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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On May 9<sup>th</sup> the Macon County Commission voted 3-0 to place the “Landfill Tipping Fee (LTF) on the August 2, 2016 ballot. If renewed by the voters, the term will be for seven years. This is not a new fee but a renewal of an existing fee.

If the renewal is approved by the voters, the Commission will establish an Industrial Development Authority (IDA) under sections 260.831.1 and 349 of the Missouri State Statutes. This IDA will oversee the use of the tipping fee funds. Under their present organization the Macon County Economic Development Inc. does not meet the statutory requirements of the state statutes and is ineligible to disburse the LTF funds.

Macon County Presiding Commissioner Alan Wyatt said “We believe that the new IDA structure will work to better serve and represent all the residents of the county. Funds will still be available in the form of grants and loans for economic development projects in Macon as well as all of Macon County. The new Industrial Development Authority will still work with Macon County Economic Development Inc. to provide money for development projects.”

Associate Commissioner Drew Belt stated “The new IDA structure will bring Macon County more in line with the other cities and counties in Missouri. At present there are about 40 IDAs in Missouri.”

Associate Commissioner Jon Dwiggins said “It is the commission’s hope that all parties involved in economic development in Macon County will come together and work with the new system for the benefit of everyone in the county.”



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