

County awarded \$1.2M for airport

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SENECA — Ongoing projects at the Oconee County Regional Airport are moving forward with a bit of extra motivation after the Federal Aviation Administration awarded the county a \$1.2 million grant Monday.

“That grant is for the removal of the large mound of dirt on the Mt. Nebo side of Shiloh Road, and the relocation of that dirt into a sort of a gully that is between the corporate hangar and the airport hangar facility,” Oconee County administrator Amanda Brock said.

The grant amount is not final, according to the FAA, and may change before it is awarded to Oconee County. But Brock is pressing forward with renovation and expansion plans regardless of the million-dollar announcement.



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Nearly \$25,000 in repaving and sealing projects were completed at the Oconee County Regional Airport earlier this year.

“We submitted another grant application for the airport (Thursday),” she said.

Oconee County Council budgeted nearly \$25,000 for sealing and repaving projects completed on the airport’s runways earlier this year. Council also voted in August

to contract with WK Dickson for engineering, surveying and design phase services for the Mt. Nebo Church Road relocation and west apron extension, which is roughly \$3.5 million worth of improvements. It includes the removal and relocation of Mt. Nebo Church Road off the Runway 7 end of the airport and the depositing of that soil in the airport terminal area for use as a western expansion of the apron space and improvements of the airfield drainage.

Monday’s grant was part of nearly \$5 million in airport infrastructure grants, according to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

“This significant investment in airport improvements in South Carolina will fund construction and rehabilitation projects that will help maintain high levels of safety in U.S. aviation,” Chao said.