

Position for February 3, 2014 County Council Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting.

The Chamber has had a long standing position of support for an Outlying or Auxiliary Landing Field that reads:

For more than five years, the Beaufort Regional Chamber has supported an outlying or auxiliary landing field to improve the viability of MCAS Beaufort. MCAS Beaufort is ideally located and constructed to support Marine aviation training. The facilities of the Air Station training complex: two runways, the longest over 12,000 feet long; their air-to-ground bombing range at Townsend, Georgia; and the 50,000+square miles of overwater air combat training ranges, are the right size and in the right locations for effective and efficient training. However, there is a piece missing that constrains training: an outlying or auxiliary landing field. An auxiliary landing field will provide the training flexibility needed to maintain an efficient rate in order to meet the needs of our national defense.

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The recommended next steps are to conduct a site study and to identify funds for the purchase of land.

The Chamber encourages and supports the County to implement a Referendum that includes a line item to help fund an Outlying or Auxiliary Landing Field.