



Hardin County Government

Harry L. Berry
Judge/Executive

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New Waste Hauler for County Residents Red River Waste Solutions to Start October 1

Hardin County Government is pleased to announce, effective October 1st; Red River Waste Solutions will provide waste collection services to the unincorporated areas of Hardin County resulting in a cumulative savings of more than \$500,000 annually.

Residents in the unincorporated areas will see their monthly garbage collection bill reduced from the current rate of \$20.25 down to \$16.99 per month. This 16% reduction in monthly trash bills produces the lowest rate since September 2008.

Kentucky Statutes requires local governments to bid these types of services. These statutes also require the local government to select the “best bid”. Although cost is not the only factor in determining the “best bid”, it is the leading factor.

Bids for waste collection services in the county’s unincorporated areas were opened at 10:00 a.m. on July 15th. Three waste haulers provided bids to the county. Rumpke’s bid per customer per month was \$20.31, Red River Waste Solutions’ bid was \$16.99, and Waste

Transport’s bid was \$18.25. Waste Transport is the current provider.

Waste Transport also provided an alternate bid proposal to bring the Hardin County Landfill 6,640 tons or approximately 80% of the waste they collect annually in Meade County and currently transport to Jefferson County for disposal. In exchange, Waste Transport would increase their monthly collection rate for the unincorporated areas of Hardin County to \$18.75 per customer per month.

Red River, as part of their \$16.99 per customer per month bid, will bring all the waste they collect at Fort Knox, approximately



10,400 tons per year, to the Hardin County Landfill. This waste is not presently coming to the Hardin County Landfill

Waste Transport currently charges \$20.25 per customer per month for the service they provide. Red River’s \$16.99 rate will provide a

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cumulative savings to Hardin County customers of approximately \$532,000 annually as compared to Waste Transport’s current rates.

Compared to Waste Transport’s alternate bid to bring Meade County waste to the Hardin County Landfill while charging Hardin County customers a new rate of \$18.75 per month; Red River’s proposal cumulative saves Hardin County customers \$290,000 annually.

The increased waste from Fort Knox provided by Red River for disposal at our landfill will generate an additional \$116,000 in annual income for the county’s landfill budget compared to the \$76,000 in new income potential resulting from Meade County waste hauled by Waste Transport.

Red River Waste Solutions has also offered to hire the potentially displaced employees of Waste Transport desiring employment. No one needs to lose employment.

Red River Waste Solutions has offices in Hardin County and is a corporate member of our community. Their employees live in our communities. Their payroll is spent and circulated in our community the same as the wages of Waste Transport’s employees. While all our local governments strongly support doing business locally, we cannot ignore

the financial implication of a bid. Local governments strive to do business with locally owned companies but these companies must present a very competitive bid.

Regardless of the company selected, roughly the same number of employees will be employed locally. Approximately the same amount of payroll will circulate in our communities. In addition, the same amount of taxes will be paid to all levels of government.

On July 28, the Solid Waste Committee of Fiscal Court unanimously recommended to award the winning bid for waste collection to Red River Waste Solutions. Subsequently, on August 12th, Hardin County Fiscal Court unanimously voted to award the contract to Red River Waste Solutions for waste collection in the unincorporated areas of Hardin County.

Some citizens will disagree with Fiscal Court’s choice and say the local company should have been selected at the higher rates. Many other citizens would insist that a competent and reputable company providing a lower bid should be selected.

Red River has an excellent reputation and references. Their rate will collectively save the citizens of the unincorporated areas of Hardin County over \$500,000 per year while providing the county government’s landfill budget approximately \$116,000 more annually in additional revenue.

On behalf of the citizens of our unincorporated areas, Hardin County Government looks forward to a strong and fruitful partnership with Red River Waste Solutions.

*Household Hazardous Waste
And Prescription Drug Disposal*

September 13
8 AM to 2 PM

Akebono Plant
300 Ring Road, Elizabethtown

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To maximize all available resources to provide well-planned, adequately resourced, professionally executed public programs, infrastructure, and services to County Citizens