



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Council Session

## Item G18

### **#2003-37 - Approving Support for Establishing a Base for the Nebraska Army National Guard Apache Helicopter Unit**

*The Nebraska Army National Guard is proposing to locate a new facility in Central Nebraska which will house the Guard's incoming fleet of 16 AH-64A Apache helicopters. Central Nebraska Regional Airport is one location being considered for the facility. It will have approximately 230 cavalry and aviation maintenance soldiers assigned to it, potentially 80 of which will be full-time employees. The estimated total payroll of such a facility is approximately \$3 million annually. The attached resolution supports the construction and location of the facility at Grand Island. Staff recommends approval of this resolution.*

Staff Contact: Marlan Ferguson

RESOLUTION 2003-37

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Army National Guard has expressed an interest in constructing a \$20 million helicopter facility in either Grand Island or Kearney, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the facility will be part of an ongoing transformation of aviation units throughout the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, the new facility will have approximately 230 cavalry and aviation maintenance soldiers assigned to it, with approximately 80 of them as full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, the new facility would become the second Nebraska Army National Guard aviation facility in Nebraska, which will house the state's entire AH-64A Apache fleet; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the facility would be located at the Central Nebraska Regional Airport; and

WHEREAS, proposals must be submitted by February 13, 2003 in order to be considered for such helicopter facility; and

WHEREAS, the proposed helicopter facility would be a valuable asset to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island supports the construction of a \$20 million helicopter facility at the Central Nebraska Regional Airport to establish a base for the Nebraska Army National Guard Apache Helicopter Unit.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, January 28, 2003.

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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January 24, 2003	☐ City Attorney