



Milwaukee County

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AIRPORT REGAINS STAFF NECESSARY TO CONTINUE ECONOMIC EXPANSION

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisors Chris Larson and John F. Weishan, Jr., are thanking their colleagues on the County Board for voting to restore seven positions at General Mitchell International Airport.

This morning, the Board unanimously approved a fund transfer that included funds of \$129,735 to rescind the layoff of 7 Airport Maintenance Worker Assistant positions.

“After 5 months without these key employees, the airport will finally again have the staff it needs to handle the record growth we're seeing,” Supervisor Larson said. “Traffic at the airport has increased by about one-third this year and the growth appears to be sustaining. With this massive growth, we need to do everything we can to make sure our airport is safe, clean and operates efficiently.”

“Last Saturday, we learned that a section of fiber wallboard fell and hit the head of a teenage passenger at the airport,” Supervisor Weishan said. “This underscores the importance of proper maintenance, and I am pleased that the County Board has unanimously approved a fund transfer to bring these workers back.”

The fund transfer was made possible through higher parking and landing revenues that exceeded budget estimates.

“It is essential that we continue to run this tax-levy neutral county facility well as we compete regionally to draw new businesses into the area,” Supervisor Larson added.

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