

# WARREN COUNTY DPW COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, July 26, 2011  
09:30 am

## Airport AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER..... Chairman Dan Belden  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES..... Chairman Dan Belden  
NEW BUSINESS.....Chairman Dan Belden

### Travel Requests

- N/A

### Resolution Request/s

- 1 - To enter into an agreement with EAA chapter 353, permitting a Young Eagles flying event on Saturday October 1 with a Sunday October 2 rain date. Consistent with previous agreements.

....Airport Manager Don DeGraw

### Items of Interest:

1. Next meeting with VMJR regarding the proposed office park near the south west corner of airport property, has been rescheduled to July 29, following the Town of Queensbury planning board meeting on July 26.
2. Update on the new airport fire truck.



3. Update on recent Balloon Festival meeting.

OLD BUSINESS..... Chairman Dan Belden  
REFERRALS..... Chairman Dan Belden  
PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR..... Chairman Dan Belden  
ADJOURNMENT..... Chairman Dan Belden

**RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 20**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

***\*Please List All Other Requests Not Covered by Previous Resolution Request Forms Here.  
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**DEPARTMENT NAME: DPW - Airport**

**DATE: July 20, 2011**

- (a) Purpose of Request: To authorize an agreement/s with "EAA Chapter 353" to the use of the Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport for a Young Eagles - Fly In event scheduled on October 1 & 2, 2011.
  
- (b) Details: The agreement shall be for a scheduled young eagles flying event.
  
- (c) Previous Resolution Number: NA

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### AIRPORT:

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Committee authorized further studies relating to the benefits of procuring an easement on the Forest Enterprises parcel, as well as to consider the possibility of an exchange of properties. Messrs. Dusek and DeGraw met with the property owners on the matter and a second meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2011. An update will be provided to the Committee at a future meeting. (06.28.11)

WASHINGTON – Contractors have been told to stop work on critical airport modernization projects around the country after Congress failed to pass legislation on Friday giving the FAA the authority necessary for work to continue. Dozens of “stop work orders” have been issued for major projects designed to build and modernize control towers and other aviation infrastructure from coast to coast.

“Construction workers across America will lose their jobs and local communities will be hurt the longer this goes on. Congress needs to pass an FAA bill to prevent further economic damage,” said Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. “This is no way to run the best aviation system in the world.”

“Unless Congress acts quickly, more work on projects critical to our nation’s aviation system will come to a halt. Work is stopping on construction and planning projects, NextGen system testing, and airport certification. The list goes on and on and this is just the beginning,” said FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt.

Construction workers, engineers and planners were told not to come to worksites across the country after the FAA was forced to issue stop work orders on projects ranging from the construction of new air traffic control towers to the rehabilitation and modernization of air traffic facilities. Nearly 4,000 FAA personnel, many needed to oversee various aspects of these projects, were furloughed on Saturday. Stopping work on these projects could significantly increase the ultimate costs of construction for taxpayers.

Some of these projects include:

- **Las Vegas, Nevada:** A more than \$43 million project to build a new air traffic control tower at McCarran International Airport. Contractor: Archer Western Contractors.
- **Palm Springs, California:** A \$24.5 million project to build a new air traffic control tower at Palm Springs International Airport. Contractors: Swinterton Builders.
- **Oakland, California:** A \$31 million project to build a new air traffic control tower at Oakland International Airport. Contractor: Devcon Construction.
- **Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania:** A more than \$18 million project to build a new air traffic control tower at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport. Contractor: Donald J. Keating Co.
- **Kalamazoo, Michigan:** A more than \$14 million project to build a new air traffic control tower at Battle Creek International Airport. Contractor: Skanska.
- **Gulfport, Mississippi:** A nearly \$12 million project to build a new air traffic control tower at Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport. Contractor: Flintco, Inc.
- **Queens, NY:** A more than \$6 million project to demolish the old air traffic control tower at LaGuardia Airport. Work was supposed to begin on Saturday. Contractor: Paul J. Scariano Inc.

Additionally, the FAA has issued stop work orders for \$370 million in contracts with Jacobs Engineering of Pasadena, California. The company is contracted to do all the architect, design, engineering and planning services for existing and future air traffic facilities. To view a list of projects where “stop work orders” have been issued [click here](#). This list will be continually updated until Congress passes an FAA bill.

Before last Friday, the FAA was also prepared to award contracts for new air traffic control towers in Cleveland, Ohio and Fort Lauderdale, Florida but was forced to suspend that process because the agency was no longer authorized to access the Airport and Airway Trust Fund.

In addition to the FAA’s work on the construction of aviation facilities such as control towers, it is a primary funding source for other airport projects through the Airport Improvement Program. The program is also unable to operate without congressional authorization and as a result the FAA is unable to get roughly \$2.5 billion out the door for airport projects in all 50 states that could put thousands of people to work in good paying jobs

Nearly 4,000 FAA employees in 35 states, and the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, have been furloughed and forced to go without pay. Large numbers of employees in New Jersey, New York, California, Georgia, Oklahoma, Texas, Washington,

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Illinois and the District of Columbia will be affected. This includes many of the FAA’s engineers, scientists, research analysts, administrative assistants, computer specialists, program managers and analysts, environmental protection specialists, and community planners.

While this lapse in FAA’s authorization affects thousands of public and private sector jobs, it is important to note that the safety of the flying public will not be compromised.

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