; Mr. Michael D. Powell, C.M., ACE, CEO; Mr. Adam Bird, Attorney. Mr. Harry Carswell was absent.

**Call to Order**

Mr. Sansom called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present.

**Continued Discussion of Employee Improprieties**

Mr. Powell gave an overview of the item, stating that this was a follow-up meeting and that Corporal Tim Werring from the Titusville Police Department (TPD) was in attendance to give the Board an update on the investigation into improprieties by two former employees of the Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority. Mr. Powell turned the floor over to Corporal Werring.

Corporal Werring stated that the Board had previously had questions regarding the Statute of Limitations and where the TPD was in regards to potential prosecution. Corporal Werring stated that as far as the Statute of Limitations, there were detailed discussions with the State Attorney's office to see if it applied, so they could look heavily into the tractors which had allegedly been misused in 2005. Corporal Werring stated that it wasn't off the table because the Airport was a special taxing district, but it still did not bring the investigation closer to probable cause for arrest. Corporal Werring stated at this time the case was considered pending-inactive, which meant it was closed until the TPD got more information. Corporal Werring stated that with all the evidence there was a decent hypothesis of innocence, and the State Attorney's office didn't see a high likelihood of successful prosecution at trial. Corporal Werring stated that they would not try the case, even if it was presented to them. Discussion continued.

Corporal Werring stated that the entire case file was available for the Board to look at individually. Discussion continued.

Dr. Leavitt asked Mr. Bird if the Airport Authority was at the point where they should pay the former employees their accrued leave to avoid any additional risk. Mr. Bird stated that it was his and Staff's recommendation that they should. Discussion continued.

Dr. Leavitt made a motion to pay the employees their accrued leave to avoid any further risk to the Airport Authority. Dr. Hosley seconded the motion. Discussion continued.

Mr. Zonka sought to propose an amendment to the motion, which through discussion with counsel was disallowed.

Mr. Sansom called the question. All voted aye with the exception of Mr. Zonka, who voted nay. Motion passed. Discussion continued.

Mr. Craig stated that he would like to see on a future agenda a discussion of policy revisions and a structured outline for how to address this in the future. Mr. Sansom gave Mr. Powell the directive to comply with Mr. Craig's request. Mr. Powell agreed to do so.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Sansom adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

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JERRY SANSOM, CHAIRMAN

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HARRY CARSWELL, SECRETARY