

Landfill Committee: organizational meeting

10/14/14, 7:30 PM, Mayors Conference Room, Carter County Courthouse

In attendance were Mayor Humphrey, and commissioners Deitz, Gobble, Hill, Miller, Proffitt, Simmerly, VonCannon, and Ward

There were no minutes of previous session, as this was the organizational meeting.

Roll call was made by Mayor Humphrey promptly at 7:30 PM. It was determined that a quorum was present.

First order of business was to open the floor for nominations and elections for officers as follows:

Chairman: Deitz (nominated by Ward seconded by Hill) elected by acclamation

Vice-Chairman: Ward (nominated by Hill) Simmerly (nominated by VonCannon) Ward is elected as follows: Ward: Ward, Proffitt, Hill, Simmerly, Gobble, Miller, Dietz; Simmerly: VonCannon.

Secretary: Hill (nominated by Ward seconded by VonCannon) elected by acclamation

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

Director Ben Lyons made a report to the committee as follows:

- New rolloff truck was placed in service the week prior
- A recycling grant has been applied for and will require a 20% matching funds from the budget committee, which would represent approximately \$6,100.00
- The building has been ordered for the Elk Mills convenience center, and will be delivered within two weeks. Two concrete pads and driveway paving is needed and will require an allocation of funds because the \$100,000 allocation has been fully disbursed.
- Details about the new equipment: 2005 model year, Freightliner brand
Roll-off truck (previous truck was a hook-lift truck)
Estimated to be in service for 20+ years

Comment and discussion from Proffitt:

Landfill relies on borrowing or hiring of equipment to transport breakdowns to and from the repair shop at a cost of \$400 one-way/\$800 round trip. Proposes looking into Acquiring government surplus towing and transport equipment for free. Also notes that the National Guard mechanics might service out track vehicles at no cost to county.

Commissioner Comments:

Trivette (visiting): Spoke in support of Mr. Lyons comment regarding an expressed need for a centralized county-wide garage

Carroll (visiting): Expressed distrust of governments ability to provide services cheaper than private sector

Lyons made followup comment that full implementation of new equipment will require retro-fitting five boxes for compatibility, and will be paid for with the roughly \$5,000 remaining from the original allocation. Estimated cost of this is approximately \$4,000, will require shipping boxes to Morganton NC and will take 4-8 weeks. Also spoke about utilizing trustee labor to finish building inside in Elk Mills. Proffitt states that we should look into utilizing student vocational programs. Ward confirms that the latitude has been given to explore these alternative sources for needed services.

Miller: Questions why we don't recycle glass. VonCannon responds that it is almost impossible to keep colored glass separate from clear, making the material unsaleable, and that the Market dictates what is possible.

Proffitt: Query about garbage trucks transporting trash to Johnson City, resulting in loss of revenue for Carter County, and tearing up our roads. Lyons reports that our prices per ton are in line with surrounding trash operations. We are running a transfer station, not a landfill. Kim Ray, our CTAS representative, reports new requirements for flow control where trash generated within a county must come through a transfer station in the county where it is generated.

Mayor Humphrey suggested looking at single stream recycling model and creating a pilot program modelled after Marshall County where the best year generated \$70,000 in revenue.

Meeting day and time for the committee was set in alignment with Education and Highway Committees on the 1st Monday each month at 6 pm in order to save money. Motion by Ward, Seconded by Hill voice vote was unanimous.

Ward moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Proffitt.