

Airport Authority approves agreement with Global Energy

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MT. VERNON — An agreement with Global Energy Services to provide utilities to the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority was approved during the commission's monthly meeting Tuesday night.

Global Energy Services representatives Jim Mueller and Wayne Hicks met with the board last month, but the proposal was tabled.

"After a committee of two, consisting of me and Commissioner Chesney [Gary] did a lot of research and made a lot of phone calls, we determined it was a good offer," Airport Manager Chris Collins told the commissioners.

Global Energy Services will sell electrical service to the airport for a three-year period at a cost of 5.2 cents per kilowatt hour. Collins said that will save the airport

approximately 22 percent, or an annual savings of \$5,136.

David Keefer, a certified public accountant, presented the airport's annual audit for the period from May 1, 2009, through April 30, 2010. The audit showed a loss of \$14,000 in the General Fund, Keefer reported. The total fund balance was reported at \$68,928.

Collins said this is the first audit since he has been the airport manager that has shown a loss, and he took responsibility, noting that money left in a separate fund [Propriety Fund] should've been placed into the General Fund.

Collins said there were other factors involved in the loss, including a 9 percent loss in revenue from the property replacement tax.

Keefer noted the replacement tax decreased by some \$23,000, and while some of that was made up in services

provided, revenues didn't increase and several accounts receivable funds are outstanding.

IN OTHER BUSINESS:

- An engineering agreement with the Federal Aviation Authority was approved for relocation of the ILS [Instrument Landing System]. This is Phase I of the project that will be a "big flip of approaches," according to Collins.

- A tentative engineering agreement with Hanson Engineering was approved for surface painted hold markings at a cost of \$1,472.

- Collins presented an update on the new hangar; indicating steel erection was halted with Tuesday's snow shower. Collins said hanging fabrication for the door will begin next week, and overall, the project should be completed within 30 days.

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