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Humboldt Supervisors agree to update airport ordinance

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DAKOTA CITY - The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors agreed Monday to update the Humboldt airport ordinance.

Humboldt City Administrator Aaron Burnett told the supervisors the airport ordinance needs to be updated.

The city is applying for a grant from the Iowa Department of Transportation to update the ordinance, which was last updated in the 1960s, according to Burnett.

"The reason was there was a lot of outdated terminology that was used in the ordinance and frankly it was inaccurate," he said.

The Federal Aviation Administration is requiring the airspace be protected properly before the city can apply for any further airport grants, Burnett said.

"Essentially, the airspace is already protected," said Burnett. "The FAA wants to make sure the city and the county is protecting the airspace through building permits to ensure nothing is being built which would interfere with the airspace in the future. The FAA wants it in writing."

The airport is partially in the city and partially in the county, and a large part of the airspace is in the county, he said.

The grant covers 85 percent of the cost of updating the ordinance. The city will cover the rest, Burnett said.

The city will revise the ordinance and submit it to the supervisors for approval.

In other business, Burnett said the recycling agreement between the city of Humboldt and the county signed about a year ago has been going well.

"The hours were pretty close to what we estimated," he said.

The board approved property tax levies for 2012-2013. The county portion of levies for rural areas will be \$11.41 per \$1,000 valuation, and \$7.46 per \$1,000 valuation for cities. The levies are a few cents lower than this year, said Auditor Peggy Rice.

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