



Newnan-Coweta County Airport Authority

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Regular Session

Minutes

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March 20, 2026

9:00 AM

**Commission Chambers
37 Perry Street
Newnan, GA 30263**

Newnan-Coweta County Airport Authority

Roll Call/Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Joe Rutkiewicz	Chairman	Present
Hank Moody	Vice Chairman	Absent
Lee Moody	Secretary	Present
Edward Davidson	Authority Member	Present
James Amey	Authority Member	Present
Calvin Walker	Airport Manager	Present
Nathan Lee	Attorney	Present
Carlene Blount	Office Manager	Present
Fran Collins	Deputy County Clerk	Present

The Newnan-Coweta County Airport Authority met in Regular Meeting Session on Friday, March 20, 2026.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Rutkiewicz called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Notification of Location of Rules

Chairman Rutkiewicz explained that the rules governing the meeting could be found on the County's website as well as on the table located in the lobby outside the meeting room.

Regular Session

Approval of Minutes

1. **Request Approval of the Minutes from the Called Meeting Session Held on February 26, 2026**

Motion to: Approve

The Authority voted to approve the minutes from the Called Meeting held on Thursday, February 26, 2026.

RESULT: Passed (4-0)

MOVER: Edward Davidson

SECONDER: James Amey

AYES: Joe Rutkiewicz, Lee Moody, Edward Davidson, James Amey

ABSENT: Hank Moody

Supplemental Agenda

There were no Supplemental or Non-Agenda items to be added for discussion.

Public Comments Regarding Items On the Agenda

Chairman Rutkiewicz called for comments regarding any items on the agenda. There were none.

New Business

2. **Request Approval/Execution of a New Construction Lease Agreement with 47 Aviation, LLC**

Airport Manager Calvin Walker explained that 47 Aviation, LLC desires to lease property north of the existing hangars at the approach end of Runway 1-5. They plan to construct a 13,000 square foot hangar for the purpose of housing corporate aircraft.

In response to questions from the Authority, Airport Manager Walker explained that their plan is to house aircraft in the hangar. They currently have two (2) additional hangars at the Airport that house a Cessna 172 and a Robinson helicopter.

Motion to: Execute

The Authority voted to execute a Lease Agreement with 47 Aviation, LLC associated with construction a 13,000 square foot hangar north of existing hangars at the approach end of Runway 1-5.

RESULT: Passed (4-0)

MOVER: Edward Davidson

SECONDER: James Amey

AYES: Joe Rutkiewicz, Lee Moody, Edward Davidson, James Amey

ABSENT: Hank Moody

3. **Discussion Regarding Outsourcing the Removal of Disabled Aircraft from the Airport**

Chairman Rutkiewicz explained that in recent months, there has been an increase in transient air traffic utilizing the Airport for training purposes. He pointed out that some events have occurred (ex. blown tires, mechanical issues, etc.) that required shut-down of the Airport for a period of time until the aircraft could be removed. He suggested that a fee/rate be set to allow the Airport to contract with a vendor for the removal of such disabled aircraft. The Airport is losing funds because of the time required to resolve the issues. Airport tenants typically have their own resources and are less troublesome and can remove aircraft quicker.

Airport Manager Walker suggested that base tenants be exempted from a fee since they pay local taxes and rent to the Airport. He explained that Airport staff currently manages the removal of disabled aircraft. Recently, there has been an uptick in training flights originating specifically from Falcon Field in Peachtree City, many of which are first-time solo students, resulting in an increase in "hard landings". Many of these "hard landings" have resulted in blown tires and propeller strikes. To expedite removal as well as to limit the exposure of the Airport and Coweta County from liability, it would be beneficial to outsource the removal of the transient aircraft through an independent entity.

Motion to: Instruct Staff

The Authority voted to instruct staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) associated with removal of transient aircraft from the Airport.

RESULT: Passed (4-0)

MOVER: Joe Rutkiewicz

SECONDER: James Amey

AYES: Joe Rutkiewicz, Lee Moody, Edward Davidson, James Amey

ABSENT: Hank Moody

Updates for the Authority

4. **Update from the Airport Manager**

Airport Manager Walker provided a brief update regarding:

- Credit card statement
- February fuel sales
- Crack seal project

- Painting of center lines
- NOTAMS (Notices to Airmen) to be issued during rolling blockades
- Upcoming Citizen Summit presentations (Saturday)
- Budget for a career day display (Airport Engineer Eberly to explore associated costs)

In response to questions from the Authority, Airport Manager Walker explained that Titan Fuels has not indicated any disruptions in fuel supply to date, and the sign previously purchased for the east side entrance will now replace the aging sign on the west side.

Chairman Rutkiewicz explained that Mr. Brent Scarbrough will be installing a new sign on the east side of the Airport expansion. In-house forces should be able to install the sign on the west side of the Airport.

Airport Manager Walker explained that Whitney Eberly, Lead Edge Design Engineer, provided an estimate of \$128,000 with a local match of \$32,000 to replace the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) and recommended that this item be placed in this year's budget.

5. Update from the Airport Sponsor

Administrator Michael Fouts explained that there were no updates from the Airport Sponsor.

6. Update from the Airport Engineer

Airport Engineer Phil Eberly explained that he has received comments back from GDOT regarding the runway overlay project, and he will continue to work with GDOT to get final approval and to ensure that the project meets FAA standards. He anticipates that approval should be received within the next sixty (60) days. He requested that the Authority decide on a timeframe to begin the project so that he can coordinate scheduling with the contractor, C.W. Matthews. He also reminded the Authority of the upcoming World Cup Soccer Tournament schedule. He further explained that Lead Edge Design recently won seven (7) awards, more than any company in the state of Georgia, for airport projects during the "Georgia Engineering Excellence" awards ceremony. Two (2) of those awards were for runway overlay projects in Habersham and Calhoun, and the pool of judges included representatives from GDOT.

Chairman Rutkiewicz congratulated Airport Engineer Eberly and Lead Edge Design on their recent awards, and emphasized the importance of the runway overlay project meeting FAA standards. He explained that the last runway overlay project occurred in 2008, and in 2010 an aircraft departed the runway surface area during a heavy storm. The first question brought up during an inquiry by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) was

regarding the engineering of the runway overlay. Staff was able to show that the runway had been properly designed and built to FAA standards, and that water appropriately sheered off the runway to the shoulders. He requested that Member Davidson work with Airport Engineer Eberly and Airport Manager Walker on scheduling the overlay project.

Member Davidson explained that he will work on a briefing memo regarding the overlay project schedule and send it to the Authority and Airport Engineer.

Airport Engineer Eberly also explained he has updated the Airport Property Map (Exhibit A) in the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) for GDOT.

Public Comments Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Chairman Rutkiewicz called for comments regarding any items not on the agenda. There were none.

Executive Session - In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2

There were no issues to be discussed in Executive Session.

Adjournment

Motion to: Adjourn

The Authority voted to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT: Passed (4-0)

MOVER: Edward Davidson

SECONDER: James Amey

AYES: Joe Rutkiewicz, Lee Moody, Edward Davidson, James Amey

ABSENT: Hank Moody