

**WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

The scheduled monthly meeting of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport Joint Board of Control was held Thursday, January 29, 2026 in the Barry J. Centini Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M. with Commissioner Chris Chermak presiding.

**PRESENT:**

Commissioner Chris Chermak  
Council Member Chris Belles  
Commissioner Thom Welby  
Commissioner Bill Gaughan  
Council Member Lee Ann McDermott  
County Manager Romilda Crocamo

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

Stephen Mykulyk, Director of Engineering  
BJ Teichman, Assistant Director  
Chris Dalessandro, Director of Finance  
Michelle Aigeldinger, Director of Human Resources  
Attorney Don Frederickson, Lackawanna County Solicitor  
Attorney Harry Skene, Luzerne County Solicitor  
Tim McGinley, Luzerne County Controller  
Reggie Mariani, Consultant Controller, Lackawanna County  
Kim Rse, Lackawanna County Deputy Controller

**ABSENT:**

Carl R. Beardsley, Jr., Executive Director  
Thomas Sokola, Luzerne County Deputy Controller

**ITEM 1**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*(Chris Chermak, Chair)*

None

**ITEM 2**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 29, 2026 BOARD MEETING:**

*(Chris Chermak, Chair)*

**MOTION:**

To accept and approve the minutes of the January 29, 2026 Bi-County Airport Board Meeting minutes.

**MOVED BY:**

Council Member Chris Belles

**SECONDED:**

County Manager Romilda Crocamo

**VOTE:**

Unanimous

**ITEM 3**

**AIRPORT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

*(Chris Dalessandro, Director of Finance)*

**A. Financial Report:**

**(1) Revenue – Expense Report**

As noted on the attached profit/loss statements, for the month of January 2026, Airport Operations had a loss totaling \$37,513 compared to an income of \$8,449 in January 2025 which is a difference of \$45,962.

Year to date, our loss is \$37,513 as compared to a profit in 2025 of \$8,449 a difference of \$45,962.

Invoices received since the last meeting for supplies and services totaling \$312,459.50 are presented on the attached sheets for review and approval of the Board. These invoices include major construction project costs of \$3,510.04.

Recommend a PFC transfer for the Taxiway B runway 4 project in the amount of \$144.82.

**(2) Project Invoices**

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The following Airport Capital Project Invoices and Applications for Payment have been received since the last Board Meeting and are recommended for payment.

**MOTION:** To accept and approve the above-mentioned transactions.  
**MOVED BY:** County Manager Romilda Crocamo  
**SECONDED:** Council Member Chris Belles  
**VOTE:** Unanimous.

**ITEM 4**

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

*(Stephen Mykulyn, P.E., Director of Engineering)*

**A. Change Directive**

**ACP 18-03 Taxiway B Extension to the Runway 4 Approach End – Paving and Lighting Contract**

**Change Directive No. 01**

Recommend the Airport Board Approve Change Directive No. 01 increasing the FAA eligible portion of our Contract with Leeward Construction, \$62,344.90 from \$6,691,500.00 to \$6,755,844.90, subject to solicitor's concurrence.

This change directive is necessary to repair portions of the Airport's existing Pavement Condition Sensing System.

During construction, it was determined that existing pavement sensors at several locations were non-functional due to obsolete and defective equipment. As a result, we lacked complete and reliable pavement condition data for Runway 4-22, limiting our ability to effectively plan and execute winter maintenance and deicing operations. The replacement and operation of all pavement sensors serving Runway 4-22 is necessary to support safe, reliable, and efficient airport operations.

We request that the Board approve this change directive.

Commissioner Thom Welby asked if we knew how old the sensors were. Steve Mykulyn responded that we cannot state specifically since some are different ages, but they are at least 10 years old. Through the years various portions have been replaced and updated. This is an opportunity under the Taxiway B project to give us an extension of pavements at the airport to find out what sensors were not working and make those repairs under the project.

**MOTION:** To accept and approve the above-mentioned change order.  
**MOVED BY:** Council Member Chris Belles  
**SECONDED:** Commissioner Thom Welby  
**VOTE:** Unanimous

**B. Projects:**

**ACP 18-03**

**Taxiway B Extension (Runway 4 Approach End)**

Design Services – McFarland-Johnson, Inc.

Construction Phase Services – McFarland-Johnson, Inc.

ATCT Access Road & Localizer Site Prep Contractor – JBS Dirt, Inc.

Taxiway B Extension Site Preparation Contractor – Leeward Construction, Inc.

Localizer Relocation Contractor – Joyce Electric, Inc.

Taxiway B Extension Paving and Lighting - Leeward Construction, Inc.

Construction Observation/Construction Administration Services – McFarland-Johnson, Inc.

On the Taxiway B Extension Site Preparation; Work on the project is substantially complete. Some minor punch list for the project remains to be completed in the Spring, including some final work on stormwater management facilities.

