

Airport to rebid hangar door project

Engineer Brian Edmison stated that the current door is irreparable

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MT. VERNON — The Mt. Vernon Airport Authority will seek new bids on a project to install a new door in the FBO (fixed-based operator) hangar.

On Tuesday night during the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority Board of Commissioners meeting, Engineer Brian Edmison presented bids from multiple sources. Each estimate was stated by the board to be over budget. The bids did not include installation, only the materials used. New bids to remain under budget will be sought, this



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REPORT TO THE BOARD — Airport Director Chris Collins, LEFT, and Engineer Brian Edmison tell the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport Board of Directors on Tuesday night that incoming bids to replace a hangar door went over budget. The project is estimated to cost around \$60,000 and will be funded by the airport's Capital Development Campaign.

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time incorporating additional construction into the budget.

Edmison stated that not only would the door need to be replaced, but the front of the FBO hangar currently requires an overhaul as well. "It's in bad shape," said Edmison. "The sheets are rusting off all the way along the bottom, one of the columns is rusting off at the edge of the door, and it's that work to repair that structure that brought the rest of the price up. It does need to be repaired at some point."

According to Edmison, repair of the front of the hangar contributed to raising the price of the bids.

"The [old door] is not repairable, I'm sorry," continued Edmison. "The rails are okay, but the rollers and weather stripping and seals and everything are in very bad shape as well as the body of the door has deteriorated because the door pocket has."

The new project of removing the existing door structure entirely is what Airport

Director Chris Collins calls "The Grandiose Plan." The project is estimated to cost around \$60,000 and will be funded by the airport's Capital Development Campaign.

According to Collins, the Grandiose Plan is, "taking the existing door structure we have and removing the old sliding door that is already contained in there. We're going to put two new vertical beams and a header beam and attach the floating door there. What that does is give the building an additional seven feet of depth and probably 72 feet of width across so we're gaining extra square footage."

The board seeks to install a hydraulic door rather than a sliding door due to the speed of the hangar door opening and closing. "To me there's one main difference," said Board Chairman Mike Ancona. "That's a working hangar down there. You guys work in there, and if you've got to get a plane out when it's 28 degrees out ... you're going to lose all your heat if you're going to wait on [a sliding] door. That's a deal breaker in my way of thinking."

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