

VOICE YES SATURDAY AUGUST 27 FOR ANDREWS-MURPHY AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT BONDS



A BIRD'S EYE VIEW of the present facilities at the Andrews-Murphy Airport show the west end of the runway that will be extended and paved if the bond election passes August 27.



THE ABOVE AIRCRAFT is a Bonanza twin-engine plane in the 4,000 pound class, a type that is presently being used by local industry. Upon passage of the bond issue, the Andrews-Murphy Airport facility should be capable of handling medium type air carriers in the 40,000 pound class and medium jets on a 24 hour basis.



SEVERAL PLANES are now based at the Andrews-Murphy Airport but with expanding industry in Cherokee County and the possibility of new industries moving in, greater demands are being placed on the facility. With the passage of the bond election Sat. August 27, the parking area in front of the hangers and taxi strip in front of the above planes will be paved. Scout Aerial Photos - Richard Parker, Pilot

Leading Citizens Speak For Airport Bonds

W. Frank Forsyth

The AIRPORT BOND VOTE, Saturday, August 27, is most important to the people of Cherokee County and Southwestern North Carolina. Should this Bond Issue be voted down, we will not have this opportunity again—perhaps in our lifetime.

The AIRPORT BOND ISSUE of \$150,000, of which approximately \$75,000 will be used; for this \$75,000, Cherokee County will acquire property and buildings for less than fair market value. I feel that our economic growth will in a large part, depend upon a good AIRPORT. Its location would make it the best in Western North Carolina, and would serve, not only all of Cherokee County, but Southwestern North Carolina as well. Federal Aviation Authority and the Appalachian Program would make grants to this project of \$275,600. This would not cost the County one penny.

I respectfully ask and urge every citizen to vote for the AIRPORT BOND ISSUE. I honestly and sincerely believe that this Bond Issue is in the best interest of all the citizens of the County.

W. Frank Forsyth, President
Citizens Bank & Trust Company

Jeff Brooks

I am for the Bond Issue for the Andrews Murphy Airport because I believe with the Industrial Progress we have had in Western North Carolina, and especially in Cherokee County, and the progress we are bound to have in the next few years I feel that the Airport would be one of our greatest assets.

I sincerely urge every voter in Cherokee County to vote for the Bond issue and that in turn will be voting for progress for Cherokee County

Jeff Brooks
PRESIDENT Reece Motor Company

Hans Beerkens

We appreciate this opportunity to express our support for the improvement of the Andrews-Murphy Airport. For our communities, our industries in general, as well for our own activities in the veneer manufacturing and import-export division it is of vital importance to have fast and dependable connections with the major airports.

We sincerely hope that the Airport Bond Issue will be a positive success this coming Saturday.

Hans W. Beerkens,
Timber Products Company

Percy Ferebee

In my opinion, Saturday, August 27, the date on which the voters of Cherokee County have an opportunity to vote on whether or not the county is to own the best airport between Asheville, Atlanta, Knoxville and Chattanooga, is an extremely important date.

The Andrews-Murphy Airport, that is now owned privately, has already been of considerable assistance in locating industry in Cherokee County. I am confident we would not have located several of the larger industries that are now located in Cherokee County had we not had this airport for without this airport, officials from the parent company could not have landed executive planes closer than Atlanta, Knoxville Asheville, or Chattanooga, and driven by automobile to the county. I am advised that there are now annually more than 5,000 plane landings and take-offs at the present airport. If this airport is to continue to serve the county for industrial development, it must be improved by constructing a 4,500 ft. heavy duty runway to enable larger and heavier executive planes, that are now being used by industry, to land and take off here. This cannot be done by the present owners, hence they have agreed to sell the airport property to the county, and the county can get grants from the Federal Aviation Agency of approximately \$172,20 and from the Appalachian program of \$103,350 neither of which could be obtained by private owners and the airport can be made to adequately serve the needs of industry, thereby enhancing the probability of new industry locating in the county, and the enlargement of industry already located in the county.

\$150,000 is being asked to be voted upon, but the prospects are that only \$75,000 of this \$150,000 will be used by the county to purchase a \$345,000 airport. In other words the county will get for \$75,000 the present privately owned airport, including the land, hangars, office and lobby, parking space, new heavy duty runway and other improvements, that will cost \$345,000 for a cost to the county of \$75,000. To fail to capitalize on this opportunity by voting for the bonds, in my opinion, would be the greatest setback to the county that has happened during the many years I have resided here.

Percy B. Ferebee
Mayor of Andrews

Mary Faye Brumby

I heartily applaud the efforts of those responsible for the drive to secure a modern new airport to be owned by Cherokee County.

Whether he flies or not, every citizen in the county will benefit directly or indirectly from the increasing payrolls of these industries in the area that now depend so much on modern air travel.

With the three key transportation ingredients: new highways now being engineered, a modern airport, and railroads, I am more optimistic than ever about the future of Cherokee County, and indeed, the tri-county area.

State officials made the observation last week that our local airport is one of the neatest and efficiently operated small airports in the state. I would like to see us expand upon this with an up-to-date installation that would be a credit to any county.

I urge approval of the airport bonds on Saturday, August 27.

Mary Faye Brumby
Senator Elect 33rd District

Herman H. West

Shortly after our company began interstate operations it became apparent that a company owned aircraft was a necessity. At least three other major clearing contractors in this area now operate airplanes in supervising their operations spread over many states.

The mobility the airplane affords in our type of business cannot be achieved in any other way. We are not tied to airline schedules nor airline airports and can reach a job virtually anywhere in the Eastern United States the same day the necessity arises. These are the same reasons why modern industry is so dependent upon company owned aircraft.

The Andrews-Murphy Airport, under private ownership, has rendered an invaluable service to this county for the past two decades, but by present standards its facilities are limited and modernization is beyond the ability of private enterprise.

Purchase and development by the county is the best possible solution. I urge everyone to vote for the Airport Bond on August 27.

Herman H. West
Herman H. West & Co.

Cloe Moore

To each registered voter of Cherokee County I urge each of you to go to the polls and vote for the Cherokee County Airport Improvement bond issue. Your vote for this bond issue will be a vote for progress for Cherokee County. Let us pass this bond issue now while we have a chance of getting Government grants of up to 80% of cost, leaving Cherokee County to have to bear only 20% of this cost. Your August 11th issue of Cherokee Scout defines complete coverage as to costs and grants on the Cherokee County Airport.

Again I urge each of you to vote for the Cherokee County Airport Bond issue on August 27th.

Cloe Moore, Mayor
Town of Murphy

Dr. W. A. Hoover

In assessing tax-wise the proposed purchase and development of the Cherokee County Airport, I feel that our present and future industries, to which a modern airport would mean so much, should be appraised as creators of tax potential rather than simply tax-payers in a limited sense.

The scores of new families moving into our county, the improved financial positions of those with better jobs, the increased property values brought about by increased demand, and the up-grading of retail business establishments, to mention a few factors, will continue to far outweigh the tax contributions of a given industry, even though the tax revenue from any one of our new or prospective industries may well in itself defray the annual cost of airport bonds.

The value of a modern airport to the fast pace of the top-flight industries we are securing in this county is unquestioned. Perhaps not in decades to come will we be able to finance an airport with 80% of the cost in direct grants. I feel that this is a bargain and an opportunity that Cherokee County can ill afford to pass up.

Dr. W. A. Hoover, Chmn.
Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT BONDS ARE GOOD FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY. WE THE UNDERSIGNED, SUPPORT IT AND ASK YOU TO.

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