

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Harold Symes Airport Display Agreement

DATE: February 11, 2025

RECOMMENDATION

POLICY DISCUSSION

BUDGET INFORMATION:

STATUS REPORT

~~ANNUAL-~~

OTHER

~~CAPITAL-~~

PRESENTED BY: Bill Harden

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: February 17, 2025

PURPOSE: To seek approval for an agreement between the county and Julie Symes Fraser regarding an aviation history display placed in the Habersham County Airport.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY:

1-Harold Symes was a helicopter pioneer in the aviation industry and owned many pieces of historical memorabilia.

2- After Mr. Symes' passing, the collection was given to his daughter Julie Symes Fraser. She and her husband Don Fraser approached the Airport Commission in 2024 to ask if they could place a display in the airport lobby with some of the memorabilia, at their own expense.

3- The display has now been completed. Ms. Symes is asking for an agreement that the collection be returned to her or her family, should the county decide they no longer want to keep the collection displayed in the airport.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

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2- After Mr. Symes' passing, the collection was given to his daughter Julie Symes Fraser. She and her husband Don Fraser approached the Airport Commission in 2024 to ask if they could place a display in the airport lobby with some of the memorabilia, at their own expense.

3- The display has now been completed. Ms. Symes is asking for an agreement that the collection be returned to her or her family should the county decide they no longer want to keep the collection displayed in the airport.

4- The Airport Commission recommended approval of this request at their meeting on February 11, 2025.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve recommendation
 - 2) Deny recommendation
 - 3) Commission defined alternative
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RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION: Motion to approve the agreement between Habersham County and Julie Symes Fraser regarding an aviation history display placed in the Habersham County Airport.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by: Patti McLarty

Director: _____

**ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMENTS:**

County Manager **DATE:** _____

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HABERSHAM

AGREEMENT FOR DISPLAY OF AVIATION MEMORABILIA

This Agreement is entered into this 30th day of January, 2025, between Habersham County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (“County”) and Julie Symes Fraser (“Fraser”).

WHEREAS, Fraser is the owner of certain aviation memorabilia of historical value to the general public (“memorabilia”); and

WHEREAS, Fraser has loaned the memorabilia along with cabinetry to the Habersham County Airport for viewing by the general public; and


WHEREAS, the parties wish to memorialize their agreement regarding the display materials as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE in consideration of the sum of \$10.00 and other good and valuable considerations, the adequacy of which are acknowledged by the parties, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. Fraser agrees to loan the memorabilia, including cabinetry, to the County for display at the Habersham County Airport, at no cost to the County.
2. County acknowledges that it has no ownership interest or claim to the memorabilia or cabinetry.
3. Fraser shall have the absolute right to remove the memorabilia cabinetry from the Airport at any time, in Fraser’s sole discretion.
4. County shall exercise reasonable care in maintaining the security of the memorabilia and cabinetry as part of its normal and customary security procedures for the Airport. The County shall not be liable for the intentional actions of invitees of the Airport which may result in theft of the memorabilia or damage thereto.
5. This Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.
6. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their heirs, successors and assigns.

[SIGNATURES TO FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have affixed their hands and seals as of the
aforementioned date.



Julie Symes Fraser 1-30-25

HABERSHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA:

By: Jimmy Tench
Chairman of the Habersham County
Board of Commissioners