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Kingman Airline Services, an Arizona-based maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) company, has announced plans to establish operations in Horry County. The company will hire approximately 180 employees and make a capital investment of \$2.5 million.

Kingman Airline Services is a Federal Aviation Authority-approved Part 145 repair station, in addition to a large aircraft storage and preservation facility, offering various levels of maintenance for Embraer, Bombardier CRJ, SAAB and Boeing aircraft.

To establish operations in Horry County, the company will lease an existing facility

and ramp space located at the Myrtle Beach International Airport for maintenance and aircraft services including: long and short-term commercial aircraft storage; fleet management; aircraft repair and maintenance; engine removals and installation; airframe disassemble and dismantling; records audits; interior refurbishment; pre-buy inspections; consulting services; and ferry services.

Kingman Airline Services will hire airframe and powerplant technicians; operators and craftsman; along with managerial, professional and service positions. Those looking to apply should visit the company's careers page online.

"I was attracted to Horry County by their capabilities and culture. Horry County has experienced hands-on people committed to partnering with companies to improve and grow their business. We are very excited to join the Myrtle Beach Community", said Kingman Airline Service President Kevin Dolan.

"Kingman Airline Services' decision to do business in South Carolina is great news for our state and for our growing aerospace industry. The 180 jobs that will be created by this \$2.5 million will make a real difference in Horry County, and we look forward to watching this great company grow and

thrive here for a long time", Gov. Nikki Haley said.

"South Carolina's booming aerospace industry continues to grow at a remarkable rate, creating jobs and opportunities for people all across this state. Today, I congratulate Kingman Airline Services for making the decision to add its name to that thriving sector in South Carolina, and I look forward to watching them succeed for many years to come", Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt added.

"Horry County is a great place to live and work, and Kingman Airline Services is proving that fact today! We

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are excited about adding Kingman to our business community and as a tenant at the Myrtle Beach International Airport", said Horry County Council Chairman

Mark Lazarus.

"It is a great pleasure to welcome Kingman Airline Services to Horry County. Their business model fits the Myrtle Beach community very well, and they will

provide high-quality jobs to almost 200 skilled workers in our community. This announcement is just another example of our great team, including the Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corporation, Horry

County Airports, the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base Redevelopment Authority and the city of Myrtle Beach", said Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corporation President and CEO Josh Kay.

Title: **Haley praises Trump's choice for No. 2 on GOP ticket**
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Gov. Nikki Haley is no fan of Donald Trump.

She endorsed Florida Sen. Marco Rubio during the primaries.

Although a woman might have pulled votes from the Democrats' Hillary Clinton, she said she would not accept an offer to run as Trump's Republican vice presidential running mate.

But the Lexington resident said last week that she approved of Trump's choice of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as his running mate.

"Mike Pence is a friend," she said publicly. "More than that, he is a strong conservative reformer who has delivered results for the people of Indiana."

Haley campaigned for Pence during his re-election bid in Indiana last year.

That's common for local officials interested in fu-

ture runs for national office. Working for other candidates builds support for their own aspirations.

"Washington is broken, but we don't have to look any further than leaders like Mike Pence for the solutions to fix it," she said.

Not everyone in South Carolina was enthusiastic about the choice.

State Democratic Party chairman Jaime Harrison called Pence "an ultra right-wing ideologue" and "the perfect running mate for Donald Trump."

Harrison said Pence has signed a religious freedom bill critics say would allow discrimination against gays and transgenders.

Pence spoke at the S.C. Republican Party's 2008 annual Silver Elephant Dinner.

He visited in 2010 during the 2012 presidential race.

Title: **Critics: Court misused power against AG Wilson**
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Did four state Supreme Court justices overstep their authority last week?

Did they make law and change the state constitution in ruling against Attorney General Alan Wilson?

Observers and critics of the court won't say so publicly but privately they say the court exceeded its power to create a law.

That responsibility constitutionally belongs to the state legislature.

They believe state Democrats may be using an ethics investigation complaint to tarnish Attorney General Alan Wilson's reputation.

Wilson recused himself

from a public corruption investigation after former House Speaker Bobby Harrell argued the attorney general was out to get him.

Wilson appointed David Pascoe, the state's 1st Circuit solicitor, as an independent prosecutor because he was the only one Harrell would accept to handle the investigation of his and fellow lawmakers' conduct.

