

WORK SESSION

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 26, 2009

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Keith Taylor, Economic Development Director and Secretary, Economic
Development Authority

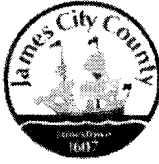
SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting General Aviation Airport in James City County --
Williamsburg Area

The enclosed resolution was unanimously adopted by the EDA at its May 21st meeting. It supports the continued operation of a general aviation facility in the James City County - Williamsburg area.



Keith A. Taylor

Enclosure



RESOLUTION

SUPPORT OF GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT IN THE JAMES CITY COUNTY-WILLIAMSBURG AREA

WHEREAS, the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport (the Airport) is a privately-owned, public use facility that has been in existence in James City County since 1970; and

WHEREAS, the current Virginia Aviation Transportation System Plan (VATSP) acknowledges that the Airport serves an important element of James City County and Williamsburg aviation demand; and

WHEREAS, over the last 39 years the Airport has served as a gateway to James City County for dignitaries, corporate leaders, military leaders, elected officials, and numerous recreational aviators; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Virginia Airport System Economic Impact Study documented that the Airport returned the third highest total of direct economic impacts among all thirteen Virginia general aviation airports analyzed; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that in 2007 the Airport supported approximately 8,000 visitors to the Historic Triangle area; and

WHEREAS, travelers that use the Airport for business and recreation contribute to the local economy in spending on hotels, restaurants, shopping, ground transportation and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, a general aviation airport is an important economic development tool in the retention and attraction of businesses, particularly professional firms and corporate headquarters; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that there will be an ongoing general aviation demand in the James City County - Williamsburg area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Economic Development Authority of James City County, Virginia supports the continued operation of a general aviation airport in the James City County - Williamsburg area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, unless an airport is relocated to an alternative site in the James City County - Williamsburg area, then the Economic Development Authority of James City County, Virginia supports the operation of the airport in its current location.



Thomas G. Tingle, Chairman
Economic Development Authority
of James City County, Virginia

Adopted May 21, 2009