

(a) The Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County may create an Airport Authority of Cecil County, with the members, powers, duties, functions, and operations provided in this section.

(b) If created, there shall be five members of the authority, to be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County. Of the members first appointed to the commission, one shall be appointed for an initial term of one year, one for an initial term of two years, one for an initial term of three years, one for an initial term of four years and one for an initial term of five years. As these initial terms expire the terms of succeeding members shall be for four years each. The [county commissioners] BOARD shall appoint persons to the authority who are skilled and proficient in the general subject of aviation and airports. The [county commissioners] BOARD, from time to time, shall designate a chairman of the authority. All members of the authority at the time of appointment and during their service on the authority shall be residents of Cecil County. The authority shall meet regularly to carry out its functions under this section.

(c) The airport authority shall study the need and possibilities for an airport in Cecil County, the rules, regulations, and requirements of the federal aviation commission and the ~~state-aviation-commission~~ STATE AVIATION ADMINISTRATION in relation to any such facility, the possibilities for obtaining state or federal funds for the construction and operation of an airport, possible sites for an airport, and such other matters as properly are related to, and fall within the scope of, the intent and purpose of this section.

(d) From time to time, the airport authority shall report to the board of county commissioners and to the citizens of Cecil County the results of its studies and deliberations, together with any summarized information it may compile and with such recommendations as it may think feasible and proper for the progress and development of aviation and airports in Cecil County.

(e) Following such studies, the board of county commissioners may establish and construct an airport or airports in Cecil County, under the provisions of this section. In that event, it or they shall be operated and maintained under the control, direction, and supervision of the airport authority.

(f) For the purposes of this section, the airport authority with such funds as made available to it from time to time by the board of county commissioners may engage and contract for the services of such assistants, consultants, and employees as deemed necessary for the work and purpose of the airport authority. The authority, on behalf of and with the approval of the board of county commissioners, may accept grants in aid, monies, and gifts