

**DuPAGE AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
FINANCE, BUDGET, AND AUDIT COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026**

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A meeting of the Finance, Budget, and Audit Committee of the DuPage Airport Authority Board of Commissioners was convened at the DuPage Flight Center Building, Third Floor Conference Room, 2700 International Drive, West Chicago, Illinois on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. A physical quorum was present for the committee meeting. Commissioner Ligino-Kubinski and Commissioner Giunti attended the meeting telephonically due to employment purposes.

**Commissioners Present:** Davis, Giunti, Ledonne, Ligino-Kubinski, Puchalski

**Commissioners Absent:** Chavez

**DuPage Airport Authority Staff Present:** Mark Doles, Executive Director; Patrick Hoard, Director of Finance; Dan Barna, Director of Operations and Facilities; Kristine Klotz, Executive Assistant and Board Liaison; Karin Kietzman, Procurement Manager.

**Others:** Dan Pape, CMT; Kevin Maczko, West Chicago Fire Department; Erik Ronge, West Chicago Fire Department.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposed Resolution 2026-2744; Authorizing the Procurement of One (1) 6x6 HRET Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Vehicle from the Sourcewell Joint Purchasing Contract.** *Approves the procurement of one (1) Oshkosh Striker 6x6 HRET Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Vehicle for a total cost of \$1,455,414.22 F.O.B. DuPage Airport, which includes a 4% owner's contingency.*

Committee Chairman Ledonne read into record Proposed Resolution 2026-2744. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Davis to recommend Board approval of Proposed Resolution 2026-2744; Authorizing the Procurement of One (1) 6x6 HRET Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Vehicle from the Sourcewell Joint Purchasing Contract. The **motion was seconded** by Commissioner Ligino-Kubinski. Karin Kietzman explained this item is for the procurement of one Oshkosh 6x6 ARFF (Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting) vehicle, featuring a 3,000-gallon capacity and a high-reach extendable turret. Ms. Kietzman provided background, noting that an ARFF committee was formed and proposals were requested from three manufacturers. One company declined to submit a bid, and two proposals were received from Oshkosh and Rosenbauer. Ms. Kietzman explained that this vehicle will replace a 2008 model, which has approximately half the capacity of the proposed unit. The new vehicle will include enhanced features such as nozzle piercing capability, dry chemical and foam, as well as provisions for vehicle training, annual maintenance inspections, and spare tires. Committee Chairman Ledonne inquired about the typical lifespan of the vehicle. Dan Barna responded that the expected lifespan is approximately 15 to 20 years. Mr. Barna advised that the existing vehicle will be sold at a public auction. Mr. Barna emphasized that this purchase is a proactive measure, particularly as the station is staffed 24/7 by a single firefighter from the City of West Chicago. The upgraded vehicle will enable one firefighter to respond more effectively and sustain firefighting operations

for longer without immediate mutual aid support. Chairman Puchalski asked how frequently the vehicle is utilized. Eric Ronge responded that it is used daily and on every Alert activation, which often includes situations such as aircraft experiencing engine issues or landing gear concerns. Mr. Doles stated that the fire department responds to all airport alarms. Commissioner Davis inquired about the purpose of the contingency funds. Dan Barna explained that the vehicle has an approximately one-year build timeline, including midpoint inspections that allow firefighters to review the vehicle's construction. The contingency funds ensure that any additional needs or specifications identified during the build process can be addressed. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by roll call vote (5-0).

**Proposed Resolution 2026-2745; Authorizing the Procurement of Seven (7) Airfield Lighting Constant Current Regulators from the Sourcewell Joint Purchasing Contract.**

*Approves the procurement of three (3) 10kW/480V, three (3) 15kW/480V, and one (1) 30kW/480V constant current regulators for a total cost of \$74,000.48 F.O.B. DuPage Airport.* Committee Chairman Ledonne read into record Proposed Resolution 2026-2745. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Davis to recommend Board approval of Proposed Resolution 2026-2745; Authorizing the Procurement of Seven (7) Airfield Lighting Constant Current Regulators from the Sourcewell Joint Purchasing Contract. The **motion was seconded** by Chairman Puchalski. Karin Kietzman advised that this item involves the replacement of seven constant current regulators, each approximately 20 years old. The total budget for the project is \$83,000, and the purchase will be made through the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contract. Ms. Kietzman explained that the regulators are used to power and control the airfield lighting system. Mark Doles added that different regulators are required for each circuit to ensure proper operation of the various lighting systems across the airfield. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by roll call vote (5-0).

**Proposed Resolution 2026-2746; Award of Contract to Bondtech Corporation for the Procurement of One (1) Regulated Waste Autoclave.**

*Approves the procurement of one (1) 2026 Bondtech Corporation Model BTT2.5-3x3.5 autoclave with a one (1) year service and data hosting agreement for a total cost of \$212,180 F.O.B. DuPage Airport.*


Committee Chairman Ledonne read into record Proposed Resolution 2026-2746. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Davis to recommend Board approval Proposed Resolution 2026-2746; Award of Contract to Bondtech Corporation for the Procurement of One (1) Regulated Waste Autoclave. The **motion was seconded** by Chairman Puchalski. Karin Kietzman advised this item is to replace the regulated waste autoclave currently in service since 2018. The existing unit is used to process waste from international flights by utilizing steam under pressure to eliminate harmful bacteria, viruses, and spores. The proposed replacement unit will increase processing capacity, expanding from the current 5-gallon capacity to units capable of handling 20 gallons to 40 gallons. The new equipment includes a one-year warranty. Ms. Kietzman reported that one bid was received for this procurement. Executive Director Doles provided additional background, noting that the 2018 autoclave was selected at a time when limited options were available and was originally designed for medical applications, primarily for smaller waste such as syringes. The current unit's grinding mechanism has presented operational

challenges over time. Mr. Doles advised the Airport Authority is required under its agreement with U.S. Customs to process international waste within a specified timeframe, while also maintaining a strict chain of custody throughout the disposal process. Chairman Puchalski inquired whether staff was surprised that only one bid was received. Dan Barna responded that most autoclave manufacturers primarily serve the medical industry and typically produce larger-scale equipment, which exceeds the operational needs of the Flight Center in 2018. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by roll call vote (5-0).

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

Commissioner Davis made a **MOTION** to adjourn the Finance, Budget, and Audit Committee Meeting; the **motion was seconded** by Chairman Puchalski and was passed by a unanimous voice vote. The committee meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

  
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**Michael V. Ledonne, Chairman**  
**Finance, Budget, and Audit Committee**