

**VISION STATEMENT
FOR THE
CITRUS COUNTY AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD**

To carry out its mission, the Aviation Advisory Board envisions the development of aviation facilities that will provide the public with the widest range of aviation services practicable while ensuring airport development meets the needs of the public and is compatible with the life style of the community.

Objectives: To justify public expense County airports will provide the following basic requirements:

- a. Runways of sufficient length and width to safely and economically accommodate charter and corporate aircraft with take off gross weights up to 75000 pounds.
- b. A precision instrument approach, or alternatively where a precision approach is not possible, a straight in non-precision approach.
- c. Airfield lighting including runway, taxiway, approach, and beacon
- d. An aviation weather reporting capability.
- e. Airport security in accordance with current Transportation Security Administration (TSA) guidelines.
- f. Fixed Base Operator(s) providing the following services:
 - (1) Line service including parking, fueling and advisory assistance by UNICOM
 - (2) Hangar availability
 - (3) Airframe and power plant maintenance
 - (4) Flight training
 - (5) Aircraft rental
 - (6) Charter service
 - (7) Pilot supplies

Additional aviation support capabilities as conditions permit, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Major engine overhaul and airframe repair
- b. Avionics repair station
- c. Aircraft interior shop
- d. Paint facility

Policy Considerations:

The AAB supports County policy that:

- a. Promotes the development of both the Crystal River and the Inverness airports as essential to meeting the future aviation and economic demands of the County.
- b. Except as otherwise provided, maintain County ownership of all facilities so as to:
 - (1) Ensure an efficiently laid out, architecturally and color coherent facility.
 - (2) Provide better response to the market on leaseholds.
 - (3) Take advantage of state funding to acquire facilities providing long term economic return to the County.
 - (4) The above notwithstanding, consider on a case-by-case basis significant private investment in facilities promising a significant increase in service to the public or return to the County.
- c. Establishes a resident aircraft population ceiling that curtails pressures to overbuild the facility.
- d. Maintains an alternate turf runway at Crystal River that:
 - (1) Provides an emergency and crosswind alternative to the main runway.
 - (2) Preserves green space in support of the community airport vision.
- e. Develops a Master Plan that considers all properties that might become available for airport use and propose the proper combination and number of facilities to support the aircraft population ceiling.
- f. Takes advantage of opportunities to remove hazardous obstructions in the airport traffic areas to comply with the Land Development Code height restrictions.