



TITLE: Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Six-month Emergency Services Agreement with Robinson Aviation, Inc. to Provide Air Traffic Control Services (ATCS) at Collin County Regional Airport (TKI)

MEETING DATE: March 19, 2013

DEPARTMENT: Airport

CONTACT: Ken Wiegand, Executive Airport Director

RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

- Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Robinson Aviation, Inc.

ITEM SUMMARY:

- The FAA will cease paying for Air Traffic Services at TKI's control tower on April 7, 2013.
- Several options are available to the City, which will take time to analyze and implement through a proper procurement process.
- The City may declare an emergency procurement for professional services.
- It is important to aviation safety that Air Traffic Services continue after April 7, 2013.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- On March 5, 2013, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) notified the airport that ATCS would no longer be funded by the FAA in order to implement the FAA's budget sequestration mandate that went into effect March 1, 2013.
- According to our sources in Washington, D.C., this funding cut will most likely be permanent.
- In order to maintain ATCS to enhance aviation safety on and in the air around TKI and maintain the airport's role as regional economic generator, the City will have to pay for ATCS.
- The current ATCS contractor is Robinson Aviation, Inc.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

- To maintain present level of ATCS for six-months the City would pay:
 - a. A one-time Earned Insurance Premium Charge of \$5,000.00
 - b. \$53,624.00 per month.
- This rate is good through September 30, 2013 from Robinson, Aviation, Inc.

BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: The Collin County Airport Development Corporation (CCADC) will be considering this item at their meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2013. A recommendation will be forwarded to the Council for consideration at the March 19, 2013 Council meeting.