On the Localizer Relocation; no change in status, working with consultant on grant closeout.

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On the Taxiway Paving and Lighting – Work on the project is substantially complete. Some punch list items on the project will remain to be completed in the Spring, when weather is conducive again for potential paving repairs and topsoil and seeding work.

**ACP 20-04**

**GA Hangar (Emergency Medical Response Facility)**

Design Services - Borton-Lawson  
PEMB Procurement – Rise Construction  
General Construction – D & M Construction  
Construction Observation/Construction Administration Services – Borton-Lawson

Work in the hangar bay to make repairs and complete the installation of the crane beam is scheduled for next week. Once completed we will be able to do the final contract close outs.

**ACP 22-01**

**Terminal Expansion – COVID Mitigation**

Design Services – McFarland-Johnson, Inc.  
General Construction – D & M Construction  
Mechanical Prime – Scranton Electric Heating and Cooling  
Electrical Prime – Joyce Electric, Inc.  
Plumbing Prime – Scranton Electric Heating and Cooling

The bids on the project were received, and award approved. We continue to coordinate with the consultant on the Construction Administration and Construction Observation contract scope. We expect to have an Independent Fee Estimate prepared and a fee negotiated in the coming month. We also continue to work with the consultant on cost associated with the furnishings contract for the building addition. In addition, we are working with the consultant on preparing cost breakdowns and grant applications associated with the project. Application for funding through IIJA-ATP has been made, awards are expected to be announced in March. If awarded a portion of the currently scheduled funds for other project would be freed up to advance other work at the Airport.

**ACP 22-02**

**HVAC System Replacement – Joseph M. McDade Terminal Building**

Design Services – C&S Engineers  
General & Mechanical Prime – Scranton Electric Heating and Cooling  
Electrical Prime – Everon Electrical Contractors  
Construction Observation/Construction Administration Services – C&S Engineers

Work on the project is complete. Contract and Grant are now both closed.

**ITEM 5**

**PERSONNEL:**

*(Michelle Aigeldinger, Director of Human Resources)*

**A. Resignation:**

Request the Airport Board accept the resignation of Anthony Constantine, Dunmore, PA effective January 26, 2026.

**MOTION:** To accept and approve the above-mentioned resignation.  
**MOVED BY:** Council Member Lee Ann McDermott  
**SECONDED:** Council Member Chris Belles  
**VOTE:** Unanimous

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**AIR SERVICE REPORT:**

*(Beth Coslett, Air Service Development)*

**A. Passenger Activity:**

As noted on the attached "Airport Quick Look" charts, passenger enplanements for the month of January 2025 decreased 11% to 18,418 from 20,670 in the month of January 2025.

In January 2026, 23 departing flights were cancelled, 22 for weather, 1 for ATC; . This accounts for 2,135 seats (7.9%) out of a total of 26,774 departure seats. Also, 25 arriving flights were cancelled, 24 for weather, 1 for ATC.

**B. General Aviation Operations:**

For January 2026, General Aviation had 1,037 operations (one take-off or one landing) which is an increase of 13.3% from January 2025, General Aviation Operations.

General Aviation revenues increased \$1,881.56 or 17.7% to \$12,488.77.

**ITEM 7**

**CONTRACTS/AUTHORIZATIONS:**

*(BJ Teichman, Assistant Executive Director)*

**A. Beach Lake Sprinkler:**

Recommend the Airport Board approve the Agreement between the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport and Beach Lake Sprinkler Fire Protection Services effective April 1, 2026. This is a one (1) year agreement.

**MOTION:** To accept and approve the agreement with Beeck Lake Sprinkler.  
**MOVED BY:** County Manager Romilda Crocamo  
**SECONDED:** Council Member Chris Belles  
**VOTE:** Unanimous

**ITEM 8**

**OTHER MATTERS**

*(BJ Teichman, Assistant Executive Director)*

**A. Super16 Dream Team Award:**

As the original sponsor of the Super16 Dream Team Showcase for the past 22 years, AVP has been with WNEP from day one. We will continue to support our local friends, families and High Schools as their hometown airport for many years to come. Congratulations to all of the selected players on this year's Dream Team.

**B. Partnership Agreement:**

Lackawanna & Luzerne Counties signed a partnership agreement on February 19, 2026 at the Wilkes-Barre / Scranton International Airport (AVP). Lackawanna County Commissioners, the Luzerne County Manager and Council Members along with their respective Attorneys came together to firm up the agreement which was last signed over 70 years ago.

Gary Debilio, Lackawanna County Controller, announce his new Deputy Controller is Kim Rose who will be attending the Board Meetings going forward.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

*(Chris Chermak, Chair)*

**MOTION:** Chair, Chris Chermak made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**SECONDED:** Commissioner Thom Welby

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 A.M.