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GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES HELD FOR SCOTLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL MARKING IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED BY THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

In a ground breaking ceremony on September 30, 2010, Anita J. (Janie) Dunning, State Director, USDA Rural Development, presented the Scotland County Hospital with a gold shovel to commemorate the occasion on the expansion and renovation of the hospital. Ms. Dunning appreciated their efforts to stimulate the economy by utilizing \$10,000,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) through USDA Rural Development Community Facility Program.

"I'm pleased to hear that with the help of competitive funds from the USDA, the Scotland Memorial Hospital will be able to provide enhanced resources to the Memphis community," U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. "The expansion of Scotland Memorial Hospital will further ensure that the critical health and well-being needs of Northeastern Missourians are properly served."

The USDA Rural Development funds will finance the construction of new building additions totaling approximately 18,900 square feet, along with renovating 13,500 square feet of the Hospital's current facilities. In addition a new 7,300 square feet clinic addition with approximately 3,000 square feet of finished space for a library and conference/educational area will be constructed. The project will allow additional space and layout within the departments, as well as improving the flow from department to department.

Scotland County Memorial Hospital District was organized in 1966 and began operations in 1970. Through the years, several additions and improvements to the hospital have been completed. The District is designated as a critical access hospital and offers comprehensive health care services to residents in a four county area of Scotland, Schuyler, Knox, and Clark counties, as well as other adjoining areas in Missouri and Iowa. Scotland County Hospital's mission is "to improve the healthcare of our communities with services close to home." The hospital's Board of Directors, Administration, Medical Staff and employees are committed to improving the health of the communities they serve. The hospital earns revenues from services provided to patients and is partially supported by appropriations from Scotland County.



From Left to Right: John O'Hara, Murray Company; Brian Munzlinger, State Representative; Marcia Dial, CEO Scotland County Hospital; Wes Shoemyer, State Senator; Janie Dunning, Missouri State Director -USDA Rural Development; Katy Disinger, Senator McCaskill Representative; Joe McVeigh, Chairman of Board – Scotland County Hospital; Dwight DeRosear, Board Member – Scotland County Hospital; Rande Bryan, Rural Development Area Director; and Holly Boyer, Board Member, Scotland County Hospital

"The Hospital is looking forward to the completion of the new expansion. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to work with USDA Rural Development on this important project. With the improvements & expansion, the Hospital will be equipped to provide services for decades to come. We want the area residents to come out and check out the hospital as it grows and be a part of that. It's more fun to show people what we are doing as opposed to telling them," said Scotland County Hospital CEO, Marcia Dial.

"This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the essential needs of a community," said Dunning. "This project mirrors USDA Rural Development's mission and President Obama's initiative 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. I am pleased that so many rural residents will benefit from an updated health care facility."

Dunning added, "Appreciation is also extended to our federal elected officials for supporting the USDA Rural Development programs. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians."

Anyone seeking more information about the Community Facility program or any other USDA Rural Development programs may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.gov/mo> or by contacting the New London or Kirksville Area Offices at (573) 985-7211 ext. 4 or (660) 665-3274 ext. 4.

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