



METROPOLITAN TOPEKA AIRPORT AUTHORITY
 TOPEKA REGIONAL AIRPORT & BUSINESS CENTER | BILLARD AIRPORT

Board of Directors

**Metropolitan Topeka Airport Authority
 Public Hearings for 2024 Budget
 September 19, 2023**

Public Hearings for 2024 Budget.....2:30 PM

Brian Armstrong, Board Vice-Chair, explained that Chairwoman Lisa Stubbs was traveling on airport-related business and the Board was going to wait a few minutes before proceeding to allow her time to join the meeting via ZOOM. Board members present: Sam Sutton, Mike Munson and Joseph Ledbetter. Also in attendance were:

- Cory Chandler, Shawnee County Taxpayer
- Carol Marple, Shawnee County Taxpayer
- Kevin Nincehelter, Shawnee County Taxpayer
- Betty Barker, Shawnee County Taxpayer
- Rick Barker, Shawnee County Taxpayer
- Don Loyd – MTAA (TOP Fuel Service)
- Capt. Chris Ortega – MTAA (Police & Fire Department)
- Timothy Resner of Frieden & Forbes, LLP – Legal Counsel to the Board

Other staff members present were Eric Johnson, Cheryl Trobough and Matt Narsh.

Item 1. Notice.

Chairwoman Stubbs joined on the ZOOM meeting at approximately 2:35. Vice-Chairman Armstrong inquired if everyone who requested notification had been notified of this meeting. **Ms. Trobough replied that notifications were sent and the Public Hearing Notice of this meeting was published in the Topeka Metro News on September 4, 2023 and on the MTAA website.**

Item 2. Adopt Agenda.

Vice-Chairman Armstrong asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. **Mr. Sutton made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Mr. Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Item 3. Public Hearing on the MTAA's Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) for the 2024 Proposed Budget.

Vice-Chairman Armstrong opened the Public Hearing on the MTAA's Intent to Exceed the RNR for the 2024 Budget noting for the record:

- The MTAA published notice of its intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate on its website and through the Topeka Metro News 10 days in advance of the hearing.
- The MTAA timely caused the Shawnee County Clerk (before July 20) to receive its notice of intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate along with the date, time and location of today's hearing.
- The County Clerk in turn caused notice to be sent to Shawnee County taxpayers 10 days prior to today's hearing.

Vice-Chairman Armstrong then inquired if there was anyone present to make public comment on the MTAA's intent to exceed the RNR for the proposed 2024 Budget. Two persons in attendance came forward to express their views on the unavailability of commercial air service, maintenance on buildings, vacant buildings and where the money being requested of taxpayers is being spent. Mr. Armstrong asked other members of the general public if they desired to make comment, to which the response was received that they were in attendance to gather information.

Board members addressed the concerns voiced by Ms. Chandler and Ms. Marple and provided information available on several projects underway and/or planned for the improvement of Topeka Regional Airport and Business Center and Phillip Billard Airport.

Item 4. Roll-Call Vote on Exceeding the RNR and Adoption of Resolution No. 23-293

Vice-Chairman Armstrong asked for a motion to for the consideration of adopting MTAA Resolution No. 23-293.

Mr. Munson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-293 to levy a property tax exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for the proposed budget for 2024. Mr. Ledbetter seconded the motion. Ms. Trobough read the roll for the roll-call vote: Lisa Stubbs, Chair – YES; Brian Armstrong, Vice-Chair – YES; Sam Sutton, Secretary – YES; Mike Munson, Member – YES; and Joseph Ledbetter, Member – YES. Motion carried with 5 votes in favor and 0 votes against.

Item 5. Public Hearing on the 2024 Proposed Budget.

Vice-Chairman Armstrong inquired if there was anyone present to make public comment on the MTAA's proposed 2024 Budget. No one came forward. Mr. Munson suggested for staff to review the budget document to be certified to Shawnee County on the record. A copy of the document was distributed to all in attendance and noted that, once approved, it will be available on the MTAA website at <https://www.mtaa-topeka.org/about/mtaa-financial-info>.

Item 6. Consider Adoption of 2024 Budget Authorizing Certification to the Shawnee County Clerk.

Vice-Chairman Armstrong stated Board action was now required for the adoption of the 2024 Budget for certification to the Shawnee County Clerk's office. Ms. Trobough stated that each member of the Board is required to sign the Certificate to:

- a. Certify that the Public Hearings for Fiscal Year 2024 Budget were held;
- b. Approve and adopt the Budget as the maximum expenditures for 2024;
- c. Certify that the amount of 2023 Ad Valorem Tax is within statutory limitations for the 2024 Budget; and
- d. Authorize Certification to the Shawnee County Clerk.

Mr. Munson made a motion to adopt the 2024 MTAA Budget and authorized Certification to the Shawnee County Clerk. Mr. Sutton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Armstrong asked for a motion to adjourn. **Ms. Stubbs made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Sutton seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.**

These official minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on October 17, 2023.


Sam Sutton (Oct 18, 2023 12:33 CD)

Samuel W. Sutton, Secretary