

Outland Airport Authority Board of Commissioners approves measure to begin work

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MT. VERNON — The Mt. Vernon Outland Airport Authority Board of Commissioners approved a measure to begin working on developing the southwest quadrant of the property.

The Illinois Department of Transportation should be receiving a letter from Airport Manager Chris Collins stating the airport's intent to begin developing the southwest quadrant.

Collins said the board will have to have contracts drawn up and

signed by September of this year.

"This is really outside the box, but something we feel we have to do," Collins said, "or the money will go somewhere else."

The total price of the first part of the development has been placed at around \$300,000 for a 60 foot by 60 foot hangar, Collins said. They plan on building within their means and will only seek financing from a bank as a last resort, he said.

There is already \$17,000 available for the project, set aside from bond issues, which means only \$12,000 would need to be financed.

"If we are going to further the airport, we have to be doing that [development]," Collins said. "It starts with this one little project. There are an increased amount of opportunities in front of us right now."

The board also approved a measure from the Salem South Baptist Association. The association plans to have a tent revival in September and want to use space at the airport.

Collins said he would scout

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some locations for the revival and the board approved it, contingent on receiving insurance paper-

work and equipment requirements.

The board also held a moment of silence for King City businessman Paul Dickerson. Dickerson was a member of the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport, who passed away March 21.