Agenda Item:

## PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: February 5, 2008	[ ] [ ]	Consent Workshop	 [X]Regular []Public Hearing				
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Submitted By: Department of Airports							
Submitted For: ====================================							
I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF							

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:** A request by the Aviation and Airports Advisory Board (AAAB) to dedicate the Palm Beach County Park Airport's airfield as "Owen H. Gassaway, Jr. Airfield."

**Summary:** At their January 16, 2008 meeting, the AAAB made the above request in honor of Mr. Gassaway's contribution to aviation in Palm Beach County. He helped establish Palm Beach County Park Airport as a crucial part of aviation history in South Florida. Commissioner Kanjian agrees to sponsor this request. (Countywide) (AH)

Background and Justification: For the past 60 plus years, the name Owen H. Gassaway has been synonymous with The Palm Beach County Park Airport's Aviation History. As a young boy in the 1930's, he flew model airplanes on Morrison Field, now known as Palm Beach International Airport. Later, he made Lantana Airport his "Home" working as a bicycle mechanic and flying model airplanes. In World War II, he served with General Patton's Third Army as a tank mechanic. In 1946, Owen earned his airframe and power plant license. In 1948, he was designated an aircraft maintenance inspector. In October, 1996, he was the recipient of the prestigious Federal Aviation Administration's Charles Taylor Award, presented for 50 years of continuous service in aircraft maintenance. Lantana Airport, built in the 1940's was home to Lantana Flying Service under the leadership of Owen who earned pilot ratings in many aircraft. He concentrated on aircraft maintenance, airport administration, and charter flying to the Bahamas, Caribbean, and Cuba. He later established Florida Airmotive, Inc., which became recognized as one of the finest General Aviation Service and Supply Companies in America. It was the largest ondemand charter service in Florida from 1972-1989. Owen encouraged and supported young people's interest in aviation, donating much of his time and funds. His involvement with Civil Air Patrol since its inception became legendary. Mr. Owen H. Gassaway's dedication to Aviation in Palm Beach County has help to establish Palm Beach County Park Airport as a crucial part of aviation history in South Florida.

Attachments: None		
Recommended By:	June May	1/24/08
	Department Director	Date
Approved By:	Laren	2/4/03
	County Administrator	Date

## **II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

A. Five Year Summary of Fisc	cal Impact:				
Fiscal Years	20 <u>08</u>	20 <u>09</u>	20 <u>10</u>	20 <u>11</u>	20 <u>12</u>
Capital Expenditures Operating Costs					
External Revenues (Grants) Program Income (County) In-Kind Match (County)		;			
NET FISCAL IMPACT					
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	, <u></u>		•		.,
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B. Recommended Sources of	Funds/Summa	ry of Fiscal	Impact:		
This item has no fiscal impact.					
C. Departmental Fiscal Review	n: [M	USi	uuu	•	
	III. REVIEW C	<u>OMMENTS</u>			
A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contra	ct Developmer	nt and Contr	ol Comment	s:	
OFMB (-3008)  OFMB (-3008)  B. Legal Sufficiency:	08	1/31/68	Contract Dex	Josef 211/ and Control	of
Assistant County Attorney	<u>0</u> 8				
C. Other Department Review:					
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