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CITY OF JAMESPORT AND LIVINGSTON COUNTY PWSD #4 RECEIVE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS

Gregory C. Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development, presented Mock Checks to both the City of Jamesport and the Livingston County Public Water Supply District #4 on Tuesday, October 10th at City Hall in Jamesport, Missouri. The City of Jamesport is receiving \$1,328,000 in loan and grant funding from USDA Rural Development in order to make improvements to connect to Livingston County PWSD #4. This will provide a safe, dependable and adequate water supply to the City of Jamesport's 330 residential water users.



Left to right: Karen Rorebeck (Clerk for Livingston County PWSD #4), Dean Brookshier (Deputy Chief of Staff for U.S. Congressman Sam Graves), Lance Rains (Community Developer for Green Hills Regional Planning Commission), John Quinn (District #7 Missouri State Representative), Eva Danner (Livingston County Presiding County Commissioner), Beverly Whorton (Representing Jim Whorton, District #3 Missouri State Representative), Randy Railsback (Executive Director for Green Hills Regional Planning Commission), Alan Fender (President of the Board of Directors for Livingston County PWSD #4), Scott Wilson (General Manager for Grundy Electric Cooperative, Inc.), Stan Wolfe (Area Specialist with USDA Rural Development Area Office, St. Joseph), U.S. Senator Christopher Bond, Neal Miller (Area Director with USDA Rural Development Area Office, St. Joseph), Jerry Pierce (Mayor for the City of Jamesport), Emily Seifers (Field Representative for U.S. Senator Jim Talent), J. Kensey Russell (Project Engineer for the City of Jamesport with Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc.), Greg Branum (State Director with USDA Rural Development at Columbia, MO), Ron Urton (Engineer for Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc.), Cary Sayre (Project Engineer for Livingston County PWSD #4 with Allstate Consultants. P.C.)

Livingston County PWSD #4 was presented a Mock Check for \$741,000 in USDA Rural Development loan and grant funds. These funds will allow substantial improvements to the district's water supply system in order to allow them to supply water to the City of Jamesport.

"It is important that we invest in infrastructure that supports our ability to provide for local families and meets the needs of the community," said Senator Kit Bond. "This funding will allow the PWSD to provide safe and dependable water to the residents of Jamesport."

"I'm proud to have supported this project," said Congressman Graves. "I am thankful for the excellent working relationship my office has with the USDA Rural Development team, and I look forward to our continued work in the future."

"Having an environmentally safe water system is important to the residents and I commend all the partners for their hard work in making these projects a reality, said Branum. "These projects mirror President Bush's initiative and exemplify the Rural Development mission – committed to the future of rural communities. Special

thanks are extended to our federal elected officials including U.S. Senators “Kit” Bond and Jim Talent plus U.S. Representative Sam Graves for making available federal monies for funding these types of projects that provide essential services for communities.”

“We appreciate the technical support, as well as the financial support, provided to our District by the USDA Rural Development”, said Alan Fender, President of Livingston County PWSD #4. “This project will provide a potable water supply, not only to the citizens of the district, but also to the City of Jamesport. Thank you to our elected officials, U.S. Senators Christopher Bond and Jim Talent, U.S. Representative Sam Graves, State Senator David Klindt and State Representatives John Quinn and Jim Whorton.”

The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission located in Trenton is assisting both the city and water district in their efforts to secure additional grant funds through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The Missouri Department of Economic Development administers CDBG funds to eligible applicants that are at least 51% Low to Moderate in income.

“We have appreciated the cooperative efforts of the many people involved in helping our water project become a reality. Jamesport will be able to receive improved water through the success of this project’s completion,” said Jerry Pierce, Mayor of Jamesport.

Cary Sayre with Allstate Consultants, P.C. is the project engineer for the water district and J. Kensey Russell with Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc. is the City of Jamesport’s engineer.

USDA Rural Development’s mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides funding and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available by visiting USDA’s web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or contacting Stan L. Wolfe, at the St. Joseph Rural Development Area Office, 3915 Oakland Avenue, St. Joseph, MO 64506 or by calling (816) 364 - 3767 (extension #5).

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