

Honorable Pascal White, County Judge Executive  
Whitley County Fiscal Court  
200 Main Street  
Williamsburg, Kentucky 40769

Dear Judge White:

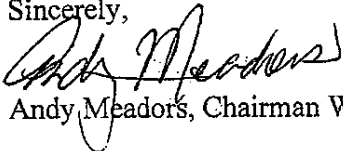
Since January 1999, the Kentucky Revised Statutes, Chapter 74, has authorized water district commissioners to receive annual compensation not to exceed \$6,000.00. Presently the Whitley County Water District (WCWD) commissioners receive an annual compensation of \$3,600.00.

The statutory authorization for \$6,000.00 annually was adopted during the 1998 legislative session by the Kentucky Legislature. The legislation established training requirements to be met by the water district commissioners as provided by the Public Service Commission (PSC). The WCWD commissioners, present and past, have an exemplary history of attending all available training going back to the district's re-organization in 1993-94. The water district's commissioners have participated in all training provided by the PSC as well as sanctioned training offered by the Kentucky Rural Water Association from time to time. As an example, the WCWD commissioners recently participated in a day long training via zoom provided by the PSC on October 5, 2021. The commissioner's annual compensation was \$1,200.00 annually until approximately 2003 when the Fiscal Court approved an increase to \$3,600.00 annually.

Increasing the annual compensation to \$6000.00 for the WCWD board of commissioners would make them on par with surrounding water districts. The WCWD is current on all long term debt service requirements as well as auditing. Since 1993, the commissioners have expanded service from 1100 customers to over 3700, as well as replaced and upgraded existing infrastructure to include but not limited to the elimination of five wells, purchased an office building, added four storage tanks, and provided adequate equipment for the office and field staff to perform their work tasks.

So, on behalf of the Whitley County Water District board of commissioners, as Chairman of the board, I respectfully request that the Fiscal Court consider setting the annual compensation of the board of commissioners at \$6,000.00 effective January 1, 2022.

Sincerely,



Andy Meadors, Chairman WCWD

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