Smith Reynolds May Get Grant

Smith Reynolds Airport will receive $165,000 from the Federal Aviation Administration to resurface a ramp and taxiway if the Forsyth County commissioners vote as expected to accept the money.

The commissioners are scheduled to meet to vote on Sunday at 1:30 p.m., one day before the end of the federal fiscal year — the grant deadline.

The money will be used to resurface a 340,000-square-foot ramp outside the new Piedmont Airlines hangar and about 3,600 feet of taxiway, said airport manager Roger E. Morgan.

The state Transportation Department and the airport each will put up $3,300 as their part of the matching federal grant.

In another matter, the commissioners toured the Forsyth County Jail yesterday. The county manager's office has recommended the county spend about $14.5 million over the next five years for a new jail.