Agenda Item: 58.

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	March 17, 2020	[]	Consent Workshop		Regular
Submitted By:	Department of Airports	[]	workshop	L J	Public Hearing
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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: a resolution approving the submittal of an application for entry of the North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport into the Federal Contract Tower (FCT) Program; and authorizing the County Administrator or designee to execute and submit all forms, applications and other documentation necessary for the North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport to be considered for entry into the FCT Program.

Summary: This resolution approves the submittal of an application for North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport (F45) to be entered into the FCT Program. As part of the First Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement (R-2016-0468) with the City of Palm Beach Gardens (Interlocal Agreement), the County agreed to apply to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for construction of an air traffic control tower at F45 upon completion of an extension to the crosswind runway (Runway 14/32) from 4300 feet to 6000 feet in length. The County has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which is required to receive approval to construct the runway extension. In order to ensure timely compliance with the requirements of the Interlocal Agreement, the Department of Airports recommends submitting an application to the FAA pending completion of the EA due to the lengthy process involved in obtaining approval into the FCT Program. This resolution also provides for a delegation to the County Administrator or designee to execute and submit all forms, applications and other documentation necessary to apply for entry into the FCT Program. For purposes of this delegation, the Director of Airports is considered a designee of the County Administrator. Countywide (AH)

Background and Justification: The FAA requires the submission of an application as a prerequisite for consideration and acceptance as a candidate for entry into the FCT Program, and to become eligible for financial assistance to develop and equip the air traffic control tower that meets their standards, which, when completed, would be funded by the FAA and operated by certified contract air traffic controllers. Contract towers are air traffic control towers that are staffed by employees of private companies rather than by FAA employees. The FCT Program was established in 1982 to allow the FAA to contract out the operation of certain towers. The FAA assesses current and prospective program applicants and awards a limited number of grants to plan and develop additional towers throughout the United States. To be admitted into the FCT Program, the safety and efficiency benefits of a tower must exceed its costs, and the level of aviation activity must reach a minimum threshold to justify the establishment of an air traffic control tower. The County has completed the required benefit-cost analysis and will provide the report as part of the application submittal to the FAA.

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution
- 2. Sample FCT Program Application

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Recommended By:	Rayra Bube	2-19-20
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Approved By:	Whale_	2/09/000
	County Administrator	/ Date

FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:							
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B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:							
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C. Departmental Fiscal Review:							
III. REVIEW COMMENTS							
A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:							
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B. Legal Sufficiency:							
Assistant County Attorney	<u> 26</u> -2020						
C. Other Department Review:							

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(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT)

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF THE NORTH PALM BEACH COUNTY GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT INTO THE FEDERAL CONTRACT TOWER (FCT) PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT ALL FORMS, APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY FOR THE NORTH PALM BEACH COUNTY GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ENTRY INTO THE FCT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the County of Palm Beach, Florida ("County") is the owner and operator of the North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") has instituted a Federal Contract Tower ("FCT") Program for providing air traffic control services at small airports where the level of aviation activity has reached a minimum threshold to justify the establishment of an air traffic control tower; and

WHEREAS, the aviation activity at the North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport is presumed to have reached the FAA's minimum threshold for establishing an air traffic control tower to be operated under the FCT Program; and

WHEREAS, the County desires the FAA to establish air traffic control services to enhance the safe use of the North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport; and

WHEREAS, the FAA requires the submission of an application as a prerequisite for consideration and acceptance as a candidate for entry into the FCT Program and to become eligible for financial assistance to develop and equip an air traffic control tower that meets their siting and design standards which, when completed, would be funded by the FAA and operated by certified contract air traffic controllers.

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SECTION 2. This Resolution Commissioneradoption, which was seconded by Call, the vote was:	on shall take effect immedia offered the foregoing R Commissioner	
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			APPLICATION FOR ENTRY FEDERAL CONTRACT TOWER (FCT) PROGRAM					
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To the best of my knowledge and belief, all data given on this application and in the attachments are true and correct. This application has been duly authorized by the governing body of the public agency. If accepted into the FCT, the public agency will provide an Air Traffic Control Tower Facility and Minimum Equipment acceptable to the FAA and will execute an ATC Tower Operating Agreement. The public agency will comply with all appropriate federal sponsor assurances. The public agency further acknowledges and understands that participation in the FCT program is dependent available funding.								
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e. Signature of Authorized Representative					f. Date Signed			
Notes:								