



ALTOONA BLAIR COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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Manager's Report

February 9, 2015

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A formal request has been forwarded by the manager on behalf of the BCAA to the DOT requesting that Sun Air Express be permitted to provide service to AOO with a Cessna Caravan. Service will begin as soon as final approval of the leases is received from the FAA.

The Blair County Chamber of Commerce Lodging and Attractions Roundtable will be meeting at the Kitty Hawk restaurant for their meeting on Wednesday morning. Kitty Hawk, Sun Air Express, and AOO will be providing a breakfast buffet for the group. This is a very important group to work with to help publicize and build the commercial air service available at AOO. In addition, Sun Air is the corporate sponsor for the Chamber's monthly breakfast at the Casino on Thursday morning. Sun Air VP of Marketing, Mark Cestari, will be present for both events.

A major improvement project is underway in painting the interior of the terminal building. Betsy Garach, of Top to Bottom Interiors, has developed a new paint scheme and the inmates from the Blair County prison will be doing the painting. Betsy has donated her design services and labor will be at no cost to the airport. The project will take 4-6 months to complete. We estimate that the paint and materials will cost approximately \$3,000-\$4,000. Betsy's estimate is that if we had to have a commercial paint contractor do this job it would cost \$30,000-\$50,000. There is a motion on tonight's agenda to approve this project.

The manager has done a survey of hangar land lease rates and recommends adjusting rates at AOO as follows: Tier 1 (Primary Corporate Apron Frontage) - \$0.65/sq.ft. Tier 2 - (Primary General Aviation Area) - \$0.30/sq.ft. Tier 3 - (Secondary General Aviation Area) - \$0.20/sq.ft. This will keep the lease rates more in line with the airports costs. There is a motion on tonight's agenda ratifying same.

The manager and maintenance supervisor have made a recommendation to offer part time employee Corey Butler full-time employment. There is a motion on tonight's agenda ratifying same.

Tracy A. Plessinger, Manager