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CITY OF FAIRFAX WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED BY USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Janie Dunning, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the City of Fairfax on September 3, 2010. The City is receiving \$1,629,410 in financial assistance to provide clean, safe, dependable water service to the 645 residents of the City and also to the new Community Hospital of Fairfax. \$939,000 of the funds is from loan proceeds and \$690,410 is in grant funds.

The certificate was presented in recognition of the City of Fairfax and their efforts to utilize American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant funds to stimulate the economy by upgrading the city's water distribution system, including water mains, fire hydrants and valves. This project also readies the city for connection to Atchison County Wholesale Water Commission when that entity begins producing treated water.

"I'm pleased to hear that with the help of competitive grant funds, the City of Fairfax will be able to upgrade and improve their water distribution system," U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. "Ensuring the community has access to safe water is crucial to the well-being of its citizens."

"This type of assistance mirrors USDA Rural Development's mission and President Obama's initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities," said Dunning. "Appreciation is extended to our federal elected officials for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians."

Fairfax Mayor Alva Stoner expressed his pride as Mayor to be able to be a part of history for the City by being able to help with the project and inspection of the lines. Mayor Stoner said, "Rodriguez Mechanical Construction, and particularly Dick Ferguson, and Dave Scaggs have done more than a wonderful job on this project and the city appreciates their hard work and efforts while managing this



Participants watch as the flag is raised at the Hospital as part of the celebration.

water project in Fairfax.” Mayor Stoner also thanked the City Engineer, Doug Schulte, of Snyder and Associates, and Barbara Ross, of USDA Rural Development for their assistance in bringing the project together. “Special thanks to the city employees, John Brown, Aaron Simmons and Becky Wilson, who handled the day-to-day details and most of all thanks to the city residents for supporting the project by approving the bond and having understanding and patience with the work crews during the construction period.”

Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Barbara Ross, Area Specialist, at the St. Joseph office of USDA Rural Development at 3915 Oakland Avenue, St. Joseph, Missouri 64506 or by calling 816-364-3767 (extension 4).

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