Lawrence County

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Date: November 10, 2026 | **Time:** 4:30-4:59 p.m.

PRESENT: County Executive David Morgan. **Commissioners:** Wayne Yocom, Tim Clifton, Blake Grooms, Angie Jacobs, Steve Hagan, Chris Sutherland, Ray Brazier, J.D. Bosheers, Bubba Benefield, *Commission Chairman* Scott Franks, Travis Cauwels, and Barry Luffman. **Director of Accounts & Budget** Brandi Williams, **Solid Waste Director** Gary Wayne Hyde, **Assistant Solid Waste Director** Zach Fralix, **Road Superintendent** Ryan Krick, and John Uzbasic.

Commissioner Yocom called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: *Vice-chair* Wanye Yocom, Blake Grooms, Tim Clifton, & Travis Cauwels.
ABSENT: *Chairman* Denny Gillespie.

PRAYER: Executive Morgan.
PLEDGE: Commissioner Clifton.

- **Commissioner Yocom** noted that Chairman Gillespie was unable to attend due to illness.
- **Hyde** provided an update on Solid Waste, explaining that the State is requiring counties to develop a 10-year Solid Waste Plan. The State is providing a $30,000 grant to counties to hire a consultant to assist with developing the plan.
- **Executive Morgan** discussed the search for property in the northern part of the county for a Solid Waste Convenience Center. He stated that he had spoken with Scott Clift about the potential purchase of property at the corner of Coldwell Road and Buffalo Road. He added that Commissioner Ray Brazier is also looking for property within his district.
- **Commissioner Yocom** moved on to the Solid Waste write-offs.
- **Williams** explained the progress made over the past several years regarding delinquent accounts. Originally, the threshold for an account to be turned over to Fox Collections was $500, meaning an account had to accumulate $500 in outstanding charges before collection efforts could begin. As a result, accounts were often written off before reaching the required threshold. The threshold was subsequently lowered to $200, and the rate was increased,

allowing delinquent accounts to be turned over to collections during the third year of nonpayment.

Approving the Write-Off of Certain Uncollectible Solid Waste Disposal Fee Accounts
Motion: Clifton. **Second:** Cauwels.
Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 3/0.

- **Commissioner Grooms** raised a potential issue regarding billing and payments for demolition (demo) services between the City and County.
- The committee discussed the matter.

Adjournment.
Motion: Cauwels. **Second:** Clifton.
Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 3/0.

Minutes Submitted By: *Christian Tyree*