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Town of Clayton Clayton Gets An Energy Makeover *\$934,600 in Federal Funds Administered by New Mexico For Energy Efficient Projects*

Town of Clayton -- The New Mexico Energy Conservation and Management Division (ECMD) announces the completion of a \$500,000 federally funded energy efficient system in the historic Union County Courthouse. In addition, the Town of Clayton also received \$434,600 in federal funds administered by ECMD for five other public facilities in the town. The energy efficiency improvements have already reduced the energy consumption in the county buildings by 27-percent.

“These projects reduce utility bills for local governments, allowing them to use the savings for other important services,” says ECMD Director Louise Martinez. “With all of the improvements, Clayton has established itself as a leader in energy conservation in New Mexico.”

With all federal funds secured by ECMD Director Martinez and her staff, crews have completed the two-year renovation of the historic Union County Courthouse. This project included the installation of an energy efficient, state-of-the-art central heating and cooling system – a complicated installation due to the age of the historic building.



The Newly Installed Small-Diameter Vents (*round holes on right side of photo*) at the Union County Courthouse Will Save Energy And Reduce Costs for Taxpayers

Technicians designed and installed a heating and cooling system that fits into the existing ductwork. In addition, small-diameter vents were added into the design to maintain the original, historic appearance of the Courthouse.

As a result of the renovation work, comfort inside the building has immensely improved. The renovation also eliminated the use of space heaters and fans throughout the Courthouse.

In addition to the Courthouse, the Town of Clayton is finalizing work on five other public facilities:

- The Clayton Municipal Airpark Airport Building, the A.W. Thompson Memorial Library and the Clayton Senior Citizens Center are undergoing renovations that will result in new exterior insulation, new exterior doors, additional attic insulation, new interior lights and new thermostats.
- The Clayton Public Works Building is being improved with new windows, new interior lighting, new heating and cooling units and a new thermostat.
- Clayton Town Hall is receiving new attic insulation, new exterior doors, new lighting and new heating and cooling systems.



Clayton Town Hall (above) is receiving new attic insulation, new exterior doors, new light and new heating/cooling systems.

ConservFirst from Raton recently conducted two training and information sessions in the Town of Clayton about the benefits of energy efficiency. Town staff, 100 students at Clayton High School and members of the general public learned about the specific energy improvements in the public facilities, as well as how to improve energy efficiency at home. Homeowners can lower their energy bills by sealing the home from drafts, upgrading lights, and ensuring proper ventilation. Those in attendance also witnessed Energy Savings Consultant Dave Wentling of ConservFirst demonstrate a “Blower Door Test.” The test pressurizes a room so that technicians can easily detect any leaks through windows, walls and doors.

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