

**Landfill Committee Meeting**  
**2/1/2016, Mayor's Conference Room**

was called to order by Commissioner Dietz at 6:00 PM

Commissioners Acuff, Dietz, Hill, Miller, Simerly, VonCannon and Ward were present.  
Commissioner Gobble was absent  
Commissioner McQueen, who was present, declined an invitation to represent district 8 at the meeting

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner VonCannon to approve the agenda, and passed by acclamation.  
The minutes were amended to delete "proposed recycling project in the schools".  
Motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous session as amended Commissioner Acuff, seconded by Commissioner Hill and passed by acclamation.

**Public Comments:**

Commissioner Ward brought forward a citizen request to accept demolition material from a house fire in the Hunter School vicinity at no charge. He stated the reasoning for the request was due to a financial hardship situation. After some discussion from the committee and input from Commissioner Lewis who was in the audience, Director Lyons replied that we could not waive the fees because it would result in an outsized number of similar requests from citizens claiming hardship circumstances.

**Old Business:**

Commissioner Lewis asked to be recognized, and revisited a query from a previous session about the potential for sales of ammonia and propane extracted from leache. Commissioner Acuff stated that a process for extracting ammonia exists. Commissioner VonCannon reiterated that the process was cost prohibitive. Director Lyons informed the committee that these processes are available for modern landfill sites that have liners. Carter County's landfill is not a good candidate due to the fact that it is unlined.

**New Business:**

There was no new business brought forth, so the Chair asked Director Lyons for his report on landfill activities.

Director Lyons reported on awards of a grant for recycling as well as a grant on used motor oil. The latter will allow us to make upgrades to the Roan Mountain Convenience Center as well as the transfer station. As a side note, Lyons stated that we are receiving approximately 2,000 gallons of used motor oil at this time, which is disposed cleanly in the operation of the furnaces already in place. He went on to inform the committee that the Solid Waste Department was forced to shut down for two days during the recent winter weather event, and that Carter County has lost three more landfill employees to Johnson City as a result of their 30% higher pay rates. He has subsequently filled the vacated positions and is operating at full staff levels.

**Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner VonCannon informed the committee that circumstances may be favorable to revisit glass recycling. He stated that a German solar panel concern may be establishing operations in our vicinity, and that his research indicated the ability to incorporate into the float glass they will be producing up to 15% recycled glass. This would create an opportunity to sell glass collected so long as we can separate the browns out of the clears.

Commissioner Lewis was recognized and brought more discussion about the request to dump debris from the house fire mentioned at the beginning of the meeting at no cost. He advocated strongly for making an exception for this instance.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Attended by Mike Hill, Secretary

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