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A RESOLUTION OF THE MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION FOR SMALL COMMUNITY AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING SUBMITTED BY THE SARASOTA MANATEE AIRPORT AUTHORITY; AND PLEDGING FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF THE GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000, OF WHICH \$125,000 WILL BE PLEDGED IN FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 AND \$125,000 WILL BE PLEDGED IN FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006.

WHEREAS, the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority (the "Authority") is a body politic and corporate created by Chapter 91-358, Laws of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Authority owns and operates the Sarasota Bradenton International Airport (the "Airport"); and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Community to increase air service to the Airport, foster competition, and promote the economic development of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Airport has seen significant declines in passenger traffic of over 47% from its peak in the year 1990; and

WHEREAS, Airport has recently experienced the loss of two signatory carriers and the reduction in service by another major carrier to seasonal service; and

WHEREAS, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners wishes to participate in a community effort to improve air service; and

WHEREAS, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners proposes to take affirmative measures to ensure the future viability of the airport and the economic well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Small Community Air Service Development Program emphasizes community financial participation to demonstrate the importance a community places on air service; and

WHEREAS, the Community and the Airport Authority are making application under the Small Community Air Service Development Program.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that:

1. The Board of County Commissioners shall provide financial assistance in the aggregate amount of \$250,000 in support of the Small Community Air Service Development Program grant application to be submitted by the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority, subject to the terms of this Resolution.
2. The Board of County Commissioners shall provide such financial assistance to the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority in the amount of \$125,000 in Fiscal Year 2004-2005 and \$125,000 in Fiscal Year 2005-2006. Funds provided by Manatee County shall be used solely for a joint marketing campaign that promotes the Sarasota Manatee area. The Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority will not approve any marketing advertisement without the prior approval of the Manatee County Convention and Tourism Director.
3. Should the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority prevail in its petition to allow its reserves to be applied to the revenue guarantee, currently prohibited by 49 USC 47107, the Authority has committed to reimbursing the Board of County Commissioners for any funds the Commission has furnished to the Authority pursuant to this resolution. Additionally, no funds shall be advanced by Manatee County unless and until the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority is successful in obtaining the Small Community Air Service Development Program grant.
4. Funding from Manatee County is subject to and conditional upon the approval and execution of a binding written agreement by and between Manatee County and the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority that is consistent with the terms of this Resolution and applicable provisions of law.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this the 4TH day of MAY, 2004.

ATTEST: R. B. Shore
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: *Dusana G. Kovice*
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BOARD OF COUNCOMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *Jane von Hahmann*
Jane von Hahmann, Chairman

