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Mayor Jacobs: County Saves \$75 Million Under Trane Contract

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County taxpayers continue to save money through work with HVAC leader Trane®, this time with upgrades to one of our south Knoxville libraries.

Earlier this week crews finished an improvement project at the Howard Pinkston Library Branch that is expected save taxpayers more than \$100,000 during the next 20 years.

“The most important thing I can do is be a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars,” said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. “While things like HVAC upgrades don’t seem like they’d make a big impact, they do, especially when you think about how much energy we use in each of our many buildings.”

In late 2009, the county signed a contract with Trane to oversee a 15-year project designed to reduce energy costs through long-term infrastructure improvements. The buildings include all county schools and 136 county government sites, including parks.

Since then, Trane has upgraded or installed a series of infrastructure improvements and reduced energy costs by up to 36 percent. So far, the upgrades have yielded more than \$75 million in savings to taxpayers – some \$15 million more than what Trane officials initially guaranteed in energy reduction costs.

“The Howard Pinkston Library project, part of Trane’s third phase of energy-based upgrades, is an outstanding example of collaborative efforts between Knox County and Trane,” said Brian Durr, Tennessee area general manager for Trane. “We are thrilled by the results so far, and we look forward to our continued work to help save energy, reduce carbon emissions and implement facility upgrades that create more resilient, sustainable, healthy spaces for the citizens of Knox County.”

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