

Commissioners grant air board easement for water line

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At their regular meeting July 2, the Washington County Commissioners, agreed to allow an easement to the Washington County Board of Aviation Commissioners along the side of Rush Creek Road from 60 to Bee Line Road.

WCBOA member John Mead requested the easement due to the fact that one land owner would not grant the easement for water and sewer at the new airport.

“So one of the alternatives we had was to come down the side of the county road,” Mead said. Mead said he met with all parties involved and they think the lines can be put in without disturbing the above-mentioned roads.

Mead said the other alternative would be to go through a condemnation action, which would take three or four months and cost several thousand dollars.

“If you gentleman allow us to do this, we could get started on this within a week or two,” Mead said.

Mead said if weather cooperates the project shouldn't take more than a week.

County Highway Superintendent Gerald Shanks said traffic on the roads will continue.

The commissioners voted unanimously to allow the air board to move forward with the project.

Mead said it appears the new airport project will receive in the neighborhood of between \$500,000 and \$700,000 this year.

He said there are two projects that need to be acquired. Mead said appraisals have been completed, but offers have not been made.

Mead said offers will not be made until the money has been received.

“Once those two properties are acquired, then the board is good to commence construction on the last 3,000 feet of that runway,” he said. “We might actually turn some dirt this fall on that part of the runway.”

In other business:

The commissioners awarded the construction contract on the Blue River Fire District new building project to Temple Construction.

There were seven bidders and Temple Construction was the low bidder at a \$640,000 base bid.