

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF AVERY**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Meeting on October 1, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Avery County Airport. The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the airport facilities.

Members Present: Kenny Poteat Chairman; Martha Hicks; Glenn Johnson

Members Absent: Phyllis Forbes; Scott Heath

Airport Authority Members Present: Sam Calvert; Ed Banta

Others Present: Tom and Nikki Freeman, Landcraft Engineering; Ryan Montague; Tommy Burleson, Tim Greene, Finance Officer; Jennifer Fuller, NC DOT Division of Aviation.

Ed Banta reported to the Board that most airports have three different types of hangars; Individual Hangars, Maintenance Hangars and Community Hangars. Avery County does not have a community hangar. This community hangar could house airplanes from Elk River and Mountain Air. This community hangar could be a multiuse hangar and this would need input from the County Commissioners. It could be used for emergency services or for a satellite station for the Green Valley Fire Department. Sam Calvert stated that this hangar would belong to Avery County. Jennifer Fuller with the NC DOT Division of Aviation stated that there could be state monies for a community hangar. Ms. Fuller stated that there needed to be a cost estimate of this project. Ms. Fuller advised that a letter from the Airport Authority and from the Board of Commissioners to let the state know what the Airport Authority has in mind regarding the community hangar and how this could benefit the community and the economy would especially help with getting a grant. Ryan Montague stated that Green Valley Fire Department was out of space and needed a satellite site. Chairman Poteat stated that the Fire Commission could get involved with this. Ms. Fuller stated that a grant would possibly be a 90% grant with a 10% match.

Chairman Poteat advised Mr. Banta and Mr. Calvert to get in contact with the County Manager and get placed on the agenda for a Commissioners meeting to discuss this issue further.

Ed Banta thanked the Commissioners for their continued support of the Avery Airport.

Adjourn

This meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

**Kenny Poteat, Chairman
Avery County Board of Commissioners**

ATTEST: _____
Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk