

MINUTES OF AIRPORT COMMISSION STUDY SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014
FORT SMITH REGIONAL AIRPORT CONFERENCE ROOM

The Study Session of the Fort Smith Airport Commission began at 11:30 a.m. Chairman Archer presided with Commissioners Devero, Haver, Kelly, McGhee, and Schiffner present. Commissioner Nordin was absent. Also present were John Parker, Airport Director, Kathey Boze, Director of Administration; and Michael Griffin, Director of Operations.

As a commercial service airport, the Fort Smith Airport Regional is required to provide aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) service. The 188th currently provides airport ARFF, which will be discontinued when their mission changes on October 1, 2014. The National Guard Bureau (NGB) has agreed to allow the airport to use their fire station and two fire trucks. A use agreement is currently in the legal department at the NGB. Staff has not yet seen the agreement. The agreement will be for 5 years with renewal options.

Options for manning the ARFF will be with either airport operation personnel holding ARFF certification or contract ARFF services. Contract services will be either the City of Fort Smith, who have expressed an interest, or a private company that provides contract ARFF services.

The FAA has requested the airport to include purchasing new ARFF equipment in the airport's 5-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) with possible 90/10 federal funding. Improvements to the airport current fire station or a new fire station would be included in stages in the CIP.

A special meeting may be scheduled later this month in order to provide staff with direction on manning the ARFF services.

Chairman Archer concluded the study session at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Parker,
Commission Secretary