

Airport Board OKs budget

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MT. VERNON — The Mt. Vernon Airport Authority Board of Commissioners approved their tentative budget and appropriations for the 2010-2011 fiscal year and discussed the start of the runway safety project at Tuesday evening's board meeting.

The Airport Authority's tentative budget shows a cash-on-hand amount of \$85,647 as of May 1, with an income of \$402,034, for a total income of \$487,681.

Mt. Vernon Outland Airport's revenue includes aviation fees, rental income, farm income, property tax, PP replacement tax, miscellaneous, other revenue and interest income, information states.

The tentative budget projects total expenditures of \$408,000, with a tentative ending cash balance April 30, 2011, of \$79,681. The airport's expenditures include salaries, office supplies, farm expenses, maintenance, insurance, profes-



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sional fees, telephone charges, travel and promotion, taxes, utilities, dues and subscriptions, restaurant expenses and miscellaneous expenses, information states.

The airport's tentative budget will be posted for 30 days before its approval at the next regular board meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 13.

Airport manager Chris Collins told the board of commissioners that the RSA runway safety project is slated to begin in July.

"The (Federal Aviation Ad-

ministration) officially signed off on the project," he said. "10 a.m. July 15 will be the environmental assessment kickoff."

The RSA is the area surrounding the runway that is prepared or suitable for reducing the risk of damage to aircraft and passengers if they undershoot, overshoot or run off the runway. The FAA recommendations changed several years ago from the 200 feet extensions at the ends of runways to a 500 foot wide by 1,000 feet long area beyond each runway end.

The board of commissioners also discussed specifics of the pending new hangar construction with lead architect

Brian Edmison. The board gave Edmison approval on his schematic designs of the hangar so he could confirm the project budget and make any changes.

Edmison said the project is likely to be completed in October.

"I know you want it finished a month before, but it doesn't seem to be possible," he said.

In other business, the board:

■ Tabled plans to move forward on the Spill Prevention Counter Control/Mobile Fuel-

Door company for \$970 to replace a hangar door, and;

■ Approved a motion to take on the approximately \$4,000 cost of hosting the Commemorative Air Force Boeing B-17 Superfortress "Sentimental Journey."

"Because of the economy,

er project. "I don't want to get started on the mobile fueler until we bid out the fence and know what the local share is going to be," Collins said of the FAA-mandated fence expansion;

■ Approved a motion to host the Salute to Freedom July 4;

■ Approved a request from Larry Pearson to hold a Tea Party Rally at the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport July 3;

■ Approved a motion to select a low bid from Overhead

we didn't have any other sponsorships other than hotel rooms and transportation," Collins explained to the board.

"We had a good fiscal year, and I think we should take the costs on our shoulders as a way to give back to the taxpayers and veterans."

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