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Atchison Co Solid Waste Committee Proposes Tipping Fee

(KAIR) -- The Atchison County Solid Waste Committee is proposing a change in the way the county pays for solid waste and joint communications.

The advisory committee plans to present a proposal to County Commissioners to use a tipping fee and remove the current solid waste fee on property taxes.

A tipping fee is commonly assessed where a vehicle is weighed upon entrance to a transfer station, and a subsequent fee would be assessed per ton weighed.

The tipping fee would cover the cost left over after a 41 percent commitment of the countywide one cent sales taxes from each municipality, plus a minimum of 41 percent from the county annually.

That is the sales tax that was passed by voters in the early 90's.

The 41 percent number is derived from the current total that the city of Atchison pays the county.

Previously other municipalities kept various numbers; some kept 100 percent of collections.

County Special Projects Manager Chase Brunick says this will benefit those affected by the fee the most.

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If the proposal is adopted by County Commissioners, it would take effect January 1st, 2014.

A provision of the proposal includes free residential self-haul for a minimum of the first year.

The proposal also suggests a 2014 projection of 900 thousand dollars to fund solid waste and that solid waste should operate as its own category in the county budget.

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