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Ms. O'Donnell,

I am writing you in regards of the Breathitt County Water Board that was recently appointed. I have attached the newspaper clipping for your review.

I am greatly concerned that this meeting was called hastily to circumvent the PSC from appointing a new water Board for Breathitt County. This problem has been going on for 6 to 8 months. and I would like to discuss the two new appointees Judge Richardson has chosen; Bobby Thorpe and Bobby Gross.

Bobby Thorpe in the last election, when Richardson was running for Judge, filed for Coroner, withdrew from the Coroner's race and refiled for County Judge against the current Judge Richardson. Two weeks before the election, Richardson called Mr. Thorpe in a private meetings and promised him monetary considerations and other promises such as board appointments if he withdrew from the Judge's race.

Bobby Thorpe recorded these meetings on tape and has shared them with several people in Breathitt County, including myself. These meetings have proved to be very profitable for Mr. Thorpe as evident of this newspaper clipping of his appointment to the Water Board.

Bobby Gross is a first cousin of Judge Richardson. The reason for his appointment is obvious, KINSHIP and to help him further his political aspirations. He has already ran unsuccessfully 4 times and has announced his next race for Magistrate. His appointment to the Water Board will enhance his chances of winning the Magistrate's greatly. He is using the appointment as a stepping stone. He is in no way concerned for the issues of the water Board. They are trying to keep it "All in the family."

I ask the PSC to come to Breathitt County and investigate these two appointments and what Judge Richardson is trying to do to the residents of Breathitt County. Please compare the accomplishment of the current Board, that has been there and served Breathitt County for many years to what Judge Richardson is or is not doing. I am sure you will agree that the current Board's work needs to continue and their work has been solely for the benefit of the residents →

of Breathitt County. It is advantageous for Breathitt County to be able to keep the current Board with the appointments staggered to maintain their seats.

I ask the PSC to interview 50 people at random and ask their opinions regarding the appointment of Bobby Thorpe and Bobby Gross. Then ask them about the accomplishments of the current Water Board. I am sure you will see why I and other people in Breathitt County are concerned with these appointments. I know the process of the PSC in determining what is best for Breathitt County Water Board is fair. I ask you to continue to follow the process you have started.

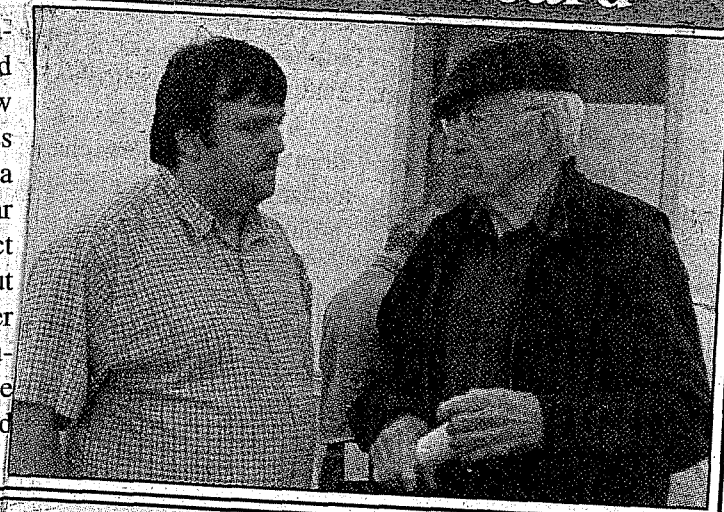
Sincerely,

Your Friend

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## Fiscal Court approves new water board

It took just minutes in a special called meeting of the Breathitt County Fiscal Court on Tuesday to approve a staggered Breathitt County Water District Board and appoint two new members. Appointed to four-year terms were Bobby L. Gross and Bobby Thorpe, John Lester Smith was appointed to a three-year term and Vurl Fugate and Jay Watts to two-year terms. (Pictured right) Newly recommended Water District Board Member Bobby Thorpe chats with O. V. Watts about water line extension for the HWY 30 East area. The Water District Board meets in regular session Wednesday, January 16 at 7 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse. The meeting as always is open to the public who are invited and encouraged to attend.



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