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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$ 29,900 TO CITY OF PARK HILLS

Greg C. Branum, Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented a \$ 29,900 Mock Check to the City of Park Hills on November 21, 2005. The funds will be used to improve a portion of Main Street located in the City. The improvement will include renovation of the street and sidewalks to allow pedestrian and vehicle access to proposed new convenient store creating seven new jobs

“I am pleased to announce this funding for infrastructure improvements in Park Hills,” said U.S. Senator Jim Talent, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee. “This project will allow consumers convenient access to new businesses in the area. Transportation infrastructure is vital as we work to attract new businesses and jobs in St. Francois County.”

“Our transportation infrastructure is critical to the economy and quality of life in our rural region of Missouri. We rely on our roads to be safe, convenient links between people and essential goods and services. Our roads also play a critical role in business development. USDA Rural Development works very hard to identify opportunities to invest in rural Missouri, and I appreciate their effort on this project,” said U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson.

“Rural Development is very proud to provide assistance for this important project,” said Branum. “The funding comes from the Rural Development Business Enterprise Grant program.

City Administrator John Kennedy said, “Looking forward to getting started on this project. Appreciate USDA Rural Development’s assistance and support.”

“Funding important projects like this by Rural Development mirrors President Bush’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities,” Branum added. “Appreciation is also extended to U.S. Senators “Kit” Bond and Jim Talent and U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians.”

USDA Rural Development’s mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is



First row: Norm Lucas, Economic Developer, John Clark, Mayor of Park Hills, Donna Martin, and Greg Branum Back row: Terry Luetkemeyer and Kevin Hinkebein

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