

Update given on airport hangar

Update was also given on airport's restaurant space

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MT. VERNON — The Mt. Vernon Airport Authority Board of Commissioners received an update on the Hangar A-800 revitalization project including approving of a change order on Tuesday.

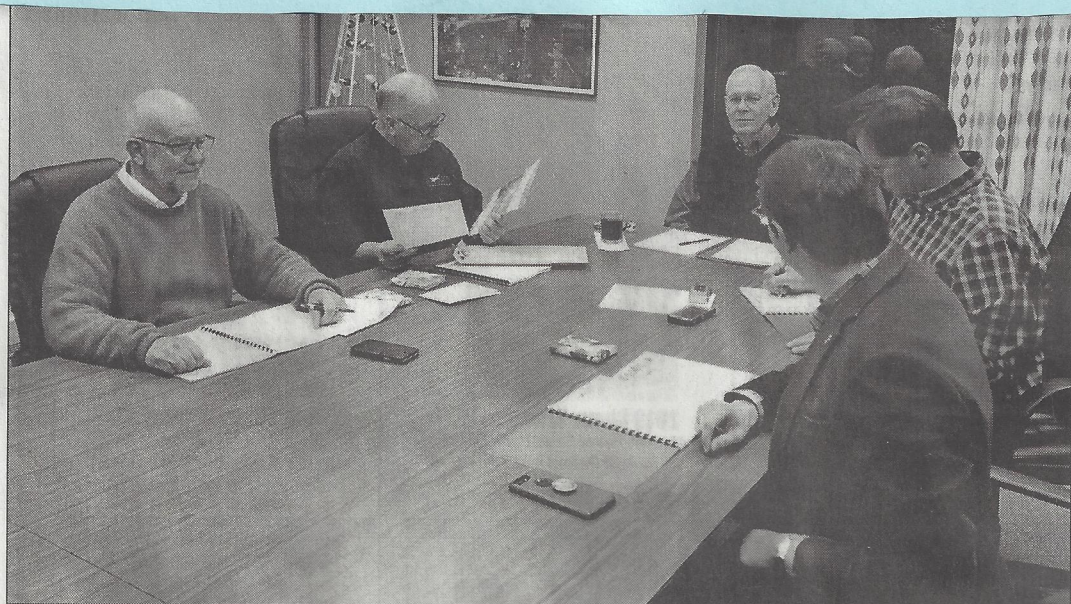
According to Sentinel archives, the project, which is currently underway, is a complete revitalization of one of the hangars and will include new doors, exterior sheeting, roof sheeting, power washing, wire brushing, electrical upgrades and painting of the interior skeleton. The project was budgeted for \$200,000 and initially expected to cost \$199,728, before the change order. Collins noted that the airport had a surplus of steel panels from the hangar that they are going to be selling to help offset the additional cost.

"We are making good progress. The entire west is sheeted, the south side is sheeted and they got started on the east side today on the roof," Collins said.

Collins said that they have only encountered one issue which required a change order costing \$9,300.

"Basically, what happened is the new door columns are welded out from the existing ones which made the building about eight inches wider," Collins said. "So, to make sure that the roof line looked right, they had to take the c-channel out into the existing roof and they welded the channels out for eight to 10 inches and put the c-channel back on."

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HANGAR PROJECT — The Mt. Vernon Airport Authority Board of Commissioners received an update on the Hangar A-800 revitalization project including approving of a change order during their meeting on Tuesday at Mt. Vernon Outland Airport.

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Collins explained that the gap, if left alone, would have allowed water to find its way into the hangar if not fixed.

Collins said there might be another change order regarding installing fascia siding.

"Hopefully, that will not happen, hopefully there is money left in there," Collins said. "They would like to run a complete fascia from one end of the building to the other."

The hangar project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Collins also gave an update on where the airport was currently at with securing a

new restaurant. The space became open after Wilkey's Cafe officially closed on Oct. 21 after about 10 years of serving at the airport.

"I wish I had more news for you, sadly I don't," Collins said. "Sheila (Jolly-Scrivner) and I met with a very qualified and experienced restaurant manager about a week ago. We were expecting a proposal on Monday so we could review and talk to you guys about it tonight and that did not materialize."

"Telephone calls to the operator haven't been returned and I have nothing again for you this month," Collins said. "I know it is a terrible time to open a restaurant, but we will just keep trying."

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