Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous named to Airport Authority Board

The Wayne County Commission voted unanimously Thursday, Sept. 20 to appoint Commissioner Al Haidous (D-Wayne) to the Wayne County Airport Authority Board of Directors. The authority is responsible for managing operations at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport and Willow Run Airport.

The appointment was recommended by Wayne County Commission Chairman Gary Woronchak.

“Commissioner Haidous brings to the job a wealth of experience on transportation issues as well as knowledge of both airports, each of which is in his district,” Woronchak said.

Haidous will serve a six-year term, which expires Oct. 1, 2024. He will serve as the county commission’s representative on the seven-member board. Of the other members, four are appointed by the Wayne County executive and two by the governor, under Public Act 90 of 2002 which created the authority. Current board members include Michael Garavaglia, Ronald E. Hall Jr., Nabih H. Ayad, Dr. Curtis L. Ivery, Mark Ouimet and Marvin W. Beatty.
Haidous is also chairman of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation and has served on the SMART board since 2007.

“It is an honor to serve, nothing will discourage me from trying to do my best to add to the good things that are already happening at the airports,” Haidous said.

Haidous was first elected to the commission in November 2014. He represents the 11th District, which includes both airports as well as the cities of Belleville, Romulus and Wayne, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren Townships and a portion of Westland. Prior to joining the commission, he served as mayor of Wayne and on the Wayne City Council.

Before entering public service, Haidous and his wife, Mary, owned and operated Al's Friendly Market for 35 years in the city of Wayne.