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JOHNSON COUNTY RECEIVES ITS LARGEST-EVER ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATE

Johnson County, Iowa –Energy efficiency improvements to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at the Johnson County Health and Human Services Building have resulted in the largest rebate Johnson County local government has ever received from MidAmerican Energy.

Brian Gibbs, key account manager with MidAmerican Energy, presented a check for \$201,088 to the Board of Supervisors during the formal board meeting held today at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. The County has garnered a total of \$402,433 in rebates and incentives through its participation in MidAmerican programs since 2013.

“We have a lot of momentum in greening County buildings, and MidAmerican Energy has helped us benefit from their rebate programs,” said Janelle Rettig, chairperson of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors.

The recent project involved adding three rooftop units to the building to improve energy efficiency and indoor air comfort. In addition to the rebate check, the project should result in annual energy savings.

“MidAmerican Energy estimates we’ll save about \$20,000 each year on our energy bills for the Health and Human Services Building,” Rettig said. “In addition, about 12% of the building’s energy needs are being met by the solar energy generated by the rooftop arrays.”

The County deposits rebate checks into the internal Sustainability and Energy Reinvestment Fund to help complete other energy efficiency or green projects. In addition to major heating and air conditioning improvements, upgrades include LED lighting, lighting controls, water bottle filler stations, soil quality restoration (to improve storm water) and partial cost support for hybrid and electric vehicles in the County’s shared fleet.

To learn more about the County’s sustainability efforts, visit www.johnson-county.com/gogreen, or download the latest sustainability update brochure: <https://tinyurl.com/sustainupdate2017>

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