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Airport runway extension

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RUNWAY EXTENSION — A contingent of Obion County and Weakley County officials, as well as state and federal officials, performed a traditional ground-breaking ceremony this morning at Everett-Stewart Regional Airport, where Ford Construction Co. is beginning work on extending the 5,000-foot main runway by 1,500 feet. Tennessee Transportation Commissioner Gerald Nicely was among the several speakers at the event. He said the \$4.9 million project, when finished, will make the airport one of the major general aviation airports in

the state. "It's clearly an investment of tremendous benefit to Obion County and northwest Tennessee," he said. The target date for completion of construction is Oct. 31. The airport is managed by a board comprised of Obion and Weakley County officials. Ron Cooper of Southern Machinery Corp. said the project shows what can be accomplished when two governmental bodies work together. "This will benefit all of northwest Tennessee," Cooper said.

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