



## Airport Manager's Report

**To:** The Franklin County AOED

**Date:** February 24, 2026

**From:** Steve Kirschenbaum, Airport Manager

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### Action Items: February Workshop Updates

- **Planning Grant:** We need a recommendation to the County to have Avcon prepare the deliverables for the actual grant.
- **Digital Presence:** \* Recommended: Instead of hosting the hangar waitlist requirements on the primary County site, we should utilize our own domain to build a dedicated airport website.
  - This site would feature all accommodations and pricing. Per contract, the FBO is required to post this data; having it on our own site ensures maximum transparency and professional branding.

### February Workshop Input

- **T-Hangar Specifications:** \* Proposed door widths should be set at **50'** to accommodate the full range of General Aviation (GA) aircraft.
  - **Doors and Electrical:** All units are to include overhead electric doors, interior light fixtures, and standard power outlets.
  - **Utilities:** All rows should have one meter for the row County supplied electric. We want to invite the aviation community at a premium price.
- **Box Hangars:** \* Development should focus on more than just maintenance facilities; these units are intended for corporate flight departments and businesses requiring direct air access.

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## Informational Items: Grants & Infrastructure

- **Funding & Advocacy:**
  - **Job Growth Grant:** Application officially submitted; preliminary contact has been established with Secretary Kelly.
  - **Legislative Appropriations:** Sponsored Senate and House items are currently under review; our lobbyist is actively monitoring progress.
  - **CDBG Funding:** Currently discussing potential eligibility with the County Fiscal Manager.
- **Haney Technical College Aviation Academy:**
  - **Facilities:** Sewage connection and HVAC replacement are currently in progress.
  - **Repairs & Aesthetics:** Hangar door parts have arrived for repair. Parking area, sidewalks, and minor finishes are scheduled for completion by the end of March.
  - **Documentation:** Please see the attached budget-to-date and proposed billboard design (requesting board review for funding).

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## Operational Updates

- **Military Training:** Tyndall AFB has positioned a new training target on the West Ramp to assist F-35 pilot training..
- **Licensing & Compliance:** Pre-inspection paperwork for airport licensing is complete. The formal FAA/FDOT inspection is slated for April (exact date TBD).
- **Upcoming Meetings:** I will be presenting a progress update for Apalachicola at the **CFASP meeting** at ECP on **March 5th at 11:00 AM**.
- **FDOT Coordination:** \* Inquiry submitted regarding SAFE funds.
  - Ongoing discussions with FDOT to reallocate funds for the FBO building rehabilitation.

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Respectfully submitted,

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