

A special meeting of the Alma City Commission, together with the Gratiot County Board of Commissioners, was held at the Gratiot-Isabella RESD. City Manager Aeric Ripley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Quorums of the City Commission and County Board of Commissioners were present.

Roll Call-Alma City Commission

Present: Roger Allman, Andrew Bare, Roxann Harrington, Greg Mapes, and Daniel Wernick.
Absent: Laurie Harrison and Michelle Pitts.

Roll Call-Gratiot County Board of Commissioners

Present: George Bailey, Jan Bunting, Tim Gay, Dave Owens, and Sam Smith.
Absent: none.

City Manager Ripley presented the following questions for consideration and discussion together with a map of the Gratiot Community Airport property (Exhibit A).

- Is the airport important to our economic and business competitiveness?
- All revenues generated at the airport stay with the airport for operations and capital, should this practice continue? (Rents, Leases, Sales, Fees current and future)
- Can the ownership of the land be structured so that the County can operate the facility and not worry about the closeout liabilities if the airport went out of business?
- If land ownership cannot be worked out can a new authority be set up with the former Airport Commission (County & City) and implement the new plan together?
- Lastly, since the airport has been operating more efficiently than the consultant projected could be achieved, by modifying the current arrangement, can the county simply contract with the city to support the airport for county wide use?

Lengthy discussion followed.

Ripley called for final comments from Board and Commission members.

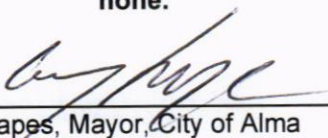
Public Comment

Public comments were received from Ben Chaffin, Daryl Koch, and Dennis McDonald.

Adjournment without Objection

Yes: Allman, Bare, Harrington, Harrison, Mapes, Pitts, and Wernick.
No: none.
Absent: Harrison and Pitts.

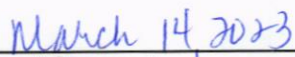
Yes: Bunting, Gay, Owens, Bailey, and Smith.
No: none.



Greg Mapes, Mayor, City of Alma



Sara Anderson, City Clerk, City of Alma



Date of Approval

