

## **County will form storm water utility, set rates**

Officials must set a rate for Oldham County storm water management, but before that, a storm water management district must be established.

The first reading for two ordinances - one to grant fiscal court approval to establish a special district, and one to establish a base rate for service – took place at fiscal court’s July 1 meeting.

Magistrates reviewed a chart depicting each of the possible rates, as well as what they include, how much is generated per year, as well as annual revenue estimates with each proposed rate.

The board of the utility will approve the rate, which then goes before fiscal court for approval. The court has full authority to approve or disapprove the rates.

A public hearing, full debate and second reading on the ordinances is set for the fiscal court meeting at 2 p.m. Aug. 6.

Any time between now and the August meeting, the court can begin discussion and debate on the rates. The first fiscal court meeting of August was previously moved to Aug. 6. Also at that meeting, the court will discuss setting an evening meeting for discussion of rates.

The board set up for storm water management will consist of three members, who will serve four-year terms. Judge-Executive Duane Murner said he will welcome recommendations from anyone on the court for those appointed to the storm water management board.