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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$10,875 GRANT TO CITY OF KOSHKONONG FOR STORM WARNING SIREN

Morris Westfall, Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development presented a Mock Check to the City of Koshkonong in the amount of \$10,875 on Monday, May 5. The Rural Development Community Facilities Grant funds combined with \$3,625 from the City will finance the \$14,500 to purchase a storm warning siren to help protect Koshkonong's 205 residents. Mayor Loyd Adams accepted the mock check on behalf of the city.



Pictured Left to Right: Chris Trobaugh, Clerk; Loyd "Bud" Adams, Mayor; Dale Harrison, Alderman; Danny Campbell, Area Specials for Rural Development; Morris Westfall, Missouri State Director for Rural Development; Tim Rickabaugh, Area Director.

“There is no greater issue in Koshkonong and Oregon County than the safety and well-being of the residents in the event of tornadoes or severe weather. This has already been an unforgettable year in terms of extreme weather events and the damage of ice storms and flooding underscore the importance of a warning siren for Koshkonong. I very much appreciate the effort of the City and of USDA Rural Development to make this investment in public safety and emergency preparedness,” said U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson.

Mayor Loyd Adams expressed his appreciation, “The city would like to thank Rural Development for the Community Facility (CF) Grant. These funds will allow us to purchase a storm siren allowing added protection during severe weather. We appreciate being able to ensure advance warning to our residents.”

“This kind of assistance mirrors USDA Rural Development’s mission and President Bush’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities,” said Westfall. “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 program may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or by contacting Danny Campbell, Area Specialist, at 3210 Hoover Drive, West Plains, MO 65775-3527 or by calling (417) 256-7117 extension 4 or by email to daniel.campbell@mo.usda.gov.

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