ABRAMS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
JANUARY 24, 2017 – 6:00 PM
GRAND LEDGE CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
310 GREENWOOD STREET

I. **CALL TO ORDER/TAKING OF ROLL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. Those in attendance were Dave Powers, Mark Wilkins, Jamie Malecki, Dan Harris, Cana Garrison, Todd Cotter, Patti Schafer, Helen Hagg, and John Rowland. Others present Amee King, Assistant City Administrator and Adam Smith, City Administrator. Members absent: Peter Manina, Ryan Humphrey and the Michigan National Guard Representative.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mr. Smith indicated that an item needs to be added to New Business B. Clinton County Planning Commission Petition for Change of Zone/Map Amendment for Gregory and Kimberly Righter, property located at 16851 Wright Road. Ms. Schafer made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Hagg supported the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0.

III. **COMMISSION MINUTES** – Approval of the regular minutes for November 1, 2016. Ms. Hagg requested her name be corrected. Ms. Schafer made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Garrison supported the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0.

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Ms. Righter, 16851 Wright Road, indicated that she is available if the board has any questions on their zoning petition.

V. **STAFF REPORTS**
A. **Financial Report** – Mr. Smith reviewed the financial report.
B. **T-Hangar Report** – Mrs. King reviewed the T-hangar report. There are currently 5 vacancies.

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**
A. **Airport Layout Plan Update – No new updates.**

20:1 Letter – Mr. Smith indicated that we have voluntary commitment from 2 of the 3 homeowners for removal of their tree obstructions with no compensation other than to pay for removal of the trees. We have had dialogue with the Beviers and they are requesting $500 per tree for removal along with retaining the wood for heating. The airport has approximately $78,000 in match commitments for the next 2 years and there is approximately $17,500 for tree removal for the 2 properties. This will exhaust the fund balance and we will have to put the taxiway rehabilitation project on hold. Eminent domain is the other option we have for the tree removal. This Commission should decide on how to proceed with the final property. Ms. Schafer made a motion to request Mr. Smith negotiate with the remaining property owner for reimbursement of trees on their property. Mr. Cotter supported the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS –**
A. **Contract for Professional Engineering Services with Mead & Hunt for Runway 9-27 Rehabilitation.** Mr. Smith indicated that this contract is for the design engineering services for the runway. With this board's recommendation the contract will go to the City Council for approval. Ms. Schafer made a motion to recommend approval of the contract with Mead & Hunt for Runway 9-27 Rehabilitation to the City Council as presented. Ms. Hagg supported the motion. Motion approved 8 to 1.

B **Clinton County Planning Commission Petition for Change of Zone/Map Amendment for Gregory and Kimberly Righter, property located at 16851 Wright Road.** Mr. Smith indicated the proposed use for the property located next to the terminal building is an auto repair facility. The request, however, is to rezone from A-2 Agriculture to C-2 Commercial. The zoning runs with the property and there are many uses allowed under C-2 Commercial. There have been concerns brought to our attention for the past several years through the F.A.A. and MDOT about the through the fence operators. This could have the potential for unauthorized users on the runway and taxiway. Clinton County Planning Commission has this

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item on their agenda for the scheduled February 9th meeting. We've asked Mead & Hunt and representatives from MDOT for their opinions. Ms. Schafer indicated that Eagle Township Board discussed this item at its last board meeting and they were in favor of rezoning. Ms. Richter indicated they have been in business since 2003 and have outgrown their current location in Isler Industrial Park on Grand River. Ms. Richter further indicated that their realtor showed them the property as a commercial redevelopment site. They do have in the contingencies that it be rezoned to commercial before the purchase can go through. They are open to putting up a barrier to prevent unauthorized access to the runway and taxiway and they will share the horseshoe driveway. They have no plans for the fuel farm either. Mr. Smith indicated that if there were a Phase I and II environmental completed on the property any possible contaminants would show up and be the responsibility of the previous owner. Ms. Garrison made a motion to send a letter to the Clinton County Planning Commission with the concerns listed here and any other concerns from Mead & Hunt or MDOT officials. Mr. Harris supported the motion. Motion passed 9 to 0.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS – None

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Rowland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Ms. Garrison supported the motion. Motion carried 9 to 0.

Minutes compiled and submitted for approval by Amee King, Assistant City Administrator.

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