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## SALINE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am sorry that I cannot be at today's landfill hearing, but I would like to present my views in the form of this statement.

I was on the Saline County Board and served as chairman of the Landfill Committee when the landfill in question requested a local siting hearing. The hearing went well and the committee and board approved the siting permit.

A host agreement was negotiated between Attorney Michael Oshel and me that was later approved and signed by both parties. This agreement proved very beneficial to Saline County as the landfill paid as much as \$14,000 per month to the county. Even though now, they accept very little (if any) trash, the company continues to send us \$1,291.66 per month in tipping fees.

Some in Saline County government have contended that Midwest still owes money to the County. If it owes us money, of course it should be made to pay. I believe some of the shortfall is due to a recently discovered typographical error in the agreement regarding how demolition material was to be measured and paid for.

For the benefit of Saline County and the way it is perceived by the business community, I sincerely hope that we are not penalized for some possible miscalculations and payments made by the former owner of Saline County Landfill by your board denying the issuance of the permit.

Evidently, the IEPA has approved the Landfill's plans. There is a minimum chance of contamination of the surrounding air or water. Hopefully, this board will take the expert opinion of that agency and award another approval to this siting.

Saline County has been denied the income from their host fees for many months as the Honorable State's Attorney Rod Wolf and his unpaid assistant continue to appeal the siting on technicalities. Mr. Wolf's actions are contrary to the people's wishes that we have two safe operating landfills in our county.

I appreciate your non-political investigation of the facts in this hearing and sincerely hope that in a short time Saline County will be the host to two prosperous and safe landfills.

Yours truly

Danny Ragan  
Saline County Treasurer