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Clinton Municipal Airport reaching new heights

By Katie Dahlstrom
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CLINTON — For the first and possibly last time, U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack on Thursday stood inside the 66-year-old Clinton Municipal Airport terminal.

Not because the Congressman is going anywhere, but because the terminal is part of a \$1.9 million terminal and construction project that is under way at the airport.

The city received a \$637,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the roughly \$900,000 terminal construction portion of the project.

"It's something the Clinton airport has needed for a long time so I'm happy to be here to talk about it," Loebsack, D-Iowa, said.

Loebsack announced the grant in July, calling the airport a tool for economic development in Iowa. He echoed those sentiments Thursday as Airport Manager Mike Nass described the specifics of the project.

The new terminal, which will be built to the east of the current building, will be 500 square feet smaller at 3,200 square feet. It also will be equipped with a variable refrigerant flow heating and cooling system that will make the building as close in energy efficiency to LEED certified as possible.

In conjunction with the terminal project, a new hangar will be built. The city received \$150,000 from the Iowa Department of Transportation, another \$54,000 from the Iowa DOT for design work and \$75,000 from the Clinton County Development Association that will go toward the remaining costs to construct a 10,000-square-foot hangar that will be attached to the new terminal. The city is bonding for the remainder of both projects.

The new hangar will allow for private jets to be stored at the airport, a service the airport can't offer with the facilities it has now.

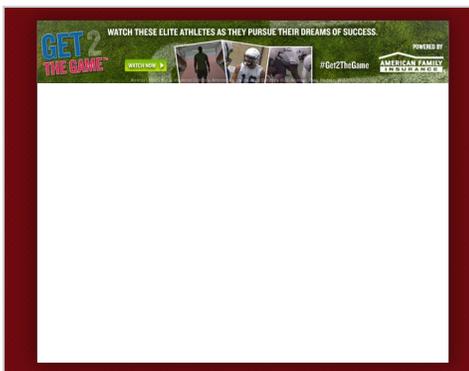
Nass told Loebsack the state of Iowa pegs the annual economic impact of the airport at \$1.9 million.

"That doesn't even include the intangibles of what that's going to mean for the business community," Loebsack said. "For folks to be able to come in the airport and land their jets and park their jets, for example, in the hangar. That's really important. It's just a wonderful economic development tool and it's really important for the Clinton community, there's no question about it."

In addition to the airport's importance to existing businesses, Clinton Regional Development Corp. President and CEO Mike Kirchoff, CRDC Board Chairman Rich Phelan and Vice Chairman Steve Howes spoke about the airport's potential to draw new businesses to the area.

Nass said traffic to the airport has picked up in the past couple of years, specifically in corporate flying. The most recent example being Clysar moving its headquarters back to the plant in Camanche.

"The owner's out in New York and it's perfect to have the airport right here. He can fly in and seven minutes later he can be at his plant's headquarters building," Nass said.



Clinton Municipal Airport Manager Mike Nass (right) explains to Congressman Dave Loebsack during a visit Thursday why the current terminal building is going to be replaced.

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Clinton Engineering is working on the project and expects it to be completed next year, with a celebration slated for next summer.

Beyond the terminal and hangar projects, Nass and Loeb sack touched on how the recent federal government shutdown affected a runway project also being completed at the airport because federal funds were used for the project.

The 16-day shutdown was unacceptable, Loeb sack said, and caused \$24 billion in damage to the economy.

The Congressman's reaction after learning the Clinton airport was among the affected fell far from shock.

"I'm not surprised. Those of us who are in government and are in Congress, if we don't, we should fully understand what a government shutdown can do for so many folks, for our economy, for local economy. We never should have shut it down in the first place," Loeb sack said.

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CLINTON -- Fall and winter hours will be in effect at the Ericksen Community Center Recreation Department through April 18. The administrative office will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday; Jog an

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Clark pleads guilty in robbery case

CLINTON -- One of two men accused of an Aug. 27 robbery at Wild Rose Casino and Resort pleaded guilty to second-degree robbery Thursday. Destin R. Clark, 18, of Neenah, Wis., told Judge Mark Cleve that he flashed a handgun at an individual to make hi

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Four sentenced in connection with meth labs

CLINTON — Five people connected to recent area methamphetamine labs were in district court Thursday morning. District Court Judge Mark Cleve sentenced four and accepted the plea of one individual involved in the

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Committee debates how city will pay for sewer work

The looming \$2.6 million bill from the Iowa Department of Transportation for completed Camanche Avenue sewer work sparked a debate among members of the Capital Improvements Program Committee on Wednesday about what the city wants to do and what its obligations are.

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Polling locations CLINTON - Hours for polling locations for the Nov. 5 city elections in Clinton County have been determined by the Clinton County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections Eric Van Lancker. The following list includes the hours of operation for the polls

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Two charged in attempted bank robbery CLINTON — Two local men have been charged with second-degree robbery, accused of attempting to rob a bank in Andover. At 3 p.m. Friday, the Clinton County Sheriff's Office received a call of an attempted bank robbery at the Clinton National Bank loca

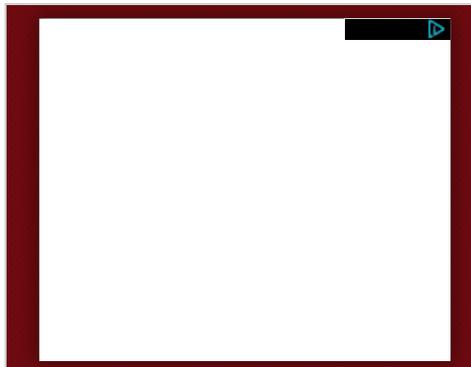
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