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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES A \$2,100,000 GUARANTEED LOAN TO PUBLIC HEALTH FUND, INC.

Terry Luetkemeyer, Area Director for USDA Rural Development, participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the new addition of the Lincoln County Health Department on May 21, 2009. The Lincoln County Health Department building is located at #5 Health Department Drive in Troy. USDA, Rural Development partnered with Community State Bank in Troy to provide a Community Facility Guaranteed Loan to the fund the construction of the project.



Front Row Left to right: Kecia Vaccaro – Troy Chamber of Commerce; Harriet Zuroweste – LCHD Administrator; Lisa Foehner, Service Representative for Senator Claire McCaskill; Lacy Vandivort- Community State Bank; Dr. Donald Buenger – LCHD Board Member; Winston Bailey – LCHD Board Vice – President Jim Mayes – Lincoln County Commissioner; Nick Telowitz, project architect Elaine Allen, LCHD Business Manager
Margie Cappel – LCHD Office Manager

U.S. Senator Christopher “Kit” Bond said, “For people in rural Missouri, access to quality care is sometimes tough to come by. I commend the local leaders and the USDA Rural Development staff for making health care a priority for Lincoln County residents.”

U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said, “The Lincoln County Health Department works hard to protect Missouri families from disease, injury, and environmental hazards, and to promote healthy behavior.” Senator McCaskill continued, “These federal dollars will help the county expand the health department and better serve communities in their area.”

Harriet Zuroweste, Administrator for the Lincoln County Health Department said, “The Lincoln County Health Department is pleased to offer a variety of services to county residents. Health department programs expanded to fill the facility and the new space allows for more program growth. In addition, the new Community Room is available to groups for meetings/classes/events. Use of the facility by the general public is encouraged. The health department is committed to strengthening all public health efforts in Lincoln County.”

Lacy Vandivort with Community State Bank said, that “we are very pleased to be able to finance this addition. We take pride in this project and feel that it will greatly

benefit our community. We have enjoyed the opportunity of working with the Health Department Board, Harriett Zuroweste, Jack Kearbey and Terry Luetkemeyer of the USDA, Nova Group and Lamb Construction.”

Luetkemeyer said, “The Lincoln County Health Department provides essential services to the residents of the county. These projects mirror USDA Rural Development’s mission of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal dollars for funding these projects.”

Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Jack O. Kearbey, Area Specialist, at the Rolla Sub-Area Office of USDA Rural Development at 1050 Highway 72 East, Rolla, MO 65401 or by calling (573) 364-2088 Ext. 4.

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