

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: July 1, 2014

Date Submitted: June 17, 2014

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator

Subject: Appointment to the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks approval from the Board to appoint Mr. Ashley May as the Gadsden County representative to the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority.

Background:

The Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority was formed by Legislation in 1988. The makeup of the Authority is two members appointed by the County; two members appointed by the City of Quincy; and one member appointed by the other four Authority members. Each member serves a three year appointment and is allowed to serve two consecutive three year appointments.

Mr. Ashley May is a Gadsden County resident, a Gadsden County business owner, a tenant at the Quincy Municipal Airport, and an active volunteer in the operations of the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority. He brings a welcomed addition of aviation experience and expertise to the Board and a commitment to the best interest of Gadsden County in the current operations and future development of the Quincy Municipal Airport. The Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority is recommending the appointment of Mr. Ashley May as the Gadsden County appointee to the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority for a three year term beginning July 1, 2014.

If approved, Mr. Ashley May will serve as the Gadsden County representative to replace Mr. Manny Sousa. Mr. Sousa has served two consecutive three year terms and his term expired on June 30, 2014.

Fiscal Impact:

There will be no fiscal impact.

Options:

1. Approve the appointment of Mr. Ashley May as the Gadsden County representative to the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority.
2. Do not approve the appointment of Mr. Ashley May as the Gadsden County representative to the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority.
3. Board Direction.

County Administrator's Recommendation:

Option 3

Attachments:

1. Copy of the legislation establishing the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority
2. Present makeup of the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority
3. Letter of request for appointment from the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority

ATTACHMENT #1

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the City of Quincy and
3 Gadsden County; creating a dependent special
4 district in the county to be governed by the
5 Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority; providing
6 definitions; providing for the membership of
7 the authority; granting the authority the power
8 to acquire, finance, and operate an airport and
9 other projects within the district; providing
10 for the authority to issue revenue bonds or
11 other obligations to finance various projects;
12 providing for the payment of the expenses of
13 the authority from funds of the City of Quincy
14 and the County of Gadsden; authorizing the
15 authority to enter into contracts, leases,
16 mortgages, and other agreements and exercise
17 all incidental powers necessary to carry out
18 the purposes of this act; providing for
19 financial reports and budget procedure;
20 requiring the authority to carry insurance and
21 providing for indemnification of the city and
22 county; requiring notice of meetings of the
23 authority; prohibiting the creation of certain
24 debts; providing for airport zoning
25 regulations; providing for construction of the
26 act; providing severability; providing an
27 effective date.
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29 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida;
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1 Section 1. Short title.--This act may be cited as the
2 "Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority Act."

3 Section 2. Definitions.--As used in this act, the
4 term:

5 (1) "Authority" means the governing body of the
6 Quincy-Gadsden Airport District.

7 (2) "Cost of project" includes the cost of
8 construction; the cost of all lands, properties, easements,
9 rights and franchises acquired; the cost of machinery,
10 equipment, and all improvements; financing and refinancing
11 charges; interest prior to and during the construction and for
12 a period of time after such construction; cost of engineering,
13 architectural, and legal expenses and plans and specifications
14 and other expenses necessary or incident to determining the
15 feasibility or practicability of the project; administrative
16 expenses; and such other expenses as may be necessary or
17 incident to the financing authorized by this act for the
18 construction of any project, the placing of same in operation,
19 or the leasing or renting thereof.

20 (3) "District" means the dependent special district
21 created by this act to be known as the Quincy-Gadsden Airport
22 District.

23 (4) "Project" means any of the following when
24 undertaken, owned, controlled, or operated by the authority:

25 (a) Any airport, runways, taxiways, air navigation
26 facilities, maintenance and service facilities, passenger
27 terminals, and buildings and structures and all appurtenant
28 and related facilities necessary or convenient for the
29 complete management, operation, and maintenance of such
30 facilities; and
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1 (b) Industrial and manufacturing plants including
2 water, sewage, pollution, and waste control facilities, and
3 all appurtenant facilities for the complete operation thereof,
4 and such other capital projects as may otherwise be provided
5 or authorized by the Florida Industrial Development Financing
6 Act and other applicable general laws, all appurtenant to and
7 located on an airport that is undertaken, owned, controlled,
8 or operated by the authority.

