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# **Maggie Brooks**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **BROOKS ANNOUNCES TERMINATION OF TWO MONROE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY CONTRACTS**

*Following County review, vendors for internal auditing and advertising to be replaced*

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that Airport Director **Susan L. Walsh**, on behalf of the Monroe County Airport Authority (MCAA), has issued termination letters to two vendors. The decision to terminate the contracts was made as part of an ongoing review of MCAA business relationships and practices initiated by **Brooks** during the recent Airport leadership transition.

*“In keeping with my commitment to usher in a new era of accountability, transparency, and fiscal responsibility at our Airport, I charged Director Walsh with reviewing financial practices, policies, and business relationships to ensure that they are in the best interest of the Airport,”* said **Brooks**. *“Today, we terminated two contracts with private vendors whose level of service was not up to the high standards we demand on behalf of the community. Through our ongoing, proactive efforts to improve Airport operations, I am confident that we will continue to enhance the public’s trust in our ability to maintain a state-of-the-art, affordable Airport facility that our entire community can be proud of.”*

Philip H. Mancini, CPA, had a contract with MCAA to provide internal auditing services. The County’s review of MCAA finances uncovered the inappropriate expenditure of MCAA funds at adult entertainment venues, as well as a general lack of responsible record keeping and oversight. The inappropriate expenditures took place during Mr. Mancini’s tenure as the Airport employee responsible for reviewing credit card statements.

*“Given these findings, I do not have faith in Mr. Mancini’s ability to serve as an internal auditor for the Airport, and have decided to terminate his contract immediately,”* said **Susan L. Walsh**, Airport Director.

Private marketing firm Normal Communications, LLC, was contracted to sell advertising space in the Airport terminal. Its contract was terminated today for failure to make timely payments to MCAA.

*“While Normal Communications, LLC, was successful in bringing advertisers to our facility, unfortunately it was unable to comply with the terms of our agreement with respect to making timely payments to the Airport,”* continued **Walsh**.

Termination letters have been issued today to the two vendors in question. Airport staff will undertake an expedited transition process for both advertising and internal auditing services, and will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for both in the coming days. New

vendors will be selected according to this competitive process, and in accordance with MCAA policies and State procurement regulations.

*“I have been charged by the County Executive with ensuring that business decisions made at the Airport be in furtherance of our responsibility to protect public funds and enhance the accountability and transparency of our operations. Terminating these contracts is another important step in fulfilling these goals,”* concluded **Walsh**.

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