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**NEWPORT AIRPORT DIRECTOR
LEAVING CITY FOR CINCINNATI**

Gene Cossey, Newport's Airport Director, has announced his resignation. Cossey has accepted the position of Senior Manager of Airside Operations and Safety at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. His last day with the City of Newport will be April 20.

Cossey reported that he has "thoroughly enjoyed his tenure at the city, and is proud of his many accomplishments." He added that he will "miss Newport and the many friendships he has forged." He noted that "this position provides an exceptional professional growth opportunity," and he is "looking forward to the new challenge."

Jim Voetberg, City Manager, reported that some of Cossey's notable accomplishments include "bringing the Airport up to accepted FAA standards, establishing regular employee training, and putting the city in a competitive position for a nine million dollar FAA grant." Voetberg added that "he wishes Cossey the best in this new endeavor, and understands the opportunity associated with working for a much larger airport."

Voetberg will soon begin developing a process for recruiting Cossey's replacement.

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