

Richland County Committee

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Agenda Item Name: Tri-County Airport ownership appropriations

Department	Administration	Presented By:	Administrator
Date of Meeting:	July 3 rd , 2021	Action Needed:	Vote
Disclosure:	Open Session	Authority:	Structure C + D
Date submitted:	July 2 nd , 2021	Referred by:	
Action needed by no later than (date)	N/A	Resolution	N/A

Recommendation and/or action language:

- 1) Motion to ... propose to the Sauk County Finance Committee, an agreement for Richland County to assume the following ownership apportionments:

35% ownership and apportionment of annual operating costs, and

30% ownership and apportionment of annual capital improvement costs, ...on 01 Jan 2022, and entering into the new airport owner agreement.

Background: *(preferred one page or less with focus on options and decision points)*

2020 Budget:

Under Ordinance 19-16 Richland County has 25.5% owner interest in all Tri-County Airport assets, a 25.5% appropriation to cover annual operating expenses, and an amount designated by the Commission to be set aside in an Airport capital expenditures account. Iowa County gave notice of withdrawing in accordance with section VIII of the ordinance in July of 2020, and withdrew effective 1 Jan 2021.

Sauk County continues to work with contracted counsel in drafting a proposed replacing ordinance/agreement for an owner agreement between Richland and Sauk County. Entering the 2020 budget year the Finance and Personnel made proposal to Sauk County of a reduction to 22% ownership and apportionment based on population during the 01 Sep 2020 meeting. October 2020 negotiations discussions with Sauk County Chair – Timothy McCumber led to the following correspondence “The Sauk County Finance Committee is recommending that Sauk contributes 74.5% for 2021 with an understanding we will negotiate ownership going forward when Brent Miller gets on board.” That left Richland at an operations and capital improvement rate of 25.5% for 2021.

2021 Budget:

Negotiations with Sauk County were held on 30 July 2021 to discuss appropriations going forward into 2022 and beyond (Chair Brewer, Chair McCumber, Administer Langreck, and Administrator Miller in attendance.)

Sauk position based on 1). Economic impact to Richland County as seen in Cardinal Glass payroll distributions [see attachment] and 2). Counties’ appropriations should more closely match a split of Iowa County’s previous share.

Richland position on 1). Population and tax base concerns and 2). Limited capacity for added capital costs

Negotiations concluded with an agreement to propose the following to respective counties:

Owner share for operations appropriations = 65% Sauk / 35% Richland County

Owner share for capital improvement appropriations = 70% Sauk / 30% Richland County

Recommended Cover Letter— County Administrator Langreck (20 May 2020)

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Discussion continued with Administrators pursuing partnerships with local municipalities on a long-term plan for counties to relinquish ownership of the Airport passed federal grant requirements.

Preliminary Budget Guidance calls for a 0% Levy increase. Action is recommended to the committee to submit a proposal to Sauk County on the County's position in going forward with the 2022 budget and in entering into a new owner agreement.

Attachments and References:

Cardinal Glass Payroll Disbursements (below)	

Financial Review:

(please check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	In adopted budget	Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apportionment needed	Requested Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other funding Source		
<input type="checkbox"/>	No financial impact		

(summary of current and future impacts)

Estimated impacts in Operations:

2021 Operations (25%) = \$16,912.88

2022 Operations (35%) = 23,213.75 estimate

Difference/Increase of = \$6,300.87 (Levy)

Estimated impacts in 2022 Capital Improvements (Drainage, Lights and Raising Strip/Taxiway) =

Total Richland County Estimated Impact at 25% = \$72,437.50 of anticipated ARP Funds

Total Richland County Estimated Impact at 30% = \$86,925 of anticipated ARP funds

Difference/Increase = \$14,487.50

Total Increase = \$20,788.37 for total 2022 increase (\$6,300.87 levy)

Approval:

Review:

Clinton Langreck

Department Head

Administrator, or Elected Office (if applicable)

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Cardinal Glass Payroll Disbursement by Counties:

County	Spring Green IG	Spring Green CG	Spring Green AG	Spring Green RT	Spring Green CG Tech Center	Total	% of Total	Wage Distribution
Adams	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.12%	\$41,831
Columbia	2	0	4	0	0	6	0.71%	\$250,986
Crawford	2	1	1	1	0	5	0.60%	\$209,155
Dane	11	8	17	0	2	38	4.52%	\$1,589,575
Grant	49	44	16	1	2	112	13.33%	\$4,685,064
Iowa	68	36	13	1	2	120	14.29%	\$5,019,712
Jo Daviess	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.24%	\$83,662
Juneau	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.12%	\$41,831
Lafayette	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.24%	\$83,662
Richland	175	130	30	9	1	345	41.07%	\$14,431,672
Sauk	126	45	23	1	7	202	24.05%	\$8,449,848
Vernon	5	0	0	1	1	7	0.83%	\$292,817
Total	443	264	104	14	15	840		\$35,179,814