



**Chris Pippenger**

Mayor

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## **MAYOR ISSUES STATEMENT ON EASTSIDE FLOODING**

**February 13, 2009**

East side flooding is a problem that has burdened our community since development in the Eastern part of the City/County began years ago.

Many Mayors have pledged to solve this problem and have been unsuccessful for many reasons, some of which have been out of their control, some issues that always come to the forefront are, the lack of financial support, who is responsible, what is the best method to solve the problem, are there grants available, who is in charge, and the lack of all agencies willing to work together, and where on the priority list does this project fall.

In the February 13, 2009 issue of the Frankfort Times, Commissioner Mike Conner stated that the area designated to solve the east side drainage, belongs to the County and that he "strongly disagrees" with Mayor Pippenger's concept of the road / ditch theory. Mr Conner further stated that "We've told him that, and we're not going to tell him again anymore", further Mr Conner states that multiple engineering studies show ponds as the most feasible solution.

Effective February 13, 2009 Mayor Pippenger and the Board of Works issue the following statements;

- **East side flooding is the number one priority issue above all other issues and must be addressed immediately as a stand alone project.**
- **The Mayor and the Board of Works will give 100% support of the retention pond theory to be used as the method of controlling the flooding.**
- **The Mayor will offer to the County the \$ 481,000 grant designated for east side flooding.**
- **The Mayor will support a pledge of ( ½ ) one-half the dollars, of the total cost of the project from our E D I T money in a fixed number, and prays the City Council will support his pledge in addition to the \$ 481,000 grant to solve the East side flooding.**
- **The Mayor prays that the City Administration and The County Administration will work rapidly and partner in the quest to stop the suffering placed upon the residents of our community, as well as, the well being of our High School.**
- **Mayor Pippenger further states that this issue must be resolved immediately and no more delays should stall this project, all involved agencies must dedicate one hundred percent of their support, and digging must begin as soon as possible.**



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