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**OAQDA Closes on \$2.1 Million in Financing for Energy Efficiency, Conservation Project  
at Hocking Valley Community Hospital**  
*Energy savings projected at \$116,040 per year*

COLUMBUS – Hocking Valley Community Hospital in Hocking County is receiving \$2.1 million in Qualified Energy Conservation Bond (QECB) financing for the installation of new energy efficiency and conservation systems from the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA). The bond package was approved by the Authority at its May meeting.

Hocking Valley Community Hospital was originally established in 1906 and has been a community non-profit hospital since 1949. The current facility opened in 1966 and operates a 25-bed critical access hospital with a ten-bed geriatric psychiatric unit, emergency department, urgent care and offers a variety of clinical and outpatient services.

The energy conservation measures to be implemented by Hocking Valley Community Hospital include:

- interior and exterior lighting retrofits;
- mechanical system upgrades including chiller capacity increase and replacement and boiler replacement;
- building automation including control upgrades, retro commissioning and operating room unoccupied setbacks; and,
- water conservation measures including domestic fixture replacement and retrofits.

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“As the largest healthcare organization in Hocking County, we realize that caring for our patients and community goes beyond the medical needs we see in our hospital everyday. It includes caring for socioeconomic issues by providing services regardless of ability to pay, helping those with mental health concerns, as well as being involved in the wellbeing of our physical environment. For the past 50 years we have strived to be good stewards with our resources, and a move such as this by our leadership, will only serve to improve efficiencies within, and decrease green house emissions in our community. We feel good about joining others within our global society in working to keep our environment a healthy and safe place to reside.” Julie Stuck, CEO and President of Hocking Valley Community Hospital, said.

The improvements and energy upgrades will result in annual energy cost savings to the hospital of \$116,040 and operational savings and capital cost avoidance of an additional \$40,908, bringing the total annual savings for Hocking Valley Community Hospital from this project to \$156,948.

The reduction in emissions as a result of this project is the equivalent to removing 183 passenger vehicles from the road or the amount of electricity used by 120 residential homes in a year. The conservation project also will result in an estimated measured annual reduction in energy consumption of 8,415MMBtu and greenhouse gas emission reductions of 959 metric tons.

“OAQDA is pleased to support this project to assist Hocking Valley Community Hospital in reducing utility costs, conserving energy and cutting back emissions into the environment. Providing this type of financing to public entities and governments advances the OAQDA mission of fostering and preserving clean air in Ohio,” said Chadwick Smith, OAQDA executive director.

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The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) is a non-regulatory government agency created to help Ohio businesses comply with clean air regulations. Since its creation in 1970, the Authority has provided technical and financial help to hundreds of large and small Ohio businesses, awarding more than \$8 billion to finance air quality projects. For more information about OAQDA and its services, please visit its web site at [www.ohioairquality.org](http://www.ohioairquality.org).