

Airport beefs up security

Security cameras to be installed indoors, outdoors

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MT. VERNON — Mt. Vernon Airport officials are continuing to tighten their security.

During Tuesday's Airport Authority meeting, commissioners approved purchasing additional cameras and hardware.

Initially, the Authority approved the purchase of seven cameras — four indoor and three outdoor, plus a recording system. As a result of board action, the airport will now have four additional cameras — three indoor and one on the exterior.

A bid of \$2,320 from Electronic Architects for the additional cameras was approved.

Manager Chris Collins said the security system could be further expanded since the system has a 16-camera capacity.

Collins reported the annual renewal for health insurance came back from Health Alliance with a monthly increase of \$264. The Authority's previous premium was \$1,008 per month; the new rate is \$2,172 per month.

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Collins asked for and received permission to purchase new brushes from United Rotary Brush to assist with snow removal. The estimated

cost of the brushes is \$1,025. The brushes will be attached to the airport's sweeper runway sweeper, Collins said, which will work in "dry, powdery snow."

Collins updated the Authority on all of the weekend events occurring during the Fall Fest, including the scheduled Balloon Glow on Friday.

Collins said due to recent rains, a

contingency plan for parking is in place.

Collins said a change from last year's event is that the balloons will be at the airport when guests start arriving. Tethered balloon rides will be available.

On Saturday morning, the balloons will fly "wherever the wind takes them," Collins said, and the balloons will travel

over the downtown area after the parade.

Numerous activities are planned at the airport Friday night and Saturday, including a United Way pancake breakfast on Saturday morning.

No action was taken at the meeting for consideration of the purchase of property adjacent to the airport, Collins said.