

# Golden Triangle Waste Services

Golden Triangle Cooperative Service District



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Dear Oktibbeha County Board of Supervisors:

The Board of Commissioners of Golden Triangle Waste Services (GTWS) respectfully requests a meeting with the Oktibbeha County Board of Supervisors before any decision is made regarding the bids recently received. GTWS and Oktibbeha County have a relationship that has benefitted our community for more than twenty years. Through the spirit of cooperation and a combination of resources, Oktibbeha, Lowndes and Webster Counties have been able to provide residential and commercial garbage collection for our friends and neighbors at a cost that cannot be met. Through that same collaboration, we hope to continue to serve our community for years to come.

Presently, GTWS only charges Oktibbeha County \$8.12 per household each month for garbage collection. Of the bids received by Oktibbeha County in February, the lowest bid by an outside company was \$9.22, greater than \$1.00 more per month than the current cost of Golden Triangle. These aren't costs that are borne by Oktibbeha County; rather, these costs are passed on to the residents and small business owners throughout Oktibbeha County.

Another issue that has been raised in the local news is related to the garbage carts, which are provided to Oktibbeha County residents. As you are aware, each household is entitled to one cart at no cost; however, any additional or replacement carts shall be paid by the resident according to the contract signed by the Oktibbeha County Supervisors. The contract does not state, in any terms whatsoever, that it is the responsibility of Golden Triangle to provide or replace additional carts.

Recently, representatives from Oktibbeha County have taken it upon themselves to personally take carts – some of which were intended for Webster County residents – without any accountability or process by which to determine where the carts are being delivered or who should be billed for the carts. GTWS is tasked with the responsibility of maintaining a proper inventory of all carts and other assets for its records.

Due to this concern, the Board of GTWS recently proposed at its most recent meeting to allot funds directly to Oktibbeha County to purchase its own carts. This would allow Oktibbeha County to keep the carts readily available on site, which would be more convenient for the residents of Oktibbeha County. Unfortunately, this has not been discussed any further or brought to a vote, because neither of the Oktibbeha

County Supervisors on the Commission have appeared at recent meetings. The recurrent absences of Supervisors have made both communication and cooperation impossible to achieve.

Golden Triangle Waste Services and the Supervisors of Lowndes and Webster Counties hereby request a meeting, in good faith, and in the spirit of ongoing cooperation, to continue the partnership established more than two decades ago. Other than the aforementioned cart issues, GTWS is not aware of any complaints related to the day-to-day services provided by GTWS to its customers.

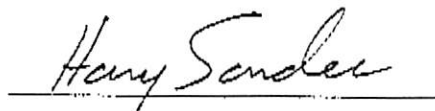
For the Oktibbeha County Board of Supervisors to make a decision without first meeting with the Commission of which it's a part is unfair to this cooperative and detrimental to the residents of Oktibbeha County. Prices will increase and service will suffer. We look forward to meeting and discussing the issues that you have raised.

Sincerely,

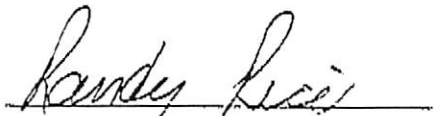
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