



Economic Development & Airport Technical Advisory Committee (EDA-TAC)

Hernando County Chamber of Commerce
15588 Aviation Loop Dr, Brooksville, FL 34604

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Thursday, November 13, 2025

9:00 AM A. CALL TO ORDER

B. EDA-TAC MISSION REVIEW

- The Economic Development Airport Advisory Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the County's economic development and airport staff regarding the economic development program for Hernando County. The committee shall provide input, feedback and assistance on economic development and airport issues such as strategic planning, goal setting, prioritization, policies, programming, investments and incentives.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVER: Radiah Dent SECONDER: Thomas Dury RESULT: Adopted / Unanimous
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D. NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- **Gina Calhoun**
- **Carey Carlson**

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVER: Jennifer DuBois SECONDER: Radiah Dent RESULT: Adopted / Unanimous
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F. BKV AIRPORT MANAGER – STEVE MILLER

- **Self-Fueling Options**
 - After a brief discussion regarding the pros and cons of the Airport taking over the self-fueling facility the committee recommends that the BOCC goes out to bid (Option 2).
- **New Leases**
 - Steve informed the committee of current tenants who are expanding their businesses at the Airport, businesses that are/were interested in relocating to our airport and how our airport is slowly being discovered and once this happens the flood gates will open.
- **Airport Projects Update – Andrew Johns, Airport Senior Project Mgr.**
 - Andrew reviewed some of the projects currently taking place at the

Airport:

- Taxiway A1 & D Rehab – milling and overlay of 2” of asphalt
- Eastside Development – in process of closing. Project consisted of the rehab of Runway Dr., Topline, American Flyer Way and Rescue Way.
- Admin Bldg.
- Security – There is a site visit scheduled for next week
- Admin Bldg. HVAC – Design phase
- Decoupling – Should have been completed in 2022 but its finally complete now.
- WWII Memorial – Scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15th at 10am
- Runway 3-21 Rehab – milling 4200’ of 1.5” and overlay. 100% Design/waiting on funding.
- Wildlife Fencing – consists of closing the gaps in the airfield perimeter
- Airport Layout Plan – Last plan was done in 2016. Since that time there has been a lot of development. The ALP will reflect all the changes.
- Runway Conversion / Abandoned Runway Rehab first 3000’ towards the south end. Design is 100% complete.
- Extension of Runway 3-21 – Design is 90% complete. Drainage is under review.
- Timeline for the project’s taking place is 3-5 years

- **2026 Meeting Dates:**

- **February 26th**
- **May 21st**
- **August 20th**
- **November 19th**

Meetings to be held in the Airport Conference Room, 15800 Flight Path Drive, Brooksville, FL 34604

G. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – JEFF ROGERS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- **County Bond Approval**

- Jeff Rogers discussed the Bond and what the money would be used for. The County has four major priorities, and Economic Development is the first of them.
- The money which goes towards the Airport will be for resurfacing of the 3rd runway so that we are ready for any companies wanting to relocate to BKV.
- The second stage of the money will go towards the infield at the Airport. Currently the land is leased to farmers for hay, but staff feel there is much better use for the land.
- Pem Air would like to build a huge hangar to work on the large airplanes that come in.
- Economic Development portion of the funds will go towards the development/widening of Barclay Rd. and Kettering Rd.

- **EDA Grant Submission**

- The county is going to submit a grant for 13 million. How is the BOCC planning to pay for this grant: The personal property tax paid for by manufacturers, healthcare and distribution companies, is approximately 4 million dollars per year. They BOCC will take 25% of that tax money

- to provide a revenue stream for Economic Development.
- Also discussed were the Facility that Moffitt is building at Ridge Rd @ the Suncoast. The facility is a research facility and a small industrial park. The Airport would be a huge asset to their needs.
- Pharmaceutical companies and the medical market is expanding in the state of Florida.

H. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

I. COMMITTEE/STAFF RESPONSES

- Committee Members not in attendance:
 - Wayne Johnson
 - Buddy Selph
 - Morris Porton
 - Mark Cioffi

J. EDA-TAC MEMBERS

- Tyler requested that at the next meeting the committee have a discussion regarding platting additional lots
- Steve let all the EDA-TAC members know that if anyone was interested in a tour of the Airport to let him know.

K. ADJOURNMENT