9 Section 3. District; creation and purpose.--For the
10 purpose of performing such acts as are necessary for the sound
11 planning for, and development and maintenance of, an airport
12 and for the purpose of managing and operating an airport and
13 airport facilities, for the City of Quincy and Gadsden County
14 and the territory included within the district, including any
15 industry, commerce, or business necessary and incidental
16 thereto, a dependent special district is hereby created and
17 incorporated, to be known as the Quincy-Gadsden Airport
18 District, in Gadsden County, which dependent special district
19 is a public body corporate and politic and includes all
20 territory within the county boundaries of Gadsden County.

21 Section 4. Membership of the authority; appointment
22 and terms of office.--The governing body of the district shall
23 be composed of five members, each of whom must be a resident
24 and an elector of Gadsden County. Two members shall be
25 appointed by the City Commission of the City of Quincy; two
26 members shall be appointed by the Board of County
27 Commissioners of Gadsden County; and one member shall be
28 selected by the other four members. The initial appointments
29 shall be for staggered terms as follows: One member appointed
30 by the city commission and one member appointed by the board
31 of county commissioners shall be appointed to serve for a term

1 of 3 years each; the other member appointed by the city
 2 commission and the other member appointed by the board of
 3 county commissioners shall be appointed to serve for a term of
 4 2 years each; and the fifth member appointed by the other four
 5 members shall be appointed to serve for a term of 1 year.
 6 Thereafter, all subsequent appointments shall be for 3-year
 7 terms. The term of each initial member shall begin on the
 8 effective date of this act. Any member of the authority may
 9 be removed by the appropriate appointing authority for
 10 misfeasance, malfeasance, or willful neglect of duty. Each
 11 appointment made subsequent to the initial appointments shall
 12 be made by the appropriate appointing entity on or prior to
 13 the date of expiration of the preceding term in the same
 14 manner as the original appointment. A vacancy in office shall
 15 be filled for the balance of the term by the appropriate
 16 appointing entity in the same manner as the original
 17 appointment. A member may not serve for more than two
 18 consecutive terms.

19 Section 5. Chairman, vice chairman, and airport
 20 manager.--The authority shall appoint a chairman, vice
 21 chairman, secretary, such other officers as the authority
 22 deems advisable, and an airport manager, each of whom shall be
 23 appointed to serve for such term and for such remuneration as
 24 is provided by the authority.

25 Section 6. Quorum, transaction of business.--A
 26 majority of the members of the authority qualified and serving
 27 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business
 28 of the authority.

29 Section 7. Meetings; rules of procedure.--As soon as
 30 practicable after the effective date of this act, the
 31 authority shall meet and arrange a time for holding meetings

1 of the authority. It may adopt such rules of organization and
2 procedure as it deems necessary and expedient.

3 Section 8. Duties.--It is the duty of the authority to
4 make a study of the advantages, facilities, resources,
5 products, attractions, conditions, and all other data
6 concerning the district that relate to the airport and air
7 navigation needs; provide for the development, construction,
8 operation, and maintenance of the airport and related
9 facilities; encourage industry to locate on the airport in the
10 district and use such means and media as the authority deems
11 advisable to make public such data and material to such
12 persons, firms, corporations, agencies, and institutions which
13 the authority finds could encourage industry to locate on and
14 use the airport; cooperate with any and all other governmental
15 agencies in accomplishing the purposes of this act; and do all
16 other things it deems advisable in its effort to effectively
17 maintain an airport and the location of industry thereon. The
18 duties of the authority provided in this section are declared
19 to be a proper district, municipal, county, and public
20 purpose.

