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Tazewell County Board

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**\*\*\* News Update \*\*\***

## **Results of Usage by Tazewell County of 2009 \$548,000 Grant from the US Department of Energy**

At this past month's Tazewell County Property Committee, which I am proud to be a member of, we received an update from Building and Grounds Superintendent Dan Gillette concerning the new boiler we purchased for the McKenzie Building. The funding for this purchase came from a grant we received in 2009 from the US Department of Energy as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Federal Stimulus Package). I first reported on this to you in April of 2009 and am now proud to report on the results of the usage of the grant funding as he reported to us. The boiler for the McKenzie Building used the majority of the \$548,000 grant we received, with the remainder going for improvements to other county buildings.

***The information he presented to us shows that over the first three months of the year we saved 22.5%, or \$2,824, in heating cost when compared to the first three months of 2010.*** He stated that with other changes that are now in effect, including reducing the temperatures during off-hours, the savings should increase.

These results are outstanding during a time when energy cost is only going up. During a time when we are looking for any way to save the taxpayers' money, successful reinvestment projects like this are strongly instrumental. When I voted to support this project, I knew we had a savings potential but never thought it would be this high.

As always, I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve you on the Tazewell County Board and if I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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