

2021 RES-303

EXTENDING THE AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S AUTHORITY REGARDING CORONAVIRUS RELATED GRANTS AND SHORT-TERM CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS TO ASSIST TENANTS, OPERATORS, AND CONCESSIONAIRES IN MAINTAINING OPERATIONS AT THE DANE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT

The coronavirus pandemic continues to have a world-wide impact on airports and the air travel industry. As the pandemic persists and evolves, tenants, operators, and concessionaires at the Dane County Regional Airport (the "Airport") continue to experience the serious negative effects of declines in retail sales, restaurant business, and rental car demand. Additionally, building owners and tenants in the Airport administered Truax Air Park remain subject to shortfalls in business and rental income that threaten their ability to make timely payments under their leases with Dane County.

As the pandemic persists, Airport tenants, operators, and concessionaires continue to request accommodations to mitigate the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, such as short-term rent adjustments, premises modifications, and other adjustments to contract terms. Through the authority of a now expired resolution of the Dane County Board of Supervisors, the Airport Director has granted some requested pandemic based accommodations, but other requests are pending or anticipated as business disruptions continue.

Airport management has determined that further limited short-term adjustments to contract provisions may be appropriate so that Airport tenants, operators, and concessionaires can remain solvent, keep their workers actively employed, and regain a level of stability that will permit them to be available to provide necessary services as Airport passenger levels begin a slow and unpredictable transition to pre-crisis levels.

Additionally, in the event that Congress determines that the lingering Covid-19 related economic disruption to the nation's airports calls for renewed monetary support, Dane County and the Airport would be well served if the Airport Director retained the ability to avoid the County's sometimes lengthy approval process and directly submit federally required grant applications and documentation in a timely manner.

Grant and funding applications submitted or approved, and any short-term adjustments to Airport related contracts that are approved under the temporary authority granted the Airport Director under this resolution shall be listed and timely reported to the Airport Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby renews and extends, until December 31, 2023, the authority of the Airport Director to approve and execute on behalf of Dane County documents granting short term waivers or accommodations related to contractual provisions that the Airport Director determines to be appropriate due to conditions arising from the Covid-19 pandemic and affecting Airport tenants, operators, and concessionaires; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Airport Director is hereby authorized to prepare, approve, and execute on behalf of Dane County applications, certifications, and other documents related to obtaining aid and funding for the Airport that may become available under governmental enactments and programs providing relief from the economic disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

APPROVED:

Joe Parisi
Dane County Executive

Date: _____

Scott McDonell
Dane County Clerk

Date: _____