

## WILLIAMSON COUNTY PUBLIC POLICY COALITION

March 10, 2010

*Questions for Williamson County commissioners in light of the discussion and the action regarding the landfill Master Site Plan and Master Recycling Plan which have been submitted to the county by the landfill contractor, Waste Management of Texas:*

**When will the public forums** to discuss these plans be held? If no specific dates are designated now, what is the specific time frame within which they will be held?

**The 2009 Landfill Operating Agreement** states that the Master Site Plan shall be submitted by the landfill contractor before the end of the first year of the contract, and approval by the county “shall not be unreasonably withheld.” Inasmuch as the county did not “approve” the plans on March 9, why was it necessary to formally “receive” the plans?

**Senior County Infrastructure Supervisor Bob Daigh** stated during the discussion that you have wanted public discussion on this issue for a long time. That being the case, why has there been no public discussion on this issue during the past year? What has kept that from happening? Why has it taken so long to get to this point?

**During the discussion on March 9**, Judge Dan Gattis stated that the county has been discussing and “working jointly” with Waste Management in developing these plans. That being the case, why were citizens not invited to participate in those “working jointly” discussions so that substantive issues could have been processed before Waste Management rolled out its “official” plan to comply with the contract?

At the meeting of commissioners court, County Judge Dan Gattis characterized the plans as “excellent”. Inasmuch that the county and Waste Management discussed the plan before its release and before consideration of it by commissioners court on March 9, what is the position of each county commissioner regarding the plans' contents? Do each of you individually support the components of the plans as they have been officially filed?

Do you believe that the plan's characterization of what will happen to the Johnson-Almquist house (both in the plan and in the remarks of Steve Jacobs on March 9) comports with past representations and commitments by the county regarding this property?

What is your assumption regarding the source of the funding for the Johnson-Almquist house? Specifically, inasmuch as the plan as filed is silent on that issue, do you support using the Master Site Plan Development Fund surcharge to pay the costs of that renovation.

What is the time line or drop-dead date for the county to approve the filed plans in order to comply with the contract requirement that approval not be “unreasonably withheld?”