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Landfill Committee Meeting  
January 5, 2015, Mayor's Conference Room

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Deitz at 8:08 PM

Roll call was waived due to all committee members being present for two previous concurrent meetings.

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

**Approval of minutes of previous session and agenda:**

Motion was made by Hill, seconded by Ward Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Director Ben Lyons' landfill report:**

**Old Business**

- Elk Mills is still not open pending wiring and plumbing to be provided at by Technical School.
  - Assurances have been made that work will be completed after Christmas break.
- Cloudland High Welding Project dumpsters are in service and no problems were experienced with the process.
- Recycling Grant was approved, and is being used for additional dumpsters and two roll-offs.
  - Carter County's matching funds portion will be \$6,000.
  - Commissioner Ward pointed out that there will be revenue generated by the new equipment, once it is in place.
  - Commissioner Miller was recognized and stated that he is aware of 4-5 businesses who would gladly use a county dumpster but which are unwilling to pay any rent for the service.
- Engine for the compactor is in the build process in Missouri.
- Testing Company Fees from SME will now be \$1100-1200 annually
  - This is an increase from the \$900 initial annual fee per terms of the contract.

**New Business**

- Land for sale adjacent to the landfill has proven to be insufficient for our purpose because it is not wide enough.
  - Given that testing on the parcel would cost in excess of \$300,000.00, it was determined not to be feasible.
  - Mayor Humphrey stated that the geology and soil composition of the parcel was completely different than that of the existing landfill, and that it was too narrow.
  - Lyons mentioned that SME expert did say that acquisition of this parcel plus a second adjoining parcel that is currently not on the market, could extend the life of the Carter County landfill by 15-20 years.
  - Lyons stated that he felt that he was being diligent in his position to take the initiative to see if this real estate acquisition was feasible, with agreement from the committee.
- State of Tennessee is providing a household hazardous waste event on Saturday May 16 at the transfer station.
  - County will provide inmate labor
  - TN removes and disposes of pesticides, chemicals, and other hazardous materials at no cost to the county.
  - Lyons stated that a jar of mercury was handled last year during this event.
- Landfill has started collecting used cooking oil in partnership with a new local company.
  - Carter County receives 50 cents per gallon of used oil for conversion to biodiesel.
  - Charles VonCannon commented that this would "save a lot of house fires."

Commissioner VonCannon read from news releases about single-stream recycling initiative in Kingsport.

-Ben Lyons stated that Kingsport pays ROC-10 to remove recyclables.

Commissioner VonCannon stated that he checked over the holidays and reported that he found no dumpsters overflowing.

-Ben Lyons replied that he had personally emptied the dumpsters over the holidays to insure that they did not overflow.

Commissioner Miller stated that "we are way behind on recycling".

Commissioner Lewis stated that regarding recycling, Mr. Humphrey has been trying for years to get into it right, and just hasn't come up with the money yet.

-Commissioner Ward replied that was why Benny was out looking for grants everywhere he can but that he can't do it all by himself, and that finding funding is part of our responsibility on the Landfill Committee.

-Ben Lyons stated that the state had approved all four grants that had been applied for over the past five years.

Commissioner Miller asked about increasing the use of prison labor.

-Lyons stated that finding inmates who consistently pass drug screenings, requisite for work release duty assignments, is difficult.

Mayor Humphrey gave notice of workshop on Thursday January 8 to test automated voting system.

Motion to adjourn by Charles VonCannon, Seconded by Mike Hill, and passed unanimously at 8:24 PM.