

COLES COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025
COLES COUNTY MEMORIAL AIRPORT
COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS

8:00 A.M.

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Coles County Airport Authority was convened at the Coles County Memorial Airport, Coles County, Illinois, on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. Chairman Mark Nelson called the meeting to order at the hour of 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners, Schaefer, Rasmussen, Campbell, Sauget, and Nelson. Manager Fearn and Administrative Assistant Little.

Open

There were no members of the public present. Chairman Nelson moved the meeting forward.

Hurst Farm Lease

Hurst Farms has decided to retire. The Airport Authority requested bids from Donnell Farms and Sweeney Brothers Farm.

Donnell submitted a bid for \$425 per acre or \$16,150 annually. Sweeney Brothers submitted their bid for \$378 per acre.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Schaefer to accept the bid from Donnell for a two-year term. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote.

The results are as follows:

Sauget	Yes
Schaefer	Yes
Rasmussen	Yes
Campbell	Yes
Nelson	Yes

Electrical Service Extension Agreement

With the addition of electrical services for the new Rural King (Midwest Jet) Hangar, the Airport Authority has the opportunity to install new Switch Cabinets for power needs to support future developments and a planned Business Park. There is space for the potential of 5 cabinets. Manager Fearn recommended to the Board that the Authority install 2 Cabinets at this time and an additional cabinet at a later date in a 3-phase project. The first two will be placed on the East and West sides of the Airport Entrance along Route 16.

The initial cost to the authority would be \$16,200, with each addition costing \$8,000. This would be supported with funds from the Capital Account and will be installed by Coles Moultrie Electric Cooperative and Bodine Electric.

This is a small step forward to deem the Airport “Shovel Ready” and qualify the Airport for grants and additional funding.

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to move forward with the project. Commissioner Sauget seconded the motion. The motion was approved On a roll call vote. The results are as follows:

Sauget	Yes
Schaefer	Yes
Rasmussen	Yes
Campbell	Yes
Nelson	Yes

Ronda Sauget, Coles Together – Economic Development Review

The Board was addressed by Commissioner Ronda Sauget, President of Coles Together. An Executive Business Plan was reviewed, outlining strengths and weaknesses of the current infrastructure of the Airport, and devising goals and objectives for immediate action items and future growth. Sauget updated the board on the objectives that the Coles Business Corridor has set in motion, including expansion to I-57, 1000 N, Prairie Park, the Railyard, and multiple expansion projects at SBLHC. Her committee is working hard to identify grants, bonds, and funding that will further support Coles County and Airport developments.

Commissioner's Comments & Questions

No further comments or questions were made.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a voice vote was taken to adjourn the meeting.

Recorder