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**Two New *City Profile* Episodes on Government 11
Commissioner Sandra Wilson and Commissioner Allan Rhodes**

PADUCAH, KY—Two *City Profile* episodes begin airing next week allowing viewers to learn more about Paducah's newest City Commissioners. Commissioner Sandra Wilson and Commissioner Allan Rhodes were elected to their first terms last November. In these *City Profile* episodes, Tom Butler, West Kentucky Community & Technical College Television Production Coordinator, talks with each commissioner about their background, their decision-making process, and what they feel are the biggest issues facing the City of Paducah.

Both commissioners are proud of the recent announcements of new companies coming to the area including TeleTech, Macco, and Whitehall Industries. Commissioner Rhodes says, "We went through a period of time in Paducah when we didn't have a lot of job growth. It seems like with Paducah Economic Development (PED) we are on a bit of a roll. That's a very encouraging sign."

Commissioner Wilson explains that the City and County often provide financial incentives to bring new jobs to the area. Commissioner Wilson says, "Having been in economic development I know it takes money. And the companies that are coming here, it bothers me to give them incentives, but at the same time, I'm happy to do it because it's the only way to get them here. We are competing with communities all over the country."

Even though the area has gained new job opportunities, the transition of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant and the potential loss of hundreds of jobs worry the community. Commissioner Wilson says, "We are really in crisis mode. We have to do everything we can to get the Department of Energy's attention. We need our congressional delegates to be up there fighting for us. We've talked to Governor Beshear, and he's fighting for us. We all need to be there demanding what is right for our community."

Each commissioner also discusses creating a great quality of life for Paducah's residents. Commissioner Rhodes characterizes city government as a groundskeeper, allowing the



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city to flourish through good infrastructure and fiscal responsibility. Commissioner Rhodes says, "It's a matter of prioritizing and asking what can we do? What can we reach for? We reach for a lot in Paducah, and I'm proud of the things we have, but there is a limit."

City Profile can be viewed on Government 11, the governmental access channel of the City of Paducah. The episode featuring Commissioner Wilson begins airing Monday, July 1 at 9 a.m. It also airs that week on Thursday at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday at 7 p.m. The episode featuring Commissioner Rhodes begins airing Monday, July 1 at 9:30 a.m. It also airs that week on Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 6 p.m.

View daily program information by watching the informational slides airing on the Channel 11 bulletin board. The episode also is online at www.paducahky.gov and the various social media outlets for the City of Paducah including Youtube and Facebook. Check the website for program information, videos, news releases, and broadcast schedules.

City Profile is produced for the City of Paducah through the television production facilities at West Kentucky Community and Technical College. For more information about *City Profile* or other Government 11 programming, call Tom Butler at 534-3208 or Paducah Public Information Officer Pam Spencer at 444-8669.

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