



Pictured, from left: Monroe County Commissioners Holly Merrill Raschein, Mayor Pro Tem Michelle Lincoln, Mayor Jim Scholl, Airport Executive Director Richard Strickland, Commissioner David Rice, Florida Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez, Key West Mayor DeeDee Henriquez, and Robert Spottswood Sr.

CUTTING EDGE



KEY WEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING, RIBBON CUTTING

Key West International Airport officials welcomed more than 100 guests to the airport's brand new Concourse A on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, for a Grand Opening celebration and ribbon cutting. Local, state, and federal representatives joined architects, designers, and officials from a wide variety of companies involved in the project. The event was a significant milestone in the overall Concourse A and Terminal Improvements Program, which began with a groundbreaking in November 2022.

Pictured below, from left: Robert Spottswood Jr., Robert Spottswood, Sr., Chas Spottswood, Chip Derrer, Rick Derrer, Luis Arditi-Rocha, and Antonio Pinto. Below, right, Spottswood Sr. and Richard Strickland.





CONCOURSE A FUNDING BREAKDOWN

FAA FUNDING
\$54,411,994

FDOT
\$44,938,230

**NO TAX
DOLLARS**

**PNC LINE
OF CREDIT**
\$12,131,829

**AIRPORT
REVENUE
BONDS**
\$34,561,000



Pictured, from left, Serafina Schwerer and Kip Joerdens (Atkins Design); Jon Faucher (Mead & Hunt); Chris Kopec (McFarland Johnson); Matt Dubbe (Mead & Hunt); and John Mafera (McFarland Johnson).

The program began with an invocation from Pastor Earnest DeLoach of Keys Community Church who blessed the building as a “gateway to peace and prosperity for all who visit the Florida Keys or know the Keys as home.” Speakers included Airport Executive Director Richard Strickland; Monroe County Mayor Jim Scholl; Luis Ardití Rocha and Robert Spottswood Sr. of NV2A Gulf KeyStar, A Joint Venture; Matt Dubbe of Mead & Hunt; and John Mafera, Vice President of McFarland Johnson.

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This expansion of the airport was many years in the making and required the vision, dedication and hard work on the part of many people. All of us are thankful to our County Mayor Jim Scholl, our County Commissioners, past and present, and our County Administrator Christine Hurley, Airports Director Richard Strickland, and their many staff, team members and consultants.

- Robert Spottswood of NV2A Gulf KeyStar, A Joint Venture