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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$654,750 TO CITY OF GALENA

Morris Westfall, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development presented two mock checks to the City of Galena on October 20, 2008. The city received an additional loan of \$510,000 and \$120,000 grant from Farm Bill 2008 Funding Water & Environmental Programs Backlog and a Community Facility Economic Impact Initiative Grant of \$24,750. The \$630,000 check represents funds to upgrade the existing treatment plant and the \$24,750 check is for the purchase of the new police car. Rural Development is proud to partner with the City of Galena to improve the quality of life and promote economic development in this rural community.

“Rural development dollars, like the money being announced today, are critical to ensuring our rural towns thrive,” said U.S. Senator Kit Bond. “The federal dollars announced today will give Galena’s police the vehicle they need to continue to protect this community and ensure the community’s infrastructure needs in way that not only encourages economic growth but also safeguards the environment. The local leadership and USDA Rural Development staff is to be commended for their commitment to these projects.”

“Galena’s wastewater treatment facility took a hard knock during the floods this summer,” said U.S. Representative Roy Blunt. “I am pleased to see community leaders working with the USDA to ensure these improvements benefit Galena’s efforts to attract new businesses that create jobs while protecting the environment.”

“Mayor Jim Coones expressed his appreciation, “These projects have come together with hard work from many people, the USDA, and other funding agencies. On behalf of the police department and citizens of our community, I would like to say thanks for your cooperation and financial contributions. The improvements to our treatment system will benefit current residents and support improvements to



From Left to Right: Karl Patton, Park Board Member; Sharon Stephens, Park Board Member; Nancy Barnhart, City Collector; Marty Bennett, Park Board President; Barbara Booth, City Administrator; David Rauch, District Director for U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill; Morris Westfall, Missouri State Director; Steve McIntosh, Field Representative for Congressman Roy Blunt; Mark Hultgren, Springfield Area Director

sustain our future growth and economic development for all our customers. A dependable police car is vital to the safety of our officers and enables better service to the safety of the citizens in Galena.”

“This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of a rural community,” said Westfall. “These projects mirror USDA Rural Development’s mission and President Bush’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities.” Westfall added, “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.”

Anyone seeking more information about this or any other USDA Rural Development Water and Wastewater program may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or by contacting Bruce Hively, Area Specialist, at 688 S. State Hwy B, Suite 400, Springfield, MO 65802 or by calling (417) 831-5246 extension 4 or by email to [brucehively@mo.usda.gov](mailto:brucehively@mo.usda.gov). For more information regarding USDA Rural Development Community Facility program, visit the homepage or contact Ron Thomas, Area Specialist, at 1900 S. Business Hwy 71, Neosho, MO 64850 or by calling (417) 451-1007 extension 4 or by email to [ron.thomas@mo.usda.gov](mailto:ron.thomas@mo.usda.gov).

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