21 ~~Section 9.~~ Expenses; gifts; compensation.--The City
22 Commission of the City of Quincy and Board of County
23 Commissioners of Gadsden County are hereby authorized to pay,
24 out of their general funds, the expenses of the authority and
25 the costs of carrying out the purposes of this act. The City
26 Commission of the City of Quincy and the Board of County
27 Commissioners of Gadsden County shall each furnish 50 percent
28 of the funds necessary to meet the expenses of the authority
29 until such time as is mutually agreed upon by the city
30 commission and the board of county commissioners. Thereafter,
31 the city commission and the board of county commissioners may

1 each appropriate such amount of its funds to support the
 2 authority as is mutually agreed upon by the city commission
 3 and the board of county commissioners. The expenditure of
 4 funds by the city commission to carry out the purposes of this
 5 act is declared to be a proper municipal purpose and the
 6 expenditure of funds by the board of county commissioners is
 7 declared to be a proper county purpose. In addition to the
 8 funds received from the general funds of the city and of the
 9 county, the authority may accept, receive, and expend, for
 10 carrying out the purposes of this act, such sums as may be
 11 offered as gifts, donations, grants, or bequests from any
 12 source whatever. The members of the authority shall receive
 13 no salary or other compensation for their services. The
 14 authority shall, however, pay reasonable costs and expenses
 15 necessarily incurred by the members in the performance of
 16 their duties.

17 Section 10. Lease of property for airport and
 18 industrial purposes.--The City Commission of the City of
 19 Quincy or Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County may
 20 lease, sell, or give to the authority any property which, in
 21 the discretion of the city commission or board of county
 22 commissioners, is not needed for its governmental purposes.

23 Section 11. Powers.--The Quincy-Gadsden Airport
 24 Authority shall have the following powers:
 25 (1) To adopt and alter an official seal.
 26 (2) To sue and to be sued in its own name.
 27 (3) To acquire, hold, and dispose of personal property
 28 and real property for its purposes.
 29 (4) To enter into contracts with governmental agencies
 30 and subdivisions of the state or of the United States, or with
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1 any private person, firm, or corporation, in order to carry
2 out the purposes of this act.

3 (5) To acquire property, real or personal, for the
4 purpose of establishing, constructing, enlarging, managing, or
5 operating an airport, runways, navigational facilities,
6 buildings, structures, industrial parks, passenger terminals,
7 fuel storage facilities, roadways, taxiways, utility systems,
8 or other facilities or improvements necessary or desirable for
9 the servicing of aircraft, the comfort or accommodation of air
10 travelers, or the operation of airport facilities for either
11 foreign or domestic air transportation.

12 (6) To acquire, by the power of eminent domain in the
13 manner provided in chapter 73, Florida Statutes, or chapter
14 74, Florida Statutes, land and the improvements thereon, but
15 only for public airport purposes. In addition, the authority
16 may acquire land or other property for airport purposes by
17 grant, donation, purchase, or lease in the manner otherwise
18 provided in this act for other projects. The authority may
19 not sell any land acquired for airport purposes but may lease
20 or rent such land as necessary to further the purposes of this
21 act.

22 (7) To establish such rates, charges, or user fees for
23 the use of the airport or airport facilities as the authority
24 deems necessary.

25 (8) To construct or provide for the construction of
26 such special purpose facilities as are usually provided for
27 the repair or servicing of aircraft or for the comfort or
28 convenience of the public, including, but not limited to,
29 fueling equipment and storage facilities, concessions,
30 restaurants, food and beverage facilities, hotels or other
31 lodging facilities, parking lots, and similar facilities. The

1 authority may lease, but may not sell, such special purpose
2 facilities to private operators or concessionaires, or such
3 facilities may be operated by the authority in its discretion.

4 (9) To employ, in the operation and management of the
5 airport, such managers, supervisors, technicians, or other
6 personnel as are necessary for the economical and efficient
7 management thereof, and to adopt rules and regulations with
8 reference to all projects and matters under its control. All
9 rules and regulations of the authority shall be open to public
10 inspection and a copy thereof must be provided by the
11 authority, at cost, to any person who requests such copy.

