



To: Fayette County Landfill Commission

From: Mayor Brett DeVore and Oelwein City Council

Subject: County Recycling bins and recycling fees

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The City of Oelwein has continued to face problems with the recycling bins located in the downtown. The bins continually attract garbage that is then viewable from the downtown. The city is frequently cleaning up garbage that is not recyclable material. This issue has continued for months with limited assistance from the county. While the county does a great job of ensuring all recyclable material is taken away, garbage remains at the site. The City of Oelwein is no longer interested in housing recycling bins for the county. The city is interested in a discussion where the city and the county can agree on a time to remove these bins.

The City of Oelwein desires to no longer pay a recycling fee to Fayette County. With the implementation of single hauler, the city has no need to pay for recycling as residential is under the single hauler, and commercial business can make their own arrangement. The city is open to a discussion to stop paying this fee and work with Fayette County on a timeline that works for both entities.

The City of Oelwein is encouraging the Fayette County Landfill Commission to update their 28E agreement. The current agreement is outdated and should be reviewed by all entities involved. This would also be a great time for the county to consider a dump charge rather than the current fee structure set by Fayette County.

The City of Oelwein looks forward to working with the Fayette County Landfill Commission to ensure that all entities come to an agreement that works for the entire county.