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Tazewell County Board

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**Tazewell County Update concerning
The American Recovery And Reinvestment Act
(Federal Stimulus Package)**

Tazewell County has just found out that we will be receiving more funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Federal Stimulus Package). This time it is from the US Department of Energy in the amount of \$548,000 to be used for specific energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Unfortunately, we have only a small window of time to be able to use this funding. We are lucky that our County Administrator David Jones, Building and Grounds Superintendent Dan Gillette, and the County Property Committee had already begun investigating and pricing projects that could qualify for this funding.

At our last Property Committee meeting earlier this week, County Administrator Jones said that approximately one year ago the committee had looked at replacing the boilers for the Tazewell County McKenzie Building and Tazewell County Courthouse. A small amount of money was available at that time through another grant, but the cost to the county did not allow this opportunity to work. The research did show significant savings to the county by replacing these boilers. With this larger amount of funding now available, County Administrator Jones and the Property Committee discussed that while it is not the only project before us, it is the most obvious one for us to propose at this time.

The preliminary numbers for this project were a little over \$300,000, but this will need to be updated. Building and Grounds Superintendent Dan Gillette has already begun working on revisions to the original plans to replace these boilers. In addition to this project, we will also be looking into other opportunities for energy efficiency that may qualify for these funds so that we use all of the \$548,000.

Please note that at this point, this is just discussed usage of these funds; not finalized usage of these funds. More information will be coming in the next few months as to our finalized usage of these funds.

As always, I am proud to work for each and every one of you on the Tazewell County Property Committee. If you have any questions or comments concerning this or any other issue, please feel free to contact me.

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