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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$21,680 FOR DOWNTOWN POTOSI PARKING LOT PAVING

Greg Branum, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented The Washington County Commissioners with a \$21,680 Mock Check on Tuesday, October 9, 2007. The funds will be used to pave a parking lot in downtown Potosi, Missouri. This grant will benefit the area by retaining jobs in downtown Potosi. The paving will serve the needs of the elderly and disabled customers by adding improved access to the downtown businesses.



Left to right: T.R. Dudley, Mayor, City of Potosi; Randy O'Neail, Washington County Commissioner, 2nd District; Terry Luetkemeyer, Area Director, USDA Rural Development, Farmington, MO; Cathy Coffman, Rural Development Manager, USDA, Rural Development, Hillsboro, MO; Todd Moyers, Washington County Commissioner, 1st District; Greg Branum, State Director, USDA Rural Development, Columbia, MO; Robert Reed, Presiding Commissioner, Washington County; Theresa Bates, Mama T's Country Café; Donna Martin, Area Specialist, USDA Rural Development, Farmington, MO

U.S. Senator McCaskill said, Infrastructure is essential to economic growth in rural Missouri, and the federal government must continue to invest in cities like Potosi through grant programs like this one."

U.S. Representative Emerson said, "A huge part of maintaining our economic opportunities in rural Missouri is keeping the facilities and infrastructure that serve our employers in top-notch condition. Potosi is a wonderful community in which to live and work. I am glad USDA Rural Development has identified this grant opportunity to the benefit of our economic competitiveness as a region."

"The Washington County Commission and the City of Potosi would like to thank USDA and MoDot for funding the Town Square Project that will greatly enhance the parking for the downtown businesses," Said Robert Reed, Presiding Commissioner.

“Funding important projects like this by Rural Development mirrors President Bush’s initiatives for rural America and Rural Development’s commitment to the future of rural communities,” said Branum. “Appreciation is also 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 interested in obtaining regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Cathy Coffman, Rural Development Manager, at the Hillsboro Local Office of USDA Rural Development at 10820 Highway 21, Hillsboro, MO 63050 or by calling 636-789-3551.

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