

MT. VERNON

Airport approves budget

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MT. VERNON — The Mt. Vernon Airport Authority approved its \$405,500 2011-12 budget Tuesday evening.

Airport Manager Chris Collins said he was pleased with the smoothness and efficiency displayed in assembling and passing the budget from his desk to completion at the board level.

“It usually takes me three or four days to look into everything. It was a very easy process this year. It has been for the last two or three years,” he said. “It was pretty standard business for us.”

The airport’s revenue is expected to come from personal property replacement tax, \$140,000; property tax,

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\$108,718; rental income, \$74,500; rental income aviation fees, \$57,000; farm income, \$24,600; interest, \$50; and other revenue, \$632, for a total of \$405,500.

The expense budget is devoted to salaries, \$182,000; utilities, \$55,000; insurance, \$51,000; maintenance, \$50,000; taxes, \$27,500; travel and promotion, \$15,000; professional fees, \$6,000; office supplies, \$5,000; restaurant expense, \$4,000; farm expens-

es, \$3,500; telephone, \$3,500; dues and subscriptions, \$500; and miscellaneous, \$1,000, for a total of \$404,000.

Collins said the ease with which the budget was assembled reflects the standard of fiscal responsibility, over the past several years and into the future, practiced by the five employees of the facility.

“The few employees we have watch everything they do and try to not spend a lot of money while also increasing revenues,” he said. “I guess we’re being rewarded for good fiscal responsibility by having an easy budgeting process.”

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