



**HAMILTON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**  
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Ms. Christine Altman, President and  
Hamilton County Commissioners  
One Hamilton County Square, Suite 157  
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Re: Airport Authority 2010 Annual Report

Dear Ms. Altman:

2010 was a very important year for the Hamilton County Airport Authority and Indianapolis Executive Airport for several reasons. It would be easy to focus this report on the 11 construction improvements started in 2010, making the facility one of the finest business airports in the country. Likewise, it would be easy to focus on the designation of the airport as the Airport of the Year for 2010 by the AAI. The legal precedents being set by efforts to gain recognition of the Airport Authority's status under statute to exclusively control its jurisdiction initiated in 2010 was a significant step for the year. The news in December that Cessna had chosen Indianapolis Executive Airport as their home base for their new mobile jet repair operations was a major recognition of the quality of our facilities and the quality of Montgomery Aviation. However, the potentially most important fact to report is the success the facility is accomplishing serving the business community and providing an impact in economic development.

Construction of improvements to expand ramp parking space funded by a \$2 million FAA grant was the center piece of the 2010 Improvements Program. Completion of a new taxi-lane to

create a circular traffic flow through the covered canopy improved client convenience. Connection of the facilities to a public water supply improved assurance of water quality for the traveling public. Replacement of the previous facility septic system was necessary to allow expansion of ramp space and construct new taxi lanes. The addition of a new corporate hanger taxi way established the opportunity for new privately owned hangers in the future. The new 100 LL gas tank and fueling system now allows self service using credit cards. The existing 100 LL fuel tank will be removed and any soil contamination will be remediated. The new FAA next generation air traffic monitoring system was installed at no cost to the Airport. A 20 year old section of taxiway was milled and over laid with new asphalt. The storm water detention system was expanded with a new treatment cell and increased storage capacity. The last County owned T-Hanger was rehabilitated with new metal wall skin, rehabilitated roof and new concrete floor.

In October, 2009 the Indiana Aviation Association named Indianapolis Executive Airport as the Airport of the year for 2010 based on the facilities and management by Montgomery Aviation.

In February of 2010, the Airport Authority filed a motion with a court requesting summary judgment that, per Indiana statute, the Hamilton County Airport Authority held exclusive jurisdiction over the property owned by the Authority. The Town of Zionsville on January 4<sup>th</sup> had passed a Zoning Ordinance which failed to acknowledge the existence and authority of the Airport Authority and are now contesting the request for summary judgment. In March of 2010, the Authority, as a municipal corporation, passed an Ordinance specifically rescinding all previous covenants and controls by any other entities. The AAI with Indianapolis and 10 additional Airport Authorities, have filed an Amicus Brief in support of the Hamilton County Airport Authority's position. The Hamilton County Authority must manage and make improvements, in accordance with FAA rules and regulations. It cannot allow outside imposition of land control and interference by Zionsville under the guise of zoning or drainage control.

December 28<sup>th</sup> Cessna announced that the new Cessna Citation Service Center would be located at Indianapolis Executive Airport. This service center will provide service both at the Center and include a mobile unit to do on-site inspections, overhauls and repairs.

Monitoring of air traffic in recent months has shown that significant air traffic comes into Indianapolis Executive Airport from out of state. In one recent week incoming flights were recorded from: Louisville, Ky., Muskegon, Mi., Lansing, Mi., St. Louis, Il., Minneapolis, MN., Peoria, Il., Rochester, NY., Kearney, NE, St. Paul, MN., Washington D.C., Orlando, Fl., Tampa, Fl.,

Kalamazoo, Mi., Baton Rouge, La., Elyria, Oh., Des Moines, Ia., Grand Rapids, Mi., Kansas City, Mo., Green Bay, WI, Shreveport, La., San Antonio, TX., White Plains, NY.. The increased business traffic serves all of central Indiana businesses. Since over half of the income for the operation of the Airport comes from fuel sales, the increased traffic and increased number of planes based enabled by increased hangers are vital to the airport's financial health. Estimated economic impacted by the Indiana Aviation Association (IAA) for the Indianapolis Executive Airport has risen from \$14 Million in 2003 when the County purchased the airport, to \$88 Million in 2008 and is anticipated to rise to over \$100 Million for 2010.

Unfortunately, the Board ended the year with a significant loss. Mr. Tom Kapostasy , our Vice President, who had served on the Board for 7 years accepted employment in Chicago which prevented his continued service on the Board. On behalf of Ted Moran, Allyn Beaver, Bob Wilson and myself we thank Tom for all of his knowledge, efforts and love of Indy Exec and wish him well in his career.

The Hamilton County Airport Authority Board wishes to thank all of those who make the success possible in providing air service for our communities. Mr. Christopher Snyder, P.E. and Nick Isenberger, P.E. of Woolpert, Inc.; Mr. Michael Howard, Attorney at Law; Mr. Brad Beaver, Council Liaison; Mrs Jennifer Picket, Administrative Assistant Deputy Clerk; and Mr. Dan and Mrs. Andrea Montgomery of Montgomery Aviation make all of our successes possible.

We look forward to 2011, as we work with INDOT and FAA toward starting the process to extend our runway from 5,500 feet to 7,000 feet, with the mandatory environmental studies, working toward upgrading our on-site electrical system which is badly in need of replacement for reliability and safety, work to install lighting on our main taxiway for safety, and work toward adding more taxiways to enable more T-Hangers. With the increased business use of the facility, the need to extend the runway for all weather use is increased to avoid loss of existing business during either extreme high temperatures in the summer or extreme low temperatures in the winter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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President