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Airport study ends in Oldham

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After years of discussion and nearly \$100,000 in consultant fees, a feasibility study for an airport for corporate and private planes in Oldham County has ended.

"It's about time," Karen Baughman, one of the most outspoken opponents of an airport, said on Tuesday, Feb. 17, after Fiscal Court voted unanimously to end the study.

Fiscal Court also dissolved the six-member Airport Board, which had been studying the topic since 2007 using \$204,432 from the state for a site-selection and feasibility study. About \$109,000 of that remains and will go back to the state.

Fiscal Court's decision came after a survey of Oldham residents found that most don't support the idea of an airport.

"The results were very clear, provided a clear direction," Jonathan Westbrook, the Airport Board chairman, told Fiscal Court. He added that his board recommended that it be dissolved.
