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## News

### Central Texas Airport waits for County's OK

Plans for the Central Texas Airport in Bastrop County are proceeding, according to Pct. 4 Commissioner Lee Dildy and developer Jim Carpenter.

"We are hopeful that the airport project will be on the Bastrop County Commissioners Court agenda May 24. If it is and they give their approval, we can accelerate this project.

"We have resolved a lot of the issues with our project and we need to move on," Carpenter said.

Dildy reported that Carpenter and his associates had agreed to all of the nine non-negotiable items the County Court had requested.

"The County has done what needs to be done in our efforts to promote economic development for the entire County. The items we requested were to protect the County's citizens, not to hinder the project.

"We are not obligating our taxpayers in any way; the airport and its businesses must create taxes and then the company will get a portion of the revenue," said Dildy.

Carpenter stated that his associates have contacted a number of industrial businesses in their recruitment phase.

"We have had great response from the businesses and we're just waiting for the next step," said Carpenter.

Just over a year ago, Jim Carpenter & Associates proposed a privately-owned reliever airport in Bastrop County. He has said the Central Texas Airport will be designed to be America's first 'green airport.'

The project, which will only have private jets, not commercial planes that will use the airport is projected to cost \$150 million. The proposed location is almost 2,000 acres at the intersection of FM 1704 and FM 969, which is in the Elgin Independent School District and would increase tax revenues significantly.

Carpenter said he is seeking out both aviation and non-aviation, alternative renewable energy, as well as aerospace businesses for the Green Corporate Centers.

Carpenter was excited about providing new facilities for corporate businesses and private plane owners that currently use older facilities across the nation.

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