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Attn: Executive Director Beth O'Donnell
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Case# 2005-00384

Subject: Ledbetter Water and Sanitation District Board Vacancy

Dear Mrs. O'Donnell,

I was just made aware of a letter sent to you by Livingston County Judge Executive Chris Lasher dated September 19, 2005. I would like to respond to what I feel are statements made by Mr. Lasher that are not only incorrect but target my character and tarnish my service to my community for the 12 years that I have faithfully served the Water and Sanitation District. This is an attempt by Mr. Lasher to discredit me because of a dispute that we had a couple of years ago. Every employee of the Ledbetter Water and Sanitation District has offered to write you a letter to support this fact.

Mr. Lasher states in his letter that he did not reappoint me because of my lack of attendance during the time that we were trying to save the Ledbetter Sanitation District. The fact is, Mr. Lasher originally ask our board to take ownership of the sanitation district and pressed us to sign a mortgage agreement that we knowingly could not pay. We were told that if we did not take ownership and sign the new mortgage suggested by Roger Recktenwald of KIA, and Chris Lasher, they would be forced to turn the sanitation district over to a private company and rates would go much higher. Although this would have taken the burden off of him and the fiscal court, it would have hurt my community. Terry Tietloff (also a board member at Ledbetter Water) and I refused while two other members were willing to sign. We felt that we could find a solution instead of a band aid and if fact we did. After many meetings and deliberation, we found the solution through a suggestion by the folks at PADD. It is a combination loan through KIA and KACO. This was a long term solution that worked great for our community. The hard decisions had been made, the crises were over and all that was left was waiting on the attorneys to work out the agreements. When the agreements were written, we would submit them to our county attorney for his approval and sign them. I am not an attorney and I had felt

that we had accomplished everything we could in this regard as a board of commissioners until the documents were presented to us for signing. The documents were not presented to us for the signing until a couple of months ago. During the time frame that Mr. Lasher is referring to my absents, There were no decisions made in regard to the sanitation district. I can provide you with all of the minutes of those meetings to prove it.

Mr. Lasher also refers to "lack of professionalism during this very difficult time". He fails to disclose to you why my record of attendance was so low during the six month time period in 2004. Part of this was due to my back surgery, and part of this was due to our family business declining. I was forced into a carrier change. I had to attend night classes in Hopkinsville and Murray during this time to receive my 96 hours of classroom training to take my real estate test. I had to travel to Nashville to take the exam and missed a meeting due to the date of the exam as well . I stayed in touch Janet Moneymaker at the Water district all during this time to keep myself updated on the events of the meeting. If there had been a crisis that I needed to be available for, I would have made arrangements to be available.

My service to the Ledbetter Water and Sanitation District and my community are something that I am very proud of. When I consider the fact that a few years ago, Ledbetter had a moratorium that stopped all building in our community because of the septic problems, and a reputation among the area real estate companies and the general public of having brown water. To what we have today, I am proud to have been instrumental in make a dynamic impact on my community. Our property Values have gone from 25% under comparable properties across the river into McCracken county to property values that are now equal. Houses selling for \$50,000.00 five years ago are now selling in the upper 80s to low 90s. We have a wonderful golf course with houses popping up all over it. I hope that my 12 years of service to my community will allow me the few months I needed on Monday nights to retool myself to support my family. Please be advised that Janet Moneymaker, our office manager and Billy Downs, our operations manager and I would be happy to provide you with documentation or testimonials supporting my statements in this letter. Mr. Lasher states that he has done everything he can to seat a new board member. He is unable to do this because the Magistrates know that what he is doing is wrong. I believe you will agree with the Magistrates, the Board of Commissioners, the employees of the district and the public that we serve.

Sincerely,



Arnie Puckett

Commissioner/Ledbetter Water and Sanitation District