

# Walker Field Airport Authority

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## Minutes of the Special Board Meeting

February 3, 2004

**BOARD COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Miles McCormack Craig Springer  
Robert McCormick Karen Berryman  
Roger Little Gregg Palmer

**AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT:** Corinne Nystrom Charlie Novinskie  
David Anderson Ted Balbier  
Donna VanLandingham Ed Storer  
Ben Peck

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mitchell Rothman, Rothman Law Firm; Bob Kretschman of The Daily Sentinel; Richard Schoenrad of Timberline Aviation; Lloyd Quesenberry, and Kirk Rider of Younge and Hockensmith, P.C.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:53 p.m.

### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner McCormick moved to approve the Agenda as published. Commissioner Berryman seconded. Voice vote: all eyes. Motion carried.

### III. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-006: AUTHORIZATION FOR ARMED SECURITY GUARDS TO POSSESS LOADED FIREARMS ON THE AIRPORT

The Authority is required to have an armed security guard present at the terminal building security screening checkpoint at all times when passenger screening operations are being conducted. The security guard presence is supplemented with law enforcement officer (LEO) services provided by the City of Grand Junction Police Department and the Mesa County Sheriff's Office.

Colorado law requires authorization for a person to possess a loaded firearm in a “facility of public transportation.” Adoption of the resolution is necessary to allow the security guard contractor to provide armed security services in the terminal building.

Commissioner Palmer inquired if Authority Board members are covered under the Authority’s insurance. Authority Attorney Rider stated that Board members are covered under the Authority’s Directors and Officers policy. Vice Chairman Springer asked what the worst-case scenario would be if the Authority did not adopt the resolution. Authority Attorney Rider noted that a security guard who carries a loaded gun within the terminal building may be charged with a crime. If adopted, the resolution does not change the Authority’s liability profile. Thus there is no downside to the Authority if it adopts the resolution.

Staff recommended that the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution No. 2004-006: Authorization for Armed Security Guards to Possess Loaded Firearms on the Airport.

Commissioner Little moved to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution No. 2004-006. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried.

#### **IV. BID AWARD AND CONTRACT FOR AIRPORT ARMED SECURITY SERVICES**

Staff advertised a Request for Qualifications for airport armed security services and roving patrol services at Walker Field. Staff stated that several firms submitted bids and that four firms were interviewed.

Staff recommended that Colorado Security Professionals be awarded the contract for armed security services at Walker Field Airport based upon their previous experience working at the airport and their availability of qualified P.O.S.T. certifiable personnel.

Commissioner Palmer asked what criteria were used in the selection process. Staff responded that years in business, staffing, and experience providing services in a public setting were all factors. Vice Chairman Springer asked if the fee negotiated with Colorado Security Professionals fell within the estimated reimbursable amounts that may be paid by the Transportation Security Administration. Manager Nystrom stated that the hourly rate was within the range of the pending reimbursement amounts, and that a cancellation clause was added to the proposed security services contract so that it could be cancelled if the Transportation Security Administration modifies its security requirements to a point where the private security services are not necessary.

Commissioner Palmer moved to authorize Staff to accept the bid from Colorado Security Professionals for armed security services at Walker Field Airport and to approve the corresponding contract contingent upon: satisfaction of insurance requirements (\$5 million per occurrence) covering false arrest, assault and battery, and wrongful death; 30-day notice of cancellation provision; agreement by Colorado Security Professionals to pay any fines levied against them by the Transportation Security Administration; ratification of the final agreement by the Authority Board; and notification to the Authority of any reportable incidents. Additionally, he moved that the Chairman be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the Authority. Commissioner McCormick seconded the motion. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

#### **V. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

Commissioner McCormick moved to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss personnel matters as outlined in the Colorado Revised Statutes CRS 24-6-402 (4)(f). Without compromising the purpose for which the Executive Session was requested, the topic of discussion pertained to the Annual Airport Manager's Performance Evaluation. Commissioner Berryman seconded the motion. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman McCormack noted that the Executive Session would be recorded in the same manner as the recording of the open portion of the Board Meeting. Additionally, he stated that no formal action would be taken during the Executive Session.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:47 p.m.

Commissioner Berryman moved to exit the Executive Session. Commissioner Palmer seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. The Board exited the Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Palmer moved to adjourn. Commissioner McCormick seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Miles C. McCormack, Chairman

ATTEST:

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David J. Anderson, Clerk