

Airport Board approves ordinance

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MT. VERNON — The Mt. Vernon Outland Airport Authority Board of Commissioners took action to allow purchases in case of emergency.

The board on Tuesday approved Ordinance 2012-01, which allows emergency condition purchases.

Airport Manager Chris Collins said as a part of the National Incident Management System Compliance Airport Emergency Plan written for the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport, the Federal Aviation Administration requested an emergency condition purchase ordinance passed by the airport authority.

“Lord forbid we have an aircraft accident out there, and it’s at nighttime, we have to rent lights or something,” he offered as an example for why the ordinance could be needed. “I wouldn’t have time to wait for the 30-day meeting cycle to come before you guys and

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ask for it.”

He said he doesn’t currently have the authority to make those kinds of purchases or rentals.

According to the language of the ordinance, if Collins or a designee find it necessary to make purchases without waiting for the approval of the board of commissioners, they will draft a written finding explaining the need of the purchase.

“The airport director or his designee shall strive to seek the best prices during the emergency,” Collins said. “Purchases awarded on

an emergency basis shall be submitted to the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority Board of Commissioners for approval at the next regularly-scheduled meeting.”

The board approved a resolution allowing an easement for Bluford Water Company to put a new main line in on 2,500 feet of airport property starting at Country Club Lane.

“I told them there’s a lot of coordination and a lot of hoops that will have to be jumped through with the Illinois Department of Education and the FAA,” Collins said. “I contacted Kathy Comrie at the land acquisitions department at IDOT, and all of her stipulations are there. She is talking with

Matt Trotter at Round Table Design.”

Collins said the only thing the airport would have to do upon the board’s approval is to draft a letter stating there will be no construction in the area of the water main. He said all costs of the construction would be the responsibility of the water company or Round Table Design.

The board of commissioners also approved a resolution to renew the airport’s general liability and workman’s compensation insurance with its current carrier, Phoenix Aviation Managers, Inc.

Collins said with the rates offered, the airport will save \$1,284 total per employee.

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