12 (10) To have full power, in acquiring property for
13 airport purposes from the City of Quincy, Gadsden County, or
14 any public agency or in operating an airport, to contract with
15 the Federal Aviation Authority or any federal agency which
16 exercises any authority with respect to aviation, air
17 navigation, or air transportation. The authority must abide
18 by all rules and regulations of such federal agencies
19 including the rules and regulations governing the uses to
20 which land acquired for airport purposes may be put and the
21 rules and regulations governing the operation of the airport,
22 air navigation facilities, and aircraft. The authority may
23 assume any obligation, covenant, or agreement imposed prior to
24 the effective date of this act by any governmental agency by
25 deed, deed restriction, or contract on the City of Quincy,
26 Gadsden County, or any other governmental agency therein with
27 respect to airports or aviation.

28 (11) To exercise the powers granted to municipalities
29 under chapter 332, Florida Statutes, in acquiring, financing,
30 and operating an airport and air navigation facilities.

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- 1 (12) To advertise and publicize the use of its airport
2 and to expend its funds for such purposes.
- 3 (13) To finance or refinance the acquisition or
4 construction of projects by issuing revenue bonds or other
5 debt obligations in the manner provided by chapter 332,
6 Florida Statutes, or as provided by any other applicable
7 general law.
- 8 (14) To select and appoint agents and employees,
9 including engineers, architects, appraisers, realtors,
10 financial consultants, accountants, and attorneys and to fix
11 their compensation.
- 12 (15) To enter into contracts, and to execute any
13 instrument necessary or convenient, including a contract for
14 the construction, lease, rental, or use of any project.
- 15 (16) To borrow money for any of its purposes and to
16 execute any notes, mortgages, deeds to secure debt, trust
17 deeds, trust agreements, or such other instruments as are
18 necessary or convenient to evidence and secure such borrowing.
- 19 (17) To construct, acquire, own, maintain, extend,
20 improve, equip, operate, and manage projects located on
21 property owned or leased by the authority and to pay the cost
22 of any such project from the proceeds of revenue bonds of the
23 authority or from any other source.
- 24 (18) To report at least annually and in writing to the
25 City Commission of the City of Quincy and the Board of County
26 Commissioners of Gadsden County on the management and
27 operation of its airport and airport facilities and projects.
- 28 (19) To exercise any power granted by the laws of the
29 state to public or private corporations performing similar
30 functions which is not in conflict with the State
31 Constitution, to do all things necessary or convenient to

1 carry out the powers expressly conferred by this act and the
2 purposes of this act.

3 Section 12. Financial reports; audits.--The authority
4 shall, on or before November 30 of each year, file an annual
5 financial report for the fiscal year ending September 30
6 immediately preceding with the City Commission of the City of
7 Quincy and the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden
8 County. The authority shall, on or before August 1 of each
9 year, submit to the city commission and to the board of county
10 commissioners a detailed proposed budget for its operations in
11 the succeeding fiscal year beginning October 1. The authority
12 shall, with approval of the city commission and the board of
13 county commissioners, fix a date and time on or before August
14 31 for a public hearing on the proposed budget of the
15 authority. Reasonable notice of the public hearing must be
16 advertised one time in a newspaper of general circulation
17 published in Gadsden County. The authority, the city
18 commission, and the board of county commissioners shall
19 convene on the date fixed in the advertisement and from day to
20 day thereafter if deemed necessary for the purpose of holding
21 such public hearing and making whatever revisions in the
22 proposed budget as are deemed necessary. The city commission
23 and the board of county commissioners, after their examination
24 of the authority's proposed budget and at a public hearing,
25 may approve or disapprove the budget of the authority. If the
26 city commission and the board of county commissioners cannot,
27 agree on the budget of the authority, in order to assure the
28 continued operation and maintenance of the airport and its
29 facilities and projects, the matter shall be submitted to
30 three independent arbitrators mutually selected by the city
31 commission and the board of county commissioners, and the

