

ANITA J. (JANIE) DUNNING

Janie Dunning has a distinguished career in federal service which started in 1968 in the extreme northeast Missouri community of Kahoka where she was raised. She started with Farmers Home Administration and has seen the agency go through many changes as well as names to the current name of Rural Development. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience having worked at the county, district and state level in a variety of positions but always with a focus on rural communities.

She was appointed Missouri's State Director of USDA, Rural Development by the White House in July, 2009. In that position, she oversaw an organization that provides housing, community facility, electric, telephone, broadband, energy and business support across Rural Missouri. During the 8 years she served as State Director, Rural Development invested in excess of \$8.5 billion in loans and grants in rural communities and businesses in Missouri.

During her 49 years career with the agency she held a variety of positions including Director of Program Support, Director of Community Development, Director of Multi-Family Housing and most recently 8 years as State Director.

With her expert knowledge and experience, she has frequently been called upon for special assignments, special projects, task forces, and committees to assist with program or management changes at the local, state and national level. She served 2 years as Special Advisor to the Deputy Under Secretary to improve administrative and program delivery.

She has received numerous awards and recognition for her excellent service throughout her career. The most prestigious award was the honor of receiving the USDA Superior Service Award presented by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Janie has been very active outside of the agency having served as the President of the Missouri Community Betterment Board of Directors, President of the Missouri Rural Opportunities Council, and has worked with a variety of other organizations to forge partnerships and collaborate on economic and rural development improvements for rural Missouri.

Janie balances her work responsibilities with devotion to her family, particularly her two daughters and their families including: Dr. Brandon and Kindra York and daughter Ruby of Lake Saint Louis, Missouri and Tim and Kirsten Moloney of Columbia, Missouri and their children, Emma, Shay, and Tess.

She currently working on a statewide effort to improve access to affordable broadband Internet service for all Missourians.