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## Bradford County Commissioners Office

### **PRESS RELEASE** For Immediate Release

The Bradford County Commissioners voted unanimously today to move forward with the county's Guaranteed Energy Savings Project.

This is a three million dollar project that will greatly improve the energy efficiency of county buildings at no cost to taxpayers. "This project will allow the county to make major improvements which include replacing 112 year old windows at the Courthouse. These 106 replacements at the courthouse will meet the code for Historical Buildings. The energy project will also fix the heating and cooling problems that exist on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors, and replace a worn-out and broken cooling system at the Manor. These are very costly fixes that would otherwise drain the county coffers and increase the property tax burden to our citizens." said Commissioner, Mark Smith.

Steve Gates, Bradford County Manor Controller said "At the end of this 15 year term there will be a minimum ongoing savings of \$407,792 annually. The project will save the county every year but especially at the end of the 15 year term."

Johnson Controls, Inc. was chosen as the ESCO (Energy Service Companies) to partner with the county to develop, design, commission and manage this large and complex project. They will have the responsibility for the multiple facets of this project and we are satisfied that we can depend on this ESCO to stand behind the performance guarantees inherent in a guaranteed energy savings performance contract. Through the Guaranteed Energy Savings project there is a savings which will be guaranteed by Johnson Controls, Inc. totaling \$5,076,999 over the 15 year term of the contract.

This project will include the following:

Lighting Upgrades throughout six county buildings

Enhanced insulation

106 windows replaced at the courthouse

Boiler Controls and Boiler Replacement

Building Automation System

Domestic Hot Water Loop Controller

Vending Machine Controls

Window Air Conditioner Covers

Cooling System Modification

System Air Balancing

PC Power Management System

Variable Frequency Drives Hot Water Pump

Chiller Replacement

In partnership with the Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority will use heat recovery system from Methane gas for Manor and Prison.

There has seldom been an opportunity for a project of this scope and complexity to be accomplished with zero dollars in taxpayer expense. By utilizing this program developed and managed by the Commonwealth all expenditures both capital and operational are funded solely through savings generated by the project. We believe this is the right project at the right time and we have chosen the right partner to administer and guarantee it.