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**Landfill Committee Meeting
February 10, 2015, County Courtroom**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Deitz at 6:00 PM

Roll call Deitz, Gobble, Hill, Miller, Simerly, Ward, and VonCannon were present, Proffitt was absent. Quorum present.

Approval of minutes of previous session and agenda:

Minutes: Motion was made by VonCannon, seconded by Gobble. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Agenda: Motion was made by Ward, seconded by Miller Motion. passed by unanimous voice vote.

Floor was opened for Public Comments. there were no public comments.

Old Business

- Little Milligan Convenience Center update: plumbing and electrical work is in progress. Lights will be on in the next week or so.
 - weather has held up progress.
 - Commissioner Ward states that he has visited the site and it is a great location
- Household Hazardous Waste Event:
 - press has agreed to promote it
 - Chairman Deitz stated she would like to produce and distribute flyers.
 - Director Lyons says that Sullivan County's print shop is producing the flyers
- Recycling Hub Grant Project Update:
 - Chairman of Unicoi solid waste committee asked Director Lyons to come meet with them.
 - Thursday 1/29/15, Director Lyons and Chairman Deitz held a Q & A session with them.
 - Unicoi had lots of questions, and were impressed with Lyons' knowledge regarding grants, etc.
 - Lyons states that Carter County would be "hub" for recycling, increasing business for Carter County Landfill, and also helping counties who don't have recycling programs. The \$300,000 grant could be used to purchase new equipment for Carter County, and we would be paid to haul and process recyclables by the county and city participants.
 - VonCannon asks about financial implications of becoming a recycling hub. Asks if we are "in good enough shape to take on this program?", and should CTAS be involved? discussion ensues.
 - Lyons states that it involves more work but also more revenue, that he would agree to CTAS involvement, Project deals with recyclables only, not household garbage.
 - VonCannon is skeptical. Mentions possibility of a fish hatchery and need to look for larger space for recycling program.
 - VonCannon says that County Mayor should be getting this done for us. Deitz says this is the underlying problem.
 - Deitz says that Director Lyons has proven his ability to manage the program well, and we should stand ready to assist if needed, but support him in proceeding with the project.
 - Hill states that Carter County landfill is performing 12% better than state requirements, and the extra volume would only improve this statistic.
 - Ward states that more volume equals meeting truckload capacities and disposing of materials quicker
 - Commissioner Ward moves to pursue the project for further study and research into grant prospects, seconded by Hill. Motion is amended to state "with CTAS involvement".
 - Roll call vote is unanimous, with exception of Proffitt, who is absent.

New Business

- John Lewis asks about glass recycling.

Commissioner Comments

- Lyons asks if we can update on Judge Ben Allen Road situation at this time.
 - Commissioner Ward states that road through Landfill is not feasible due to expense, and that making a public road through the landfill does not comply with TDEC.
 - VonCannon states that we should not talk about Judge Ben Allen Road since there is a pending judicial hearing in March.
- Director Lyons states that he is always available to discuss any questions at any time, simply call him.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Mike Hill

submitted by Mike Hill, Landfill Committee Secretary 11 Feb, 2015