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## **Grand Opening of Extended Runway & Dedication of Spinks Field Scheduled for September 19th**

**Troup County, Ga. September 17, 2019** – Troup County will host a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony for the extended runway of the LaGrange-Callaway Airport and formal dedication of Spinks Field in honor and recognition of Mr. John Roy Spinks, III. The ribbon cutting ceremony and formal dedication will take place at 11:00AM on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at the LaGrange-Callaway Airport, located at 200 Airport Parkway, LaGrange, GA 30240.

The Troup County Board of Commissioners invites the public to attend the ceremony in order to commemorate the grand opening of the extended runway, as well as to honor Mr. John Roy Spinks, III for his significant contributions to the community through the formal dedication of Spinks Field. The Board of Commissioners endorsed the naming of the field at LaGrange-Callaway Airport on September 3, 2019 in honor of Mr. John Roy Spinks III, a native of LaGrange who served on several charitable and community organizations which benefitted the economic growth and development of Troup County, including the Troup County Airport Authority, and was known for his great passion of flying aircrafts.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will serve as a celebration of the runway extension project completion. The project has been part of the Capital Improvement Program for more than twenty years. Through extensive efforts from Troup County, the City of LaGrange, and the Airport Authority, the updated runway features various improvements and increased potential for operations. Specifically, the 6.2 million dollar project will further enhance the airport through safety improvements for landings and departures; high intensity lighting upgrades and a new beacon for extended after hours flight capabilities; and the ability to accommodate aircrafts with additional weight. Overall, the improvements will promote future growth to the airport and assist with corporate needs of the community.

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 11:00AM

**WHERE:** LaGrange-Callaway Airport, 200 Airport Parkway, LaGrange, GA 30240.

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