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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT CELEBRATES FUNDING WITH CITY OF FOLEY OFFICIALS

Janie Dunning, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented the City of Foley with a \$411,100 Mock Check on Thursday October 1, 2009. The funds will be used to construct a new centralized wastewater system to meet current standards as required by the Department of Natural Resources.

“I commend the city and community leaders who worked to secure these funds,” said U.S. Senator Kit Bond. “Adequate infrastructure is essential to the quality of life enjoyed by the people of Foley. These needed improvements to the sewer collection and treatment facility will ensure the continued health and safety of those living in and near Foley.”

“It is important that Missourians can rely on their sewer facilities to ensure the health of their families,” U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. “I am pleased these federal funds allow the city of Foley to build a centralized sewer facility, which will improve the community for Foley citizens.”

U.S. Representative Todd Akin said, "Rural Development grants for communities such as Foley are extremely important. They help build and improve critical infrastructure in the towns which make the production side of agriculture possible. Specifically, they help those communities comply with Federal and State laws, improve the quality of life for their citizens, and sometimes even provide short-term employment opportunities while the projects are being constructed. Everybody wins. It is very gratifying to see this grant for sewer improvements being awarded to such a deserving community."



From Left to right: Rural Development Area Specialist Donna Martin; Police Chief Max Collier; Sewer Administrative Assistant Jackie Davis; Police Officer Richard Scotti; Jim Mitas representative from Congressman Akin's office; Mayor Bill Thornhill; Chairman of the Board of Aldermen Kenneth Jaspering; Rural Development State Director Anit J. Dunning; Alderman Kenneth Lesley; Bob Burns representative of Senator McCaskill's office; Rural Development Area Manager Terry Luetkemyer; Alderwoman Christie Thornhill; Executive Director of Boonslick RPC Steve Etcher; and Beverly Steineger representative from State Senator Scott Rupp's office.

Dunning said, “I would like to congratulate the City of Foley for their efforts in providing these essential services to their citizens. This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of a community. We are pleased to be able to provide financial assistance with our partners at the Department of Economic Development. This project mirrors USDA, Rural Development’s mission of being committed to the future of rural communities. I am pleased that so many rural households will benefit from an adequate and dependable waste disposal system. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal funds for funding these projects. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians.”

Liz Roberts from the Missouri Department of Economic Development added, “The CDBG office is excited to be a part of this project and we look forward to working with the city toward successful completion of this project.”

“On behalf of the City of Foley, I would like to thank USDA Rural Development for providing the necessary funding to move forward with our proposed wastewater system. It is programs such as this that allow small communities to meet the needs of their residents,” stated Mayor Bill Thornhill.

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 Donna R. Martin, Area Specialist, at the Farmington Office of USDA Rural Development at 812 Progress Drive, Farmington, MO 63640, 573-756-6413, Ext. 5 or by email at donna.martin@mo.usda.gov.

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