Atchison seeks airport runway grant

The City of Atchison will seek a grant in order to gain "supplemental funding for a new runway at the City's municipal Amelia Earhart Airport."

The approval of the application for the Kansas Department of Transportation airport grant came Monday, during the Atchison City Commission's regular meeting.

Prior to the decision, during the public forum held early in the meeting, Atchison County resident Joe Osborne, who resides at 17249 286th Road, voiced concerns about the affects the airport improvements could have on residents who live near the airport, including their quiet, county lifestyle.

Despite concerns, the Commission granted approval to apply for the state funding. According to a release from the City of Atchison, the City "was recently awarded Federal Aviation Administration funding for the project and the state grant would supplement the local match portion necessary."

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