



## SEC-AAAE Journal

By Daniel Dassow, Knoxville News Sentinel

*From the perspective of a passenger, Knoxville's airport is a familiar series of gates on the way to somewhere else: the terminal doors, the TSA checkpoint, the gate itself – and then, a bridge leading to a plane. Behind the scenes, operating East Tennessee's largest airport is not so straightforward.*

At 4:30 a.m. every Monday, airfield electrician Sam Knisley scopes out the runway during his weekly inspection at McGhee Tyson Airport. There's no system in place to tell the airport's team of technicians when a light is out – it's all manual. And if just 10% of the lights along a runway's center go dark, the landing strip must shut down.

McGhee Tyson's airfield has 2,400 LED signs and lights fed by 100 miles of cable, Knisley said. His Monday morning check is just one example of the many weekly inspections that happen across several complex systems to keep the airport running.

Read the whole story here



To you, McGhee Tyson is Knoxville's airport. Behind the scenes, it's a small city  
Knoxville News Sentinel

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**Raleigh-Durham Welcomes Copa Airlines: First Look at the Inaugural Flight**

**Business Traveler USA**  
Claudio Dutary, General **Manager** at Tocumen International **Airport**, remarked that the addition of this route “has greater meaning...”

**Kinsey becomes chief administrative officer at AVL - Hendersonville Lightning**

**Hendersonville Lightning**  
Tina Kinsey, the longtime marketing and communications **director** for Asheville Regional **Airport**, has been named **chief administrative officer** at AVL, ...



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## [Boeing Lost \\$32 Billion Over Last Five Years - TravelPulse](#)

TravelPulse

Airlines and **Airports**. Boeing Lost \$32 Billion ... **director** at AeroDynamic Advisory, an aerospace and defense industry consultant. ... BoeingAirlines and ...

## [Big Changes Ahead for the \*\*Airport\*\*-operated FBO at KGSP | Aviation International News](#)

Aviation International News

... **airport**," said Tiffany Cherry, communications **manager** for the Greenville-Spartanburg **Airport** District, adding that financial concerns were at play ...

## [Huntsville \*\*airport\*\* upgrades meet high traffic volume | News | theredstonerocket.com](#)

The Redstone Rocket

"There will be many construction projects ongoing through 2024 with some extending into 2025," the **airport's** Public Relations **Manager** Mary Swanstrom ...

## [McGhee Tyson \*\*Airport\*\* hopes to one day bring Southwest Airlines to Knoxville - YouTube](#)

YouTube

In 2023, there were 2835773 people who traveled through McGhee Tyson **Airport**. The **airport** ... McGhee Tyson **Airport** ... Ardmore emergency **manager** deals ...

## [Lakeland Linder's only restaurant closes as \*\*airport\*\* prepares for first commercial flights this June](#)

AOL.com

"Just like all companies do, they restructure from time to time and some senior **leadership** changes," said Kris Hallstrand, the **airport's director**.

## [Tri-Cities \*\*Airport\*\* officials discuss progress, development - Kingsport Times-News](#)

Kingsport Times-News

Gene Cossey, executive **director** of the Tri-Cities **Airport**, addresses questions from the crowd at Wednesday's event. ... BLOUNTVILLE — Community members ...

## [XNA access road gets closer to construction start date - MSN](#)

MSN

Olivia Moore is the **airport's** public affairs **manager**. She says the **airport** board recently donated 55 acres to the Arkansas Department of ...

## [An audit recommends Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood \*\*Airport\*\* create its own police force - WLRN](#)

WLRN

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## [Jacksonville International \*\*Airport\*\* breaks ground on \\$344 million Concourse B](#)

Jacksonville Daily Record

Work on Concourse B will start in July and is scheduled to be completed by December 2026, according to David Jones, JIA's **director** of engineering and ...

## [Futuristic electric flying vehicles soon to become reality in Georgia - dailycitizen.news](#)

dailycitizen.news

ATLANTA - The debate over a tax break the data center industry has enjoyed in **Georgia** for the last six years has moved from the General Assembly ...

## [Tri-Cities Airport eyes growth as summer travel heats up, seeks more flights - WCYB](#)

WCYB

... **manager**, Boomtown in Kingsport. "The fun part about summer months is travelers, it's always fun meeting people from different states." Stay ...

## [After 27 years of stability, Northeast Florida Regional Airport taps 4th director since March 2023](#)

First Coast News

Courtney Pittman was voted in as the **airport's** next interim executive **director**. He is the fourth man to lead the **airport** since March 2023.

## [Officials in Statesville, N.C., Break Ground On New, \\$12.5M Regional Airport Terminal](#)

Construction Equipment Guide

... **Manager** John Ferguson said that the project was the "embodiment" of perseverance. He explained that Statesville's **airport** has helped the city land ...

