

Carter County Landfill Committee

January 4, 2016 Highway Department Conference Room

Meeting was called to order promptly at 6:00 PM by Chair Bobbie Dietz

Commissioners Acuff, Dietz, Gobble, Hill, Miller, VonCannon and Ward were present. Commissioner Lyons substituted for Commissioner Simerly who was absent.

Motion was made by Hill, seconded by Gobble to approve the meeting agenda. Motion passed by acclamation.

Motion was made by Ward, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the previous session. Motion was passed by acclamation.

Mayor Humphrey distributed copies of the rejection letter regarding the \$200,000 grant application to the state.

Landfill Director Lyons was absent in order to attend a TDEC Workshop in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. In his absence, Commissioner Dietz reported to the committee on the following projects:

Repairs on the Bobcat are complete and the unit is back in service. Repairs cost \$5,600.00, and rental charges incurred for the replacement machine used during the interim were \$1,600.00.

The issue of elevated ammonia levels from the closed landfill have been resolved. The measurement scale was converted to pounds, and S.M.E. approved the test results, so there will be no elevated processing charges.

Twenty bicycles have been donated to the prison Christmas program.

Bids were sent out for a landfill service truck. Erwin Motors was the lowest bid at \$28,885.00 for a Ford F150 with a \$40,000.00 sticker price. \$3,900.00 will be reassigned from a fuel line item to make up the difference in the \$25,000.00 allocated amount in order to complete the purchase. This will be presented to the Budget Committee for approval, then subsequently brought before the full Commission.

A recycling grant for \$25,000.00 was awarded to the Solid Waste Department for use in acquisition of dumpsters for a proposed recycling program in Carter County Schools.

Carter County lost another employee to Johnson City due to the higher pay scale there.

There was some discussion on the firing range TWRC grant project proposed by State Representative Holsclaw and Mayor Humphrey at the November meeting. It was noted that a resolution was pending from Planning and Zoning regarding criteria for establishing such an enterprise, effectively taking it out of the Landfill committee's hands. Chairperson Dietz requested an informal show of hands as to how

many supported the establishment of this type of operation on landfill property, which failed. She then asked for a show of hands on how many supported the project somewhere else in Carter County, which was unanimously affirmative. Commissioner Gobble related to the committee that he had received several negative calls about the firing range.

Under commissioner comments, Mr. VonCannon reported on conditions he had observed at the recycling center over the holidays, stating that there was some overflow but it wasn't severe and Mr. Lyons seemed to be "on top of it".

Motion to adjourn was made by Miller, seconded by Gobble at 6:20 PM

Respectfully submitted by Mike Hill, Committee Secretary 1/12/16 _____

approved by _____