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Airport renovates hangars in advance of new facility construction

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The **Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority** (MSCAA) is renovating a series of warehouses on Hangar Road for a temporary airfield maintenance operation.

Wednesday, Jan. 11, Memphis-based **ANF Architects** filed \$1.4 million in building permits to renovate four existing warehouses on Hangar Road, located off of Swinnea Road on the east side of the airport property.

Glen Thomas, PIO for Memphis International Airport, said the building permits are for constructing a building that will temporarily house the airport's airfield maintenance operation until the permanent Airfield Maintenance Facility is built near the U.S. Post Office on Louis Carruthers Drive.

At the MSCAA commissioners meeting Thursday, Jan. 19, members are anticipated to approve a \$1.6 million construction services contract with A&B Construction Company Inc. to build the temporary facility.

Airfield maintenance crews are anticipated to begin working out of the temporary facility in July or August 2017.

"Our hope is that we only occupy the temporary facilities for one winter season, then move to the new, permanent Airfield Maintenance Facility in fall/winter 2018," Thomas said. "However, design schedule, funding and other factors could cause us to



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Memphis Airport aerial shot

adjust the schedule."

In June 2016, the MSCAA board of commissioners approved a \$1.8 million contract with a joint venture between Midtown-based Horrell Group Architects and local minority-owned firm **Self Tucker Architects** for professional engineering services related to the new, permanent Airfield Maintenance Facility.

The permanent Airfield Maintenance Facility is still in the schematic design phase, but it's anticipated to house office, meeting and storage rooms; a break room and kitchen; warehouse, bunk rooms and restrooms; vehicle maintenance, wash, paint booth and storage; and glycol storage and covered equipment storage, according to the design services contract.

In other news:

The MSCAA board of commissioners will also consider a resolution to create a "construction fund" for the MSCAA's recently approved \$110 million in revenue bonds, used in part to finance a \$35 million airfield maintenance facility and a \$126 million de-icing program.

A resolution amending a contract with AERO Systems Engineering Inc. for a Jet Bridge & Aircraft Parking Utilization Study will also be considered.

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