

Landfill Committee Meeting
3/7/2016, Mayor's Conference Room

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Dietz at 6:03 PM

Roll call: Commissioners Acuff, Dietz, Hill, Miller, Simerly, VonCannon and Ward were present.
Commissioner McQueen sat in the seat vacated due to Commissioner Gobble's retirement.

Approval of minutes of previous session and agenda:

Motion was made by Commissioner VonCannon, seconded by Commissioner Simerly to approve the agenda, and passed by acclamation.

The minutes were amended to remove "install furnace".

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous session as amended Commissioner Acuff, seconded by Commissioner Simerly and passed by acclamation.

Public Comments: No one made any public comments.

Old Business: No old business was brought forth.

New Business:

The Chair recognized Mr. Edward Jordan, who presented information to the committee on his "Carter Pride" litter initiative. After his presentation, there was some discussion, including recommendations from Commissioner VonCannon for community connections that might help Mr. Jordan with his program. Commissