

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Meeting Date: October 7, 2025	☒ Consent	☐ Regular
	☐ Workshop	☐ Public Hearing

Submitted By: Department of Airports

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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: a Resolution increasing general aviation fuel flowage fees at the Palm Beach International Airport (PBI); repealing Resolution No. 87-321; and providing for an effective date of December 1, 2025.

Summary: On February 24, 1987, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) established general aviation fuel flowage fees in the amount of \$0.05 per gallon for each gallon of aviation fuel and \$0.10 per gallon for each gallon of oil sold at PBI pursuant to Resolution No. 87-321. This Resolution increases the per gallon fee to \$0.10 per gallon for each gallon of aviation fuel dispensed at the PBI. The increased fee is consistent with the rates charged by other Florida airports with comparable number of general aviation operations. A detailed summary of rates comparing fuel flowage rates charged at other Florida airports is included in Attachment 2. Countywide (AH)

Background and Justification: PBI's operations and maintenance are funded by user fees. Although costs of operations and maintenance have significantly escalated, general aviation fuel flowage fees have not been increased at PBI since 1987. General aviation operations constituent approximately 65% of PBI's annual operations. General aviation users receive the benefit of use of the PBI airfield as well as associated services, including aircraft fire fighting and rescue, law enforcement and federal inspection services.

- Attachments:**
- 1. Resolution
 - 2. Fuel Flowage Fee Rate Comparison

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Recommended By:		9/10/25
	Department Director	Date
Approved By:		9/19/25
	Deputy County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>	<u>2030</u>
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u> * </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

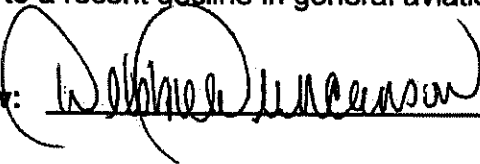
Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes ☐ No ☒
Does this item include the use of Federal funds? Yes ☐ No ☒
Does this item include the use of State funds? Yes ☐ No ☒

Budget Account No: Fund 4100 Department 120 Unit 8451 Resource 4460
Reporting Category _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

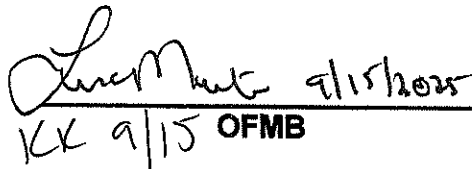
Revenues generated by the collection of general aviation fuel flowage fees will be based on the amount of fuel dispensed, which cannot be estimated at this time. Historical revenues cannot be relied on to predict future collections due to a recent decline in general aviation activity associated with temporary flight restrictions.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:



III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:


LK 9/15 OFMB


Contract Dev and Control 26 9.15.25

B. Legal Sufficiency:


Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

**ATTACHMENT 1
RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, INCREASING GENERAL AVIATION FUEL FLOWAGE FEES AT THE PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 87-321; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County ("County"), by and through its Department of Airports ("Department"), owns and operates the Palm Beach International Airport ("Airport"); and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 1987, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") established general aviation fuel flowage fees in the amount of Five Cents (\$0.05) per gallon for each gallon of aviation fuel and Ten Cents (\$0.10) per gallon for each gallon of oil sold at the Airport pursuant to Resolution No. 87-321; and

WHEREAS, the County incurs significant costs for the operation, management, maintenance, repair and security of the Airport's aviation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the number of general aviation aircraft operations at the Airport constitute more than sixty percent (60%) of the annual aircraft operations, exceeding commercial passenger and cargo service; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish fair and reasonable fees for use of the Airport's aviation facilities by operators of general aviation aircraft consistent with other airports with a similar number of general aviation operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein.
2. The Board hereby establishes general aviation fuel flowage fees in the amount of Ten Cents (\$0.10) per gallon for each gallon of aviation fuel dispensed at the Airport and Ten Cents (\$0.10) per gallon for each gallon of oil dispensed at the Airport. General aviation fuel flowage fees shall not be collected from United States military aircraft or any other aircraft that is exempt from the collection of fuel flowage fees pursuant to law.
3. Resolution No. 87-321 shall be repealed on the date this Resolution becomes effective.
4. If any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Resolution is held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.
5. This Resolution shall become effective December 1, 2025.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

COMMISSIONER MARIA MARINO, MAYOR	-	
COMMISSIONER SARA BAXTER, VICE MAYOR	-	
COMMISSIONER GREGG WEISS	-	
COMMISSIONER JOEL FLORES	-	-
COMMISSIONER MARCI WOODWARD	-	
COMMISSIONER MARIA SACHS	-	-
COMMISSIONER BOBBY POWELL JR.	-	

Then the Mayor thereupon declared this Resolution duly passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 20__.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Michael A. Caruso
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

By: Amie Delgado
County Attorney

ATTACHMENT 2
FUEL FLOWAGE FEE RATE COMPARISON

SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS AND VALUATION - PBI Fuel Flowage Fee

The scope of this analysis included a review of the fuel flowage fee typically associated with various aspects of the operation of a commercial service airport. The scope of this analysis was limited to the fuel flowage fee. We reviewed the fuel flowage fees at similar airports around Florida. The following is a summary of fuel flowage fees.

General Aviation Fuel Flowage Fee Summary

Airport Name	City	FASP Reg.	Hub Size	Based Aircraft	Fuel Flowage (K)	GA Operations (K)	Fuel Flowage Fee (\$/gal.)
Ft. Lauderdale Exec. FNE (1)	Ft. Lauderdale	SE	GA	Z	12,378	167.3	\$0.110
Boca Raton RPT (2)	Boca Raton	SE	GA	212	8,219	67.0	\$0.120
North Perry HWY	Pensbrooke Pines	SE	GA	442	814	315.8	\$0.050
Plant City PCM	Tampa	WC	GA	77	65	45.0	\$0.100
Orlando Exec. ORL	Orlando	CF	GA	290	5,110	166.3	\$0.120
Miami Opa-Locka Exec. OPR	Opa-Locka	SE	GA	225	27,083	142.7	\$0.100
Peter O. Knight TPF	Tampa	TC	GA	119	189	56.0	\$0.100
Homestead GA NSI	Miami	SE	GA	75	207	91.5	\$0.100
Okuchobee OBE	Okuchobee	TC	GA	34	291	72.1	\$0.150
Herlong HEG	Jacksonville	NE	GA	186	147	70.0	\$0.078
Witham Field SUA	Stuart	TC	GA	412	6,630	98.0	\$0.100
Pompano Beach Munic. PMP	Pompano Bch.	SE	GA	210	749	143.8	\$0.050
Jacksonville Exec. CRG	Jacksonville	NE	GA	225	1,355	179.7	\$0.078
Miami Exec. TMB	Miami	SE	GA	223	4,204	254.5	\$0.100
Jacksonville Int'l JAX	Jacksonville	NE	Sml-Hub	41	4,474	16.2	\$0.078
Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood Int'l FLI	Ft. Lauderdale	SE	Lrg-Hub	100	15,122	32.9	\$0.060
Orlando Int'l MCO	Orlando	CF	Lrg-Hub	31	3,685	13.4	\$0.050
Tampa Int'l TPA	Tampa	WC	Lrg-Hub	76	9,606	26.7	\$0.100
Miami Int'l MIA	Miami	SE	Lrg-Hub	0	10,698	13.4	\$0.100
Palm Beach Int'l	Palm Beach	SE	Med-Hub	187	29,813	57.6	

Note 1: FNE fuel flowage fee based on 5.5% WCG up to 500K gallons and 3.5% WCG thereafter.
Note 2: RPT fuel flowage fee based on 5.0% WCG

We have reviewed the fuel flowage fee at the airports included in our analysis. The fuel flowage fees at these airports ranged from \$0.050 to \$0.150 per gallon, with an average of \$0.092 per gallon at the airports with standard fuel dispensing by FBOs. Based on our analysis, the trend for fuel flowage fees has been stable and we have estimated the market fuel flowage fee for PBI in the middle of the range at \$0.10 per gallon.