## [Wilmington International Airport kicks off noise study with first public workshop - WECT](#)

WECT

That's what we plan to ...

## [Columbus Airport set to receive \\$1.1 million in federal funding - Yahoo](#)

Yahoo

**COLUMBUS, Ga.** (WRBL) — Senators Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock announced to federal funding to upgrade Georgia's **airports** through a bipartisan ...

## [Miami airport sleep centers get initial approval - Axios](#)

Axios

The rooms would only be for ticketed passengers and cost roughly between \$30 and \$60 per hour, Miami-Dade **Aviation Department director** and **CEO** Rafael ...

## [Wilmington Airport Welcomes New Commercial Service | Morningstar](#)

Morningstar

"We're excited to welcome American Airlines' Landline connecting service to our customer offerings at ILG," said Thomas J. Cook, Executive **Director** of ...

## [300+ housing units in development near Tri-Cities Airport - WJHL](#)

WJHL

Kingsport Planning **Director** Ken Weems said the rezoning will put the project on par with similar ones in the city. "It's much more conducive to ...

## This Airline Just Launched 15 Routes to Florida — With Fares Starting at \$48 - MSN

MSN

Little Rock, AR – Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport (LIT); Memphis, TN – **Memphis International Airport** (MEM); Omaha, NE – Eppley Airfield ...

## Jackson **airport** to undergo millions in improvements; officials preparing bid packets

The Northside Sun

The Jackson **Municipal Airport** Authority (JMAA) is taking steps to move forward with \$8 million in improvements at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers ...

## Florida lawmakers erupt over Cuban officials touring secure parts of top **airport** - WFIN

WFIN

... **aviation** community at U.S. **airports** ... **airports** with direct **flights** to the United ... Emilio González, a former Miami International **Airport Director** and ...

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# McFarland Johnson Announces Launch of AVIAS



**BINGHAMTON**, New York, May 8, 2024 – InfraSolutions, a division of McFarland Johnson, announced the launch of AVIAS™, a new comprehensive airport management platform. AVIAS is an innovative technology platform that revolutionizes airport infrastructure management and planning with a suite of six specialized applications, each designed to streamline operations, enhance strategic planning, and help to ensure regulatory compliance. From dynamic analysis and inspections to real estate management, obstruction tracking, pavement condition monitoring and comprehensive project planning, AVIAS offers a one-stop solution that optimizes airport efficiency and development.

“We understand the critical challenge our clients face as they undertake significant upgrades to improve airport operational efficiency and modernize their aviation facilities for a better air travel experience,” said McFarland Johnson InfraSolutions Director of Technology, Jason Shevrin. “Our goal was to deliver an advanced technology ecosystem that drives operational excellence and generates operational value for evaluating, forecasting and analyzing airport compliance, safety, growth and funding.”

The AVIAS platform’s suite of cloud-based applications includes:

- **AVIAS AeroClear**, a comprehensive resource for visualizing, identifying, tracking, and analyzing obstructions, now enhanced with the capability for users to define and place their own obstructions.
- **AVIAS Caplan**, a centralized hub and document control system with built-in workflows for managing projects, grants, financials, and funding transfer data across a multi- airport system.

## [How to Use Connected Technology for Restroom Maintenance - Aviation Pros](#)

Aviation Pros

**Airport** facility **managers** are faced with a unique set of challenges when it comes to maintaining restrooms. Unlike a school, commercial office ...

## [Fly2High Releases Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport for MSFS - FSElite](#)

FSElite

Developer Fly2High has released Savannah/Hilton **Head International Airport** (KSAV) for Microsoft **Flight Simulator**.

## [New Board Officers Announced In Leadership Overhaul At Nashville Airport Authority](#)

Travel And Tour World

She also served as vice chair of the Operations, Engineering & Strategic Planning Committee, as well as the **Management**, Audit and Compliance Committee ...

## [Here's how you can spot and nurture leadership potential among your airport team. - LinkedIn](#)

LinkedIn

Leadership in **airport management** demands exceptional communication skills. When you identify a team member who articulates ideas clearly and listens ...

## [Sebring airport honors a local hero - General Aviation News](#)

General Aviation News

To recognize Major McGuire's contributions during World War II, Mike Willingham, Sebring **airport manager**, spearheaded the creation of a new museum ...

## [Myrtle Beach International Airport breaks ground on \\$90m terminal expansion](#)

Post and Courier

This project could increase passenger growth by at least 3 percent, according to Judi Olmstead, Horry County's **director of airports**. Olmstead said the ...

