

Blaine City Council:

Dec. 11, 2006

The agenda for tonight's Council Meeting indicates two items regarding the airport. Given the results of the telephone conference with FAA representatives and the request for an additional \$50,000 loan from the General Fund I believe the Council should revisit the decision to expand and continue operating the Blaine Airport.

For example, based on the Master Plan proposed schedule for expansion and construction it would require a minimum of \$10,000,000 in FAA funds to purchase property, construct and make operational the airport. Even with \$1,000,000 per year grants, this will take 10 or more years. The "new revenue" generating facilities will not have been constructed. According to the Master Plan these facilities are to be built with Private Funds. Whether or not this occurs no one knows with any certainty. Mean while the Citizens of Blaine will have incurred an additional \$10,000,000 and more in obligations for funds received.

Why the information regarding the amount and availability of funding from the FAA was not known with certainty, prior to the decision to accept the Master Plan, is at this point not of importance. What is of importance is that no further decisions be made, with regard to the airport, that financially obligate the Citizens of Blaine until such time all the information is available and is up to date.

Any future decisions must be made rationally and not emotionally. You must take the time to reveiw the updated information and if necessary expand this information by requesting additional information from government sources. The 39 Obligations is a good starting point.

Thank you for taking the time to read what I have written. Good luck as you attempt to resolve this situation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dennis Olason". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

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