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## **USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS MOCK CHECK TO CITY OF FREDERICKTOWN**

**Morris Westfall, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented the City of Fredericktown Mayor, Danny Kemp with a \$27,069 Mock Check on Tuesday, December 16, 2008. The funds will be used for two different projects. One to purchase and install an Early Warning Siren and the other purpose is to pay for part of the cost for the development of a Wastewater Preliminary Engineering Report. Both projects will improve the quality of life for the residents of the city.**



**U.S. Senator Kit Bond stated, “Early warning sirens are important to community safety and emergency preparedness. I commend the local leadership and USDA Rural Development staff for their hard work on this project that will help protect the community during emergency situations.” Senator Bond continued, “Storm and waste water overflow during heavy rains can cause many problems for rural communities. Again, I would like to commend the local leadership and USDA for investing in these vital systems.”**

Pictured left to right: Jim Dismuke, City Administrator, Kevin Hinkebein, Area Specialist, Harold Thomas, Alderman Ward 1, Morris Westfall, Missouri State Director, Danny Kemp, Mayor of Fredericktown, Terry Luetkemeyer, Area Director, Donna Martin, Area Specialist

**U.S. Senator Clair McCaskill said, “It is important that we try to minimize or prevent the structural damage and dangers of storm water and wastewater runoff.” Senator McCaskill continued, “I’m pleased that these grant funds will enable Fredericktown to obtain this necessary wastewater report to get the process started on updating their facilities.”**

**U.S. Representative JoAnn Emerson said, “Rural Development is a driving force in the development and investment in our rural Missouri communities. This project will greatly contribute to the quality of life, public safety, and economic infrastructure throughout the region. I’m grateful for their strong partnerships with our state and local leaders, and I appreciate the advocacy of our congressional delegation for the projects USDA Rural Development supports.”**

**Westfall said, “The City of Fredericktown provides essential services to residents. This equipment will provide for improved safety for the community. The study will improve the**

**health and sanitary conditions in the city. These projects mirror USDA Rural Development's mission and President Bush's initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. I am pleased that the community will benefit from the services of the City of Fredericktown. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal dollars for funding these projects."**

**Danny Kemp, Mayor, stated, "The City of Fredericktown would like to take this time to thank the USDA for their continued support of community efforts to make our cities a better place to live. The study of the city's wastewater collection and processing system will be used to determine the impact and infiltration of storm water and then be used to make recommendations for improvements to our sewer system. This grant will play an important role in improving the City of Fredericktown, now and for her future needs, as well.**

**Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or contact Kevin P. Hinkebein, Rural Development Specialist, at the Farmington Office of USDA Rural Development at 812 Progress Drive, Farmington, MO 63640 or by calling 573-756-6413, Ext. 5.**

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