## [Key West Airport Celebrates Topping Off - Aviation Pros](#)

Aviation Pros

... Airport," said John Mafera, Vice President and Regional **Director of Aviation** for McFarland Johnson. Passenger traffic surpassed 1.4 million in ...

## [Asheville Airport 'on schedule' to complete new north concourse as record growth continues](#)

Citizen Times

John Baumeister, AVL Forward's project **manager**, left, and Jared Merrill, with **airport**. Other passenger difficulties have centered on parking, with ...

## [Jacksonville International Airport tarmac delays are lower than average](#)

The Florida Times-Union

... **manager** for Jacksonville Aviation Authority. Passengers wait to get into the security line at Jacksonville International **Airport** as they head to.

## Lakeland Linder International **Airport** to begin new airline service, first time in over a decade

MSN

**Airport Director** Kris Hallstrand said they might invite food trucks to set up in the short term to give passengers access to food in the meantime ...

## Gulf Shores commercial terminal could open next year, City gets \$5 million grant for **airport** project

Gulf Coast Media

"The **airport** was one of 144 **airports** nationwide to receive a grant ... **director** in a proposal funded by the **airport** authority, not to exceed \$45,000.

## A new **airport** could spark the economy in a rural part of Florida. Will the workforce be ready?

Kentucky Today

Joel Conner, Grant **Manager** & Supervisor of Hendry County Adult Learning, talking with Lead Welding Instructor Travis Hall on Thursday, March 14 ,2024 ...

## Dulles **Airport** prepares for \$700 million expansion, future cargo shipping plans - WJLA

WJLA

**Airport Manager** Richard Golinowski told 7News that about four years later an extension of that new concourse with more gates will open, and there ...

## Dulles International **Airport** renews pitch to become nation's next cargo hub - The Business Journals

The Business Journals

Dulles International Airport expand. Richard Golinowski is vice president and **airport manager** at Dulles International Airport. Nate Doughty. Nate ...

## Clinton National **Airport** chooses new director to replace late Bryan Malinowski - KATV

... Airports Authority, has been offered the position of executive director. The Little Rock **Municipal Airport** Commission voted 6-0 to offer Baker the ...

## Here's how you can use effective communication skills to excel as an **airport manager**.

LinkedIn

In the bustling world of **airport management**, your ability to communicate effectively is as crucial as the planes taking off on schedule.

## Coastal Carolina **Regional Airport** completes initial phase of terminal expansion - WNCT

WNCT

NEW BERN, N.C. (WNCT) — Coastal Carolina **Regional Airport** has completed a major phase in the airport's terminal expansion project.

## [Pensacola hopes to add 434 parking spaces at airport before Thanksgiving](#)

Pensacola News Journal

Pensacola International **Airport Director** Matt Coughlin told the City Council that the new parking lot will increase the capacity of 3,600 parking ...

## [Tampa International Named 1st Bicycle-Friendly Airport - Patch](#)

Patch

... **Airport** last week to celebrate National Bike Month ... TPA Sustainability and Resilience Program **Director** ... **Air Cargo Road** along the **airport's** east side ...

## [PTI Airport Expected To Surpass 2018 Passenger Numbers This Year - Rhino Times](#)

Rhino Times

PTI **Executive Director** Kevin Baker said that, based on current projections, the **airport** is expected to surpass the number of passengers it saw in the ...

## [RDU unveils first Sustainability Program Annual Report - 9th Street Journal](#)

9th Street Journal

... **airport** is taking to become more environmentally friendly. The **Airport Authority** says the report highlights RDU's efforts to integrate sustainable ...

## [Community invited to help rename DeKalb County Airport | Thestar | kpcnews.com](#)

KPCNews

"We are thrilled to involve the community in such a fundamental aspect of our airport's transformation," said Russ Couchman, **airport manager**.

## [Valdosta Regional Airport breaks ground to replace 76-year-old control tower - WALB](#)

WALB

Jim Galloway, **Airport** ...

## [Conway-Horry County Airport celebrates completion of \\$6.1 million project | WBTW](#)

WBTW

Kenneth Urbaniak, a project **manager** for the Horry County Department of **Airports**, said that the fuel at Conway's **airport** is one of the cheapest in the ...

## [7 Crucial Conversations for Airports Hiring a Program Manager - HPM](#)

HPM

A program **manager** offers many benefits to **airports**, including clear timelines, streamlined communication, and, perhaps best of all, peace of mind.

## [Prepared for takeoff: Charleston airport's \\$135M budget signals start of expansion](#)

Post and Courier

Charleston International airport's budget positions the airport to kick ... **Charleston County Aviation Authority**. Expenses also include a 4 percent ...

