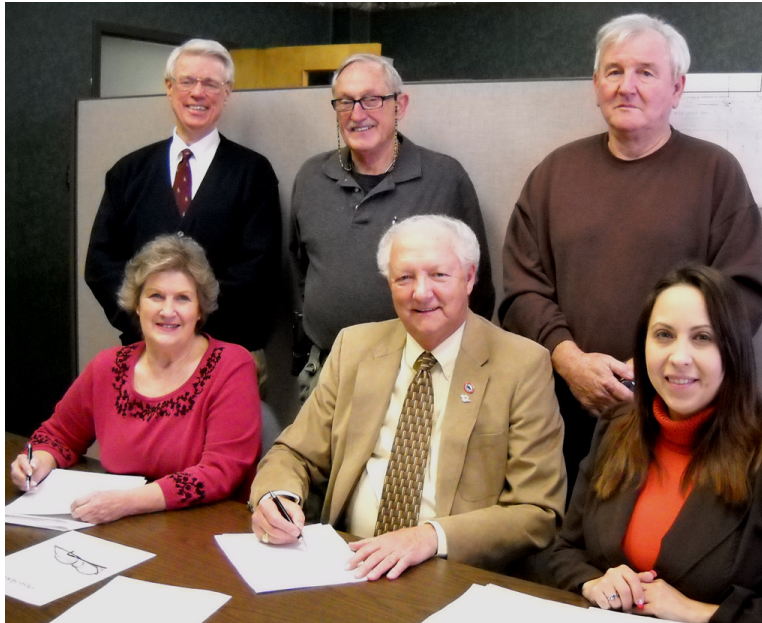


Press Release

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KINGSTON RECEIVES \$1.44 MILLION IN GRANT FUNDS FOR PROJECTS



Seated left to right: Eleanor Neal, Kingston City Clerk, Kingston Mayor Troy Beets, Marisol Torres, Area Specialist with USDA Rural Development. Standing left to right: Jim Pinkerton, Kingston City Manager, Norman Sugarman, City Council Member and Don White, City Council Member

The city of Kingston has received word from the U.S. Rural Development Administration that it will receive a series of grants and low interest loans for various infrastructure projects which have been planned for several years. A letter of conditions will be presented to city officials on February 25 at City Hall.

The Rockwood Water Line Interconnect Project will connect Rockwood, Roane Central Utility District and Kingston with a 16-inch water transmission main which will enable Kingston to purchase water from Rockwood for the next 20 years. The city will receive grants totaling \$879,000 together with two 40-year low interest loans for the remaining \$1,706,000. Total project cost is estimated to be about \$2,700,000, or about \$2,000,000 less than it would cost to expand the city's existing water treatment plant.

The Gallaher Road Phase 2 Sewer Project will benefit from a grant of \$322,100 and a 40-year 3.25 percent loan of \$1,292,000. This project will accommodate commercial development in the Gallaher Road Corridor.

The Automated Meter Reading Project will replace existing water meters with automated units, thus allowing the city to operate more efficiently with less personnel. The grant on this project is \$142,000 and the low interest loan is \$486,000.

Grants on these three projects amount to \$1,433,100. Together with other projects Kingston expects to receive about \$11,000,000 in grant funds this year.