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County OKs small step toward local airport

On Monday, Bastrop County Commissioners unanimously approved a preliminary revenue sharing agreement with developers pursuing a private airport between Elgin and Bastrop.

The agreement does not expend local or county funds, and the county did not pledge or underwrite any part of the project, according to Lee Dildy, Elgin's county commissioner. If an airport makes money, it will share it with the county; if not, no revenue will be shared. The sharing agreement is only one step toward the airport's eventual construction, Dildy said, and it's a relatively small step as well.

He said the proposed airport could be a major economic engine for the county, but acknowledged the plan has been controversial - especially for those living near the site.

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