1 recommendation of a majority of such arbitrators shall be
 2 resubmitted to the city commission and the board of county
 3 commissioners for their approval. Upon approval by the city
 4 commission and the board of county commissioners, the budget
 5 shall become fixed and may not be amended except by the joint
 6 action of the city commission and the board of county
 7 commissioners. All expenses incurred for the fiscal year for
 8 which the budget is fixed shall be vouchered and charged on
 9 the financial records against the budget of that year, and, to
 10 carry out this provision, the authority may hold its books
 11 open for 30 days after the expiration of the fiscal year. The
 12 authority may not expend or contract to expend in any fiscal
 13 year more money than is budgeted. Total appropriations may
 14 not be exceeded. However, adjustments within the total budget
 15 may be made by majority vote of the authority. The authority
 16 may not incur indebtedness in excess of the expenditures
 17 authorized in the budget, pay any illegal charge against the
 18 authority, or pay any claim against the authority not
 19 authorized by law, and any member of the authority who concurs
 20 in such act is guilty of malfeasance in office and subject to
 21 removal from office.

22 Section 13. Insurance and indemnification.--The
 23 authority shall carry liability and property damage insurance
 24 in amounts sufficient to reasonably cover the exposure of the
 25 operation and maintenance of its airport, facilities, and
 26 projects, and the authority shall indemnify, protect, and hold
 27 harmless the City of Quincy and Gadsden County from and
 28 against any and all claims resulting from the use, occupancy,
 29 operation, or maintenance of its airport, facilities, or
 30 projects. The authority shall furnish the City of Quincy and
 31 Gadsden County with certificates of such insurance.

1 Section 14. Notice of meetings.--The authority must
2 give notice of its proposed meetings by publication in a
3 newspaper of general circulation in Gadsden County of the
4 place and time of such meeting at least 48 hours prior
5 thereto. However, the failure to give such notice shall not
6 affect the validity of any meeting, and, in the case of
7 emergency meetings, such notice requirement may be waived by a
8 vote of two-thirds of the members of the authority.

9 Section 15. Creation of state, municipal, or district
10 debts prohibited.--The authority may not create a debt against
11 the state, the City of Quincy, or Gadsden County. All revenue
12 bonds or debt obligations must contain on the face thereof a
13 statement to the effect that the state, the county, and the
14 city are not obligated to pay the same or the interest
15 thereon; that the bonds or obligations are payable by the
16 authority only from revenues of the project or the portion
17 thereof for which they are issued; and that neither the faith
18 and credit or the taxing power of the state or of any of its
19 political subdivisions is pledged to the payment of the
20 principal of or the interest on the bonds or obligations.

21 Section 16. Zoning regulations.--The authority may
22 exercise and perform all of the powers and prerogatives
23 conferred upon political subdivisions by chapter 333, Florida
24 Statutes, as from time to time amended, with respect to the
25 adoption and enforcement of airport zoning regulations. Any
26 airport zoning regulations adopted by the authority pursuant
27 to such chapter shall supersede prior regulations adopted by
28 the airport zoning board of the City of Quincy and Gadsden
29 County insofar as such prior regulations pertain to an airport
30 under the jurisdiction of the authority.

31 Section 17. Construction and purpose of act.--



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1 (1) The purpose of this act is to develop and promote
2 the welfare of the public and of the City of Quincy and
3 Gadsden County, and the act shall be liberally construed to
4 effect its purpose.

5 (2) The powers conferred by this act are in addition
6 and supplementary to existing powers.

7 (3) The exercise of the powers granted by this act are
8 in all respects for the benefit of the people of the state,
9 for the increase of their industry and prosperity, for the
10 improvement of their health and living conditions, and for the
11 provision of gainful employment and constitute the performance
12 of essential public functions.

13 (4) The authority may exercise all the powers in
14 connection with the authorization, issuance, and sale of
15 revenue bonds to finance the cost of capital projects
16 conferred on counties, municipalities, special districts, and
17 other local governmental bodies by the Florida Industrial
18 Development Financing Act, and all of the privileges,
19 benefits, powers, and terms of such act are fully applicable
20 to the authority.

21 Section 18. If any provision of this act or the
22 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held
23 invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or
24 applications of the act which can be given effect without the
25 invalid provision or application, and to this end the
26 provisions of this act are declared severable.

27 Section 19. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
28 law.

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AFFIDAVIT OF PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF GADSDEN

BEFORE the undersigned authority personally appeared Alexander L. Gibson, who on oath does solemnly swear that he has knowledge of the matters stated herein; that a notice stating the substance of a contemplated law or proposed bill relating to the City of Quincy and Gadsden County creating and establishing a district in said county to be known and designated as the Quincy-Gadsden County Airport Authority, has been published at least 30 days prior to this date, by being printed in the February 18, 1988 issue of the Gadsden County Times, a newspaper published in Gadsden County, Florida; that a copy of the notice that has been published as aforesaid and also this affidavit of proof of publication are attached to the proposed bill or contemplated law, and such copy of the notice so attached is by reference made a part of this affidavit.

Alexander L. Gibson

SWORN to and subscribed
before me this 8th day of

March, A.D. 1988.

Harvey H. Clark
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1-16-89

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AFFIDAVIT OF PROOF OF PUBLICATION
OF
NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
CITY OF QUINCY

GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES
PUBLISHED WEEKLY
QUINCY, GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

State of Florida
County of Gadsden:

Before the undersigned personally appeared Timothy O. Matthew who on oath says that he is Publisher of the Gadsden County Times, a weekly newspaper published at Quincy, in Gadsden County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal in the matter of

Notice

In the Court, was published in said newspaper in the
Issues of February 18, 1988

Affiant further says that the said Gadsden County Times is a newspaper published at Quincy, in said Gadsden County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Gadsden County, Florida, each week and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in Quincy, in said Gadsden County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that he has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

Timothy O. Matthew

Sworn to, and subscribed before me this 18th

day of February, A. D. 1988

Jean H. Little
(SEAL) NOTARY PUBLIC
Notary Public, State of Florida
My Commission Expires June 21, 1989
Bonded Third Troy Fain - Insurance, Inc.

NOTICE OF
PROPOSED LEGISLATION
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Notice is hereby given of intention to apply to the 1988 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature for passage of an act relating to the City of Quincy and Gadsden County; creating and establishing a district in said county to be known and designated as the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority; providing definitions and defining the territorial boundaries of said district; providing for the governmental body of said district and membership thereof; conferring upon said district the authority to acquire, finance and operate an airport within the boundaries of said district; authorizing said district to issue revenue bonds or other obligations to finance the various projects that the district is authorized to undertake; providing for the payment of the expenses of the district out of the funds of the City of Quincy and the County of Gadsden; authorizing said district to contract with governmental agencies; providing that the district shall have power to enter into contracts, leases, mortgages and other agreements and to exercise all incidental powers necessary to carry out the purposes of this act; providing for financial reports and budget procedure; requiring the authority to carry insurance and providing for indemnification of the City and County; authorizing the levy of an ad valorem tax; providing said district shall not be required to pay taxes or assessments on its property except as may be required by the Florida Constitution; providing an effective date.

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July 1, 2013

QUINCY-GADSDEN AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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June 16, 2014

The Hon. Eric Hinson, Chairman
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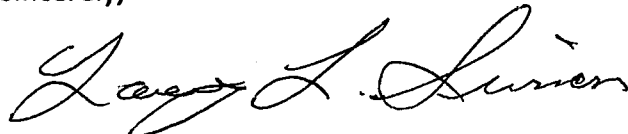
Dear Chairman Hinson:

This letter is to support the appointment of Ashley May as one of Gadsden County's representatives to the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority. Manny Sousa's current term will expire on June 30, 2014 and in accordance with the enabling legislation of the Airport Authority he is not eligible to serve a third consecutive term.

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Again, please consider this letter as the Authority's favorable recommendation of Ashley May as the Gadsden County's appointee to the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2014. The Airport Authority thanks the Gadsden County Commission for its commitment to the general aviation community of Gadsden and surrounding Counties and looks forward to our continued partnership in this endeavor.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Sirmons
Chairman

cc: Robert Presnell, Gadsden County Manager