

# Airport utility project nears completion

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added to the project*

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**MOUNT VERNON** — The Mount Vernon Airport Authority Board of Commissioners recently heard an update regarding an electrical utility project that is nearly completed.

Airport Director Chris Collins said that KT Electric utilized some recent good weather to start on the project. According to Sentinel archives, the airport accepted a bid of \$62,800 regarding the relocation of a transformer that is inside the fence and in the way of any future development. The conduit is going to carry the new Ameren supply under Firebaugh Drive.

"They got all of the digging, trenching and conduits installed throughout the entire project," Collins said. "So this week and next week we will be pulling the actual wire and waiting for Ameren to put the new transformer outside the fence. Once the new transformer is in place, wired up and what they call 'hot' we will start de-energizing the various buildings and decommissioning the transformer that is inside the fence."

Collins said that they are not far from getting that project completed. He explained that the plans were drawn years before the Air Evac temporary structure was put in. Collins said that the plan/assumption was to have Air Evac pull power from Hangar One, but there was not enough power, which led to Air Evac installing a meter base.

"We are going to have to add a little bit extra scope to this project to complete the line from where their temporary meter base is right now up to where our new transformer is going to be," Collins said. "The beauty of this is after Air Evac

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leaves and goes to their new base, then we have electrical utility for the number two hangar that we are going to build. Now all of the utilities are going to be in place for hangar number two — water, sewer, gas and internet."

Collins said that he estimates the additional work to cost approximately \$6,000, this would bring the total cost of the contract to approximately \$70,000.

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**Chris Collins**



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**UTILITY PROJECT** — The Mount Vernon Airport Authority Board of Commissioners recently heard an update regarding the relocation of a transformer that is inside the fence and in the way of any future development. Airport Director Chris Collins said the project is near completion.

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