## [Newport News Williamsburg Airport likely to run out of money next year, If nothing changes ...](#)

WAVY.com



## [Here's how you can embody the key qualities of a confident \*\*airport manager\*\*. - LinkedIn](#)

LinkedIn

Master assertiveness and confidence with key strategies for effective **airport management**. Learn to lead decisively and communicate with clarity.

## [Here's how you can assess the success of \*\*airport managers'\*\* strategic decisions in hindsight.](#)

LinkedIn

Learn how to evaluate **airport managers'** strategic decisions for better **airport management** and decision-making processes.

## [RDU Releases Sustainability Annual Report - Raleigh-Durham International Airport](#)

Raleigh-Durham International Airport

Hiring a dedicated energy **manager** to help reduce energy consumption in Authority-controlled facilities; Completing a vulnerability assessment and ...

## [Tallahassee International \*\*Airport\*\* plays pivotal role in city's economic growth](#)

tallahassee.com

As **director** of Tallahassee International **Airport**, I am immensely proud to see Tallahassee recognized as the strongest economy in the U.S., ...

## [New Bern \*\*airport\*\* adds Breeze Airways, working to finish new terminal | WNCT](#)

WNCT

Andrew Shorter, **Airport Director** of Coastal Carolina Regional Airport said the finishing date for the new terminal is set at one month from now.

## [Morgantown \*\*Municipal Airport\*\* enplanements on pace to decrease for 12 straight years](#)

WAJR

... **Municipal Airport**. Haws reported to Morgantown City Councilors that the airport is on pace to hit about 8,000 enplanements in 2024, well below the ...

## [Arkansas lawmakers preparing for possible special session | 5newsonline.com](#)

KFSM

... director's salary from about \$150,000 to \$190,000," Sen. Greg ... ATF director faces tough questions over raid that killed Little Rock **airport director** ...

## [ATF \*\*director\*\* mum about ongoing Malinowski investigation, notes funding problems in ...](#)

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

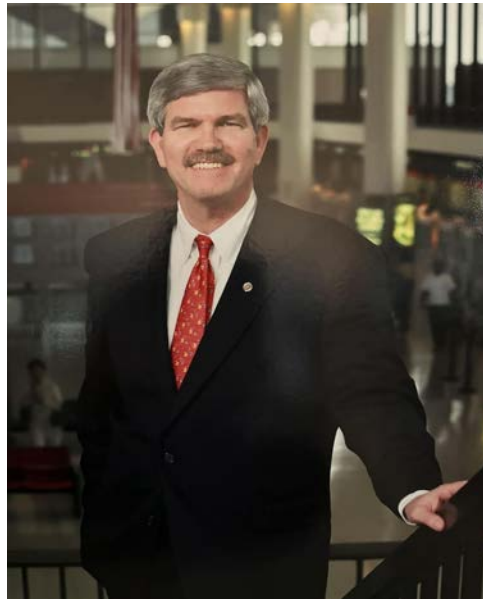
... home, during which agents fatally shot the Little Rock **airport** executive **director**.

## [Arkansas Attorney General Tim Griffin responds to judge's ruling on lawsuit against ATF rule change](#)

KARK

... **Airport Director** Bryan Malinowski's home that resulted in his death. Back in March, ATF raided Malinowski's home in the early morning hours ...

# In Memory of Larry Cox, AAE



The Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority (MSCAA) family is deeply saddened by the passing of former President and CEO Larry Cox, and extends its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

Current MSCAA President and CEO Terry Blue said "Larry Cox had a profound impact on the success and growth of Memphis International Airport and was a respected leader in the aviation industry. More importantly, he was deeply committed to the Memphis community. We mourn his loss, and our thoughts are with his family."

Cox spent 41 years at MSCAA, 29 of those years as the President and CEO during a time when MEM emerged as both a major commercial and cargo airport. He worked in both the MSCAA Operations and Properties Departments before eventually becoming President and CEO in 1985, a position he held until his retirement in 2013. His industry leadership roles included serving as chairman of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), board member for Airports Council International (ACI), president of the Tennessee Association of Air Carrier Airports, and president of the Southeast Chapter of AAAE.

A community leader, Cox served as chairman of the board of directors for the Greater Memphis Chamber and chairman of the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau (now Memphis Tourism). He also served as chairman for the Mid-South Minority Business Council (MSMBC).

He received the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA's) 1996 Kitty Hawk Award and AAAE's 2001 Distinguished Service Award. In addition, he was awarded the FedEx Bravo Zulu Award in 2004 and was inducted into the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame in 2005.

Cox received a BBA in Economics and an MBA in Management from the University of Memphis. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

In remembrance, the family has asked that any charitable donations be made to the University of Memphis Larry Cox Scholarship Fund. Donations can be made at <https://supportum.memphis.edu/larrydcoxscholarship>.



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