



Called City Commission Meeting Highlights

Monday, January 25, 2016 at 6 p.m. at McCracken County Courthouse with Fiscal Court

Note: Commissioner Richard Abraham was unable to attend this meeting.

JSA Sewer Rate Adjustment Approval

In a joint meeting held at the McCracken County Courthouse, the Paducah Board of Commissioners and the Fiscal Court each approved ordinances to adjust the sanitary sewer fees as recommended by the Joint Sewer Agency (JSA) Board of Directors. The current monthly bill for 5000 gallon usage is \$22.15. That amount is below the 2012 state average of \$33.68. The rate adjustment will increase the bill for 5000 gallon usage to \$25.75 effective March 1. The rate then increases to \$29.15 on July 1, 2017. Similar rate adjustments are outlined for 3000 gallon monthly users and others.

JSA is working to mitigate the environmental impacts of combined sanitary/storm sewer systems. It has an estimated \$102 million in sewer projects remaining to implement as part of its consent judgment and administrative order through the State Energy and Environmental Cabinet and the Environmental Protection Agency, respectively. JSA has completed \$38 million in improvement projects since 2008. JSA Executive Director John Hodges says, "The improvements that we are to make are mandated by the federal government."

The agency, which was formed in 1999, has 18,250 customers and derives all of its income through user rates and fees for service. Hodges says over the past 10 years the agency has been able to reduce staffing levels and implement programs to keep operating costs as low as possible. He adds, "We will continue to watch how we use these funds to the benefit of the ratepayers."

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