

Memorandum of Understanding

Whereas the Weston County Commissioners would like to create a unified solid waste district encompassing all of Weston County as soon as legally possible.

Whereas the City of Upton would like to close their current landfill and build a transfer station to haul their garbage to Newcastle's city dump in the short term, and the county landfill in the long-term.

Whereas the City of Upton agrees that closing and monitoring the existing landfill is their legal and financial responsibility going forward.

Whereas the City of Newcastle has the capacity in the short term to handle all solid waste of the residents of Weston County and they are willing to take all garbage from the residents of Weston County until the new county wide solid waste district is formed and a landfill is permitted at a rate of 100/T.

Whereas the City of Newcastle agrees that closing and monitoring the existing landfills will be their legal and financial responsibility going forward, except for the parts of the landfill that will be opened up to the future county wide solid waste district. The future solid waste district will be responsible for all future closing and monitoring costs that are transferred to the newly created district.

Whereas the Central Weston County Solid Waste District needs to immediately close their landfill but lacks funding to do so.

Whereas the Central Weston County Solid Waste District will work with the county to obtain a loan for their immediate needs in closing the landfill.

Whereas all parties agree this is the most cost effective way for the citizens of this county to dispose of their solid waste.

Whereas all parties understand that the future solid waste district board will be responsible for setting fees, requesting mill levies, funding and building future transfer stations, landfills, etc.

Whereas all parties agree that this Memorandum carries no legal consequence and it is just a framework for the process going forward.

Therefore we agree in principal that:

1. The Weston County Commissioners should work diligently towards creating a county wide solid waste district.
2. Each entity should proceed with grant funding in closing their landfill.
3. Weston County may be able to provide funds or a guarantee for a loan to help facilitate closing and monitoring until the new solid waste district is solvent.
4. Upton should have a transfer station to collect scrap iron, tires, white goods, yard waste, etc. for the western side of the county.
5. Osage would like a transfer station, but this may have to be balanced against the county having to pay for closing and monitoring of their existing landfill.
6. Each entity should be responsible for picking up their resident's trash and recovering those costs.

7. Each individual outside of city limits would be responsible for arranging for their own collections.
8. A newly created solid waste district should have equal representation from; Newcastle, Upton, Osage, the commissioners, and at least one person residing out of city limits.
9. Public meetings should be set up in each town to get input and hear suggestions and concerns from the public as soon as possible.