

Approved 04/05/13
Chairman Joel H. Street

LANDFILL COMMITTEE MEETING

March 7, 2013

5:00 pm

APPROVED

In Attendance were Joel Street, Steve Lowrance, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Charles Von Cannon, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz and W. Pat Hicks. Tom Bowers was sitting in for Earnest "Gebe" Ritchie.

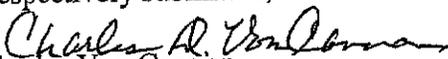
- The clean Team Members from the County High Schools introduced themselves and the schools they represent. See Elizabethton Star for group photograph. Chairman Street has a goal to raise \$1,000 to fund the Clean Team following their group training meeting conducted under the direction of Lt. Mike Fraley of the Carter County Sheriff's Department. The money and/or services were donated by the following persons/businesses: Northeast Community Credit Union-Kathy Campbell, Food City of Elizabethton-Manager Les Musick and Ms. Karen Edmondson, Carter County Attorney - Keith Bowers, Dino's Restaurant-John Williams, Pine Ridge Nursing Home-Debbie Street and area schools. After the Clean Team delegation departed the meeting returned to the agenda.
- Spring Cleaning-Free Days. At the previous meeting Ms. Deloach and Director Lyons were asked to develop cost listings for the prior two spring cleaning free days. The comparisons showed a significant increase in demolition tonnage as well as used tires. The tires must be disposed by the Landfill separately at a cost to the Landfill budget. Commissioner Lewis voiced the opinion that the taxpayers need to get something for their dollars. An increasing number of County taxpayers are elderly and receive no benefits from the schools or the jail expenditures; therefore the free days are needed. Commission Chairman Tom Bowers injected that free days aren't free; the cost is somewhere around \$30,000 to \$40,000 for the three days usually held in conjunction with the stream clean-up efforts and the Sheriff's clean-up efforts in the spring. Ms. Deloach pointed out that there was not sufficient money in the Landfill account to pay for this year's 3 free days and suggested that money would be available during the new budget year which starts in July 2013. Some help currently would be to transfer \$5,800 from the Sheriff's state allocation for clean up to the Landfill budget. Motion was made to do so by Culler, second by Von Cannon, vote all ayes. Discussion continued for nearly one hour as to the pros and cons as to what might happen if days were cut to one or to move the event to the fall. Bowers suggested a cut back to one day and also eliminate free demolition disposal for that day. Chairman called for a five minute recess. Ms. Culler made the motion that we go to a one day disposal in September, second by Ms. Dietz, vote 6 ayes and 2 no's (Lewis and Von Cannon).
- New scales to go into service 3/8/13.
- Chairman Street brought to the attention of the committee that a letter had been received from the TN Environmental Assistance Office concerning the main storm water retention

pond at the Landfill. The pond needs dredging to hold a 25 year rain event. The total cost is not known as figures are being developed. It is known that survey work and other engineering services will cost in excess of \$7,000.00 not including dredging. Von Cannon suggested the County Mayor be contacted and use the weight of his office in resolving this problem. Director Lyons asked to handle this problem alone.

- Commissioner Von Cannon asked about the main door at the Recycling Center which had been "wiped out". Director Lyons indicated the dumpster truck driver has exited the building with his lifting tines in the up position. A question was asked about disciplinary actions, Mr. Lyons indicated the driver quit.

The motion was made to adjourn by Culler, all ayes.

Respectively submitted,


Charles Von Cannon
Recording Secretary

Joel Street
Chairman

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