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## **Airport Authority Adopts Final Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget; Completes 10<sup>th</sup> Year off Local Tax Rolls**

**St. Augustine, FL (September 15, 2020)** – Last evening, the St. Augustine – St. Johns County Airport Authority again voted not to assess ad valorem taxes during its Final Budget Public Hearing, held at the Airport Conference Center. Following adoption of another “zero” millage resolution, the Authority adopted a final balanced budget of \$10,892,399 for the upcoming 2020-21 Fiscal Year.

"This year marks the 10th year that the Airport Authority has operated without ad valorem taxes. We are fully committed to remaining off the tax rolls and have been since Fiscal Year 2010-11," stated Suzanne Green, Chairman of the St. Augustine – St. Johns County Airport Authority.

Included in the Authority's FY 2020-21 budget are several planned capital projects to improve the infrastructure at the Northeast Florida Regional Airport, including planning and rehabilitation of airport taxiways.

These projects are substantially funded by grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Since 2006, the Northeast Florida Regional Airport has been awarded over \$40 million in federal and state grants for aviation projects and infrastructure improvements.

"The Airport is always seeking to leverage limited local resources and to bring state and federal funding back to our community," stated Airport Executive Director Ed Wuellner, "The Aviation Trust Fund is an essential funding component of airport capital projects throughout the nation. We are grateful to the FAA and FDOT, as well as to Representative John Rutherford, Senator Rick Scott and Senator Marco Rubio for their continued support of the airport as a vital community and economic asset."

As determined by a 2019 update to the Florida Statewide Aviation Economic Impact Study, the Northeast Florida Regional Airport's total economic impact in the region is estimated to exceed \$1.4 billion.

"Airports play an essential role in our economy," added Suzanne Green. "Our facility continues to serve as a regional transportation asset within Northeast Florida."

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**About the St. Augustine – St. Johns County Airport Authority:**

The members of the St. Augustine – St. Johns County Airport Authority are elected by the citizens of St. Johns County and serve without remuneration. The Airport Authority is chartered by the Florida Legislature for the purpose of operating and developing the Northeast Florida Regional Airport on behalf of the citizens of St. Johns County. Learn more at: [www.flynf.com](http://www.flynf.com).

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