



Second Wednesday's

February 8, 2012

County Airports: Funding, Operations & Economic Impact

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In this highly competitive economic environment, county airports provide local communities with an economic edge necessary to attract and retain businesses that require access to convenient, general aviation airports to meet their business travel needs. Learn from individuals deeply involved in Ohio's general aviation industry the economic value of local airports, the implications of Federal Aviation Administration and state contractual agreements on counties, the status of airport improvement funding, and the importance of addressing insurance and liability concerns. Information will be provided on the role of the Ohio Office of Aviation regarding county airports.

PRESENTERS

Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, County Commissioners Association of Ohio
Shane Farnsworth, Fairfield County Economic Development Director
David Scheffler, President, Fairfield County Airport Authority
Jerry Eichenberger, Attorney, Eichenberger and Buckley, LPA
Dave Dennis, Aviation Planner, Office of Aviation, Ohio Dept. of Transportation

AGENDA—9:30-12:30

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
9:40 a.m. Economic Impact of County Airports
10:10 a.m. Airport Improvement Funding and Contractual Obligations between FAA/
State and the County
10:40 a.m. Liability Issues and Relationship Between Fixed Based Operators and the
County
11:30 a.m. Role of the Office of Aviation
12:15 p.m. Questions & Answers
12:30 p.m. Adjourn

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Since 2012, Shane Farnsworth has served in the Fairfield County Economic Development to oversee the County's Enterprise Zone Program, Small Business Revolving Loan Program, and the regions non-for-profit business attraction organization, the Fairfield 33 Development Alliance. The Alliance is actively developing attraction prospects in over thirty markets across the country. Prior to joining Fairfield County, Farnsworth was the Director of Planning and Economic Development for Clark County for about eleven years where he administrated the county's zoning and subdivision regulations. He developed an active farmland preservation and agricultural economic development program specific to the region which has allowed their agricultural industries to grow and attract several food service companies. His experience in land use planning, economic development, and quality of life enhancements allow him to approach economic development from a comprehensive approach. Shane is a graduate from Hocking College and Wright State University with degrees in Wildlife Management, Geographic Information Systems and Urban Planning. He also is a certified Economic Development Finance Professional through the National Development Council. Farnsworth was recently appointed by Governor Kasich to the State Parks Advisory Council.

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David Scheffler has served on the Fairfield County Airport Authority Board from 2004 to 2012 and as president of the Board since 2005. A CPA, David was an accountant, partner and president of several

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accounting firms for over 36 years. In addition, he is a fine art photographer. In 2010, David was an elementary school math and science teacher at the ILG School in Pristina Kosova. Scheffler has served his community in several positions with the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors from 1993-2012; Main Street Lancaster Board of Directors, 2009-2012; Fairfield Heritage Trail Association, 2001-2012; Downtown Lancaster Revitalization Steering Committee, 1998-2003; 1995 White House Conference on Small Business; Ohio Small Business Council, 1989-1999; Lancaster-Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, 1989-1994. Scheffler is a private pilot with instrument rating. He graduated from Ohio University Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

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Jerry Eichenberger graduated from Ohio State University, after working his way through college as a flight instructor in OSU's Department of Aviation. He learned to fly the summer after graduating from high school. He graduated from Capital University Law School in 1975. Jerry has practiced aviation law since 1975, representing FBOs, airports, maintenance facilities, flight schools, manufacturers, airlines, aircraft owners, and individual pilots in defense of accident cases. He also represents those same persons and entities in FAA regulatory matters and business endeavors. He counts major airlines, airports and manufacturers among his clients. Eichenberger holds a commercial pilot certificate, with ratings for single and multi engine airplanes, helicopters, and gliders. He is also a certificated flight instructor for single and multi engine airplanes, and instrument flight. He has logged approximately 6,000 hours of flying time. He is also the owner of PrimeAERO, Inc., which is the FBO at the Union County Airport in Marysville. PrimeAERO is a full service FBO, offering fuel sales, hangar rentals, major and minor aircraft repairs and regular maintenance, flight training and aircraft rental. PrimeAERO also offers over-ocean ferry services, including preparation of aircraft for long range flights, to move aircraft around the world.

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