



**Thursday, April 9, 2026
Special Airport Board minutes**

Council Chambers, 331 First Street East, Independence, IA 50644

"The Airport Board's mission is to advise the Council in developing the future of Independence aviation."

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Vicki Pilcher.

Roll Call:

Present – Janet Payne, Vicki Pilcher, Brad Lichty, Jeff Rottinghaus, and Merritt Jones attended by telephone.

Absent:

Others in attendance – Airport Director Brett Soukup and City Manager Matthew Schmitz

Approve the Agenda:

Motion – Payne Second – Lichty Ayes – All

Public Comment: None

NEW BUSINESS

RFP Status Update and Discussion:

Brett explained the status with Clint Spearman. Spearman made a follow-up call, and the Board discussed in depth the reasons for the delay in Mr. Spearman's earlier response. Payne moved to proceed with Mr. Spearman and present the contract, and provided a timeline for him to respond by the May meeting. Motion seconded by Jones. The board voted unanimously.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Motion – Payne Second – Rottinghaus Ayes – All

Submitted by: Brad Lichty, Secretary