

County Clerk Secures \$90,000.00 in Grant Funding

The Monroe County Commission announces that the county has been awarded almost \$90,000.00 in grant funds from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program through the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Donald J. Evans, County Clerk prepared a total of seven different grant applications for energy savings projects for the Courthouse, 911 Center and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. All seven applications were approved.

Funds will be used as follows; upgrade the florescent lighting in the Courthouse, 911 Center and Prosecuting Attorney's Office, replacement of the Courthouse boiler, installation of a new heating and air conditioning system for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, replacement of certain Courthouse doors and replacement of the Prosecuting Attorney's doors.

Donald J. Evans, County Clerk said, "anytime you apply for federal grant funding, the application process is very complex, it took a lot of research and time to prepare the applications but it certainly paid off". The County Clerk recognized his staff for their assistance in completing the necessary paperwork once all the data was obtained.

Joyce Pritt, President of the Monroe County Commission said "in reducing energy use in county government facilities means energy cost savings and taxpayers benefit when the cost of government is reduced, I think we will see a huge savings in our energy cost once these measures are implemented"

"We are very appreciative of Donnie for writing these grants", said Pritt, "the county has certainly benefited from his ability to obtain grant funds, he has secured thousands of dollars in grant funding for the Courthouse, the County Clerk's Office and various other projects over the years". Pritt estimated that the above-mentioned projects should go out to bid in a couple of weeks.