Transfer Station and Sanitation Improvements — A Success for Campbell County

When the current administration of the Sanitation Department began in 2022, the main transfer station building was in disrepair. This building was built in the early 1990's. The facility had a very small concrete tipping floor, while much of the remaining operational area was gravel. The county had put thousands of tons of trash through this transfer station.

Through a combined effort of the Campbell County Commission and the Director of Sanitation, a capital projects plan was developed in 2022 to address these needs and improve sanitation infrastructure throughout the county for the next 20 years. .

Through careful planning, budgeting, and management, approximately 10,000 square feet of additional concrete was added to the transfer station in 2023, at no additional cost to the taxpayers and within the department's existing budget.

Through continued fiscal management and savings, the county was also able to begin the process of adding an additional 10,000-square-foot covered area.

In the spring of 2025, a fire rendered the existing transfer station building unusable. Insurance provided approximately $380,000 toward replacing the existing facility. Through careful management and savings, the county was additionally able to construct the 10,000-square-foot canopy, valued at approximately $400,000, at no additional cost to the taxpayers.

The improvements did not stop at the transfer station. As part of the 2022 capital projects plan, the county also:

Added five refuse compactors at schools in the Fifth District (the Fifth District is located approximately 30 minutes from the county transfer station in a rural mountainous area). These schools used small open top containers and were serviced by a front loader truck. Adding the compactors eliminated numerous extra trips to service that part of the county.

Paved all nine county convenience centers, which were gravel lots before.

These projects represent approximately $1 million in additional sanitation infrastructure improvements, completed without additional taxes or fees being imposed on Campbell County taxpayers.

The improvements to the transfer station brought the facility into compliance with TDEC requirements, improved efficiency and safety, and provided substantially more usable space for the operation.

Most importantly, these accomplishments were not the work of one individual. They were the result of a combined effort by the Campbell County Commission, the Sanitation Department, its employees, and county leadership, working from a capital projects plan established in 2022. This puts our county on pace with the growth that has been increasing over the last few years.

Sincerely,

Rusty Orick, Campbell County Commission