Blair Airport Authority Special Meeting - Budget Hearing
August 18, 2026

Agenda #1 – The Blair Airport Authority met in special session in the City Council Chambers on August 18, 2026, at 6:30 PM and called to order by Chairman Johnson.

Chairman Johnson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Enterprise or the Pilot -Tribune as shown by the affidavit of publication filed in the City Clerk's office. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to all members of the Blair Airport Authority and the agenda is filed in the City Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Blair Airport Authority of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.
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Agenda #2 - Roll call of members – The following were present: Dan Hunt, Dave Johnson, and Marty Rump. Absent: Faye Jones and Wes Baedke. Also present were City Administrator Green, Deputy City Administrator Barrow, and Assistant Airport Manager Corey.

Agenda #3 - Chairman Johnson opens a public hearing on the Fiscal year 2026-2027 Budget.

Agenda #4 - Review of the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget. – City Administrator Green presented the new budget stating Washington County Assessor issued the final valuation for the airport of $1,210,938,586. Valuation grew 9% versus the anticipated 3%, a significantly healthier outcome. The levy was set at 2.8624 cents per $100 valuation which is well below the 3.5 cent threshold the authority can reach without city council approval, and below the 7 cent maximum achievable with city council approval. Staff recommended keeping dollar amounts the same rather than taking advantage of the higher valuation, citing fairness to taxpayers and preserving future levy capacity for repayment of debt associated with the Runway Extension Project. Total property tax request is $346,614.57 which includes $244,800 for debt fund and $101,814.57 for general fund. The county retains a fee, so the airport actually receives $94,885 net on the general fund side. Green explained that property tax support for the general fund has become necessary in recent years due to staffing costs and airport operations. Discussion also included future financing needs, hangar development, and maintaining sufficient levy authority to address future debt obligations. Green reviewed the general fund budget, highlighting anticipated reductions in fuel-related revenues during airport construction, grant revenues associated with ongoing state and federal projects, and the addition of corporate hangar lot lease revenues. He also discussed salary adjustments related to routine step increases and cost-of-living adjustments for the Assistant Airport Manager. The board discussed the potential appointment of an Interim Airport Manager and Green explained that if Trevor Corey were appointed, the City could absorb the additional 6% supervisory pay increase because the additional responsibilities would primarily be related to duties previously performed by the City Administrator. Additional discussion focused on snow removal services, future maintenance agreements with the City, planned capital purchases including a skid steer and improvements to the SRE building, and the importance of evaluating those purchases after the winter season. Green also reviewed the debt service fund, noting the Airport Authority maintains adequate reserves to cover debt obligations and that the debt fund remains financially stable. Vice Chairman Marty Rump summarized the budget and emphasized that the budget serves as a framework, while major expenditures continue to require Airport Authority approval throughout the year. He also noted that debt obligations are primarily associated with local matching funds for major infrastructure projects and that the Authority continues to make positive progress in reducing debt.

Agenda #4 - Comments from the public – Chairman Johnson opened the floor for public comments. No comments or questions were received from the public. With no further comments,

Agenda #5 - Chairman Johnson closed the public hearing.

Agenda #6 - Adjournment – Motion by Dan Hunt, second by Marty Rump to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Board members voted as follows: Wes Baedke: Absent, Dan Hunt: Yea, Dave Johnson: Yea, Faye Jones: Absent, Marty Rump: Yea. All Board members voted: Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2. Chairman Johnson declared the motion carried.

Wes Baedke, Secretary

Brenda Wheeler, Recording Secretary