Wilson has said he had misgivings about Pascoe because Harrell's son had worked on his staff.

Wilson said Pascoe illegally tried to use the State Grand Jury in his investigation with-

out his approval.

The court in a divided 4-1 opinion ruled Wilson had no authority to replace Pascoe.

The ruling means Pascoe is the acting Attorney General for the General Assembly investigation — and Wilson can't stop him.

The justices, critics say, rewrote state law, made a local prosecutor a state officer entitled to use the state grand jury and its subpoena powers and took away the attorney general's constitutional power to decide who prosecutes criminal cases.

"We respect the court's decision and will abide by it," Wilson communications di-

rector Hayley Thrift said.

Republicans speculate Wilson is a likely candidate for governor to succeed fellow Lexington resident Nikki Haley in 2018.

Political observers are asking two questions:

- Will the state Supreme Court ruling against him hurt his chances of succeeding fellow Lexington resident Nikki Haley as governor in 2019?

- Will Democrats succeed in smearing him as a step toward electing one of their own as attorney general?

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Title: **Top county Republicans comment on Trump VP pick**
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Conservative, evangelical Indiana Gov. Mike Pence — previously a Ted Cruz supporter — has been named as Donald Trump's running mate, and many S.C. politicians (even those who are not enthusiastic Trump fans) are hailing the pick.

That includes Lexington County's top Republicans: Nikki Haley, Joe Wilson, and Matt Moore.

Gov. Haley, who backed failed candidate Marco Rubio and has been critical of the bombastic N.Y. real estate tycoon on more than one occasion, had this to say about the Pence pick:

"Mike Pence is a friend, but more than that, he is a strong conservative reformer who has delivered results for the people of Indiana," said Haley, who made no mention of Trump in her statement, and was once herself envisioned by pundits as a potential VP pick before shooting that prospect down.

"Washington is broken, but we don't have to look any further than leaders like Mike Pence for the solutions to fix it," she added.

U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, R-Springdale, who declined to endorse any GOP candidate during the primaries, also had kind words for his former congressional colleague from the Hoosier State.

"We often worked together on the Republican Study Committee to advance conservative legislation," said Wilson, who served in the U.S. House with Pence, an Indiana congressman from 2002 to 2012 before his election as governor. "I was grateful to visit our troops together in Iraq in 2008, where I saw firsthand his heartfelt appreciation for our service members and military families."

SCGOP chairman Matt Moore of Lexington, who endorsed Trump in May when he became the presumptive

nominee, but has criticized the candidate for some of his controversial political stances on such things as a call to ban all Muslims from entering the country, also gave a thumbs-up to Trump's VP pick.

"Governor Pence is an ideal vice president and trusted by conservatives," Moore said. "He is also a proven reformer with executive experience who understands how to work with Republicans on Capitol Hill. South Carolina Republicans have known and trusted Governor Mike Pence for years, given his speaking at our 2008 Silver Elephant Dinner."

Barring any shenanigans from GOP forces in the so-called "Never Trump" movement, both Trump and Pence are expected to be officially nominated at this week's Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Sumter County Republican Party Chairwoman Shery Smith, who is attending the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, as a delegate from South Carolina Congressional District 5, said Wednesday was sort of a "free" day for the delegation from the Palmetto State.



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She said the nomination of Donald Trump on Tuesday night was an exciting moment, especially as Donald Trump Jr. delivered the delegate

count to put his father over the top.

"Donald Trump Jr. represented his father very well," she said. "He was able to bring in the final delegate count for his father, giving him the nomination; it was a very moving moment for him and for us."

She said afterward Donald Trump held a brief rally.

"We were there all evening for the speakers," she said.

Thursday morning included a breakfast with Gov. Nikki Haley, U.S. Sen. Tim Scott and former ambassador to Canada David Dinkins, she said.

Sen. Ted Cruz had a thank-you luncheon which

she said was well attended.

Smith said attending the convention is her second visit to Ohio but the first time she has visited Cleveland.

"I enjoyed seeing the sites and riding around the city," she said.

The delegation had a meeting and then was able to tour sites, including the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame.

"The Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame was great," she said.

Did she have a favorite exhibit?

"Elvis, of course," she said.

Elvis is from Mississippi, not from South Carolina, however.

"It is what it is," she said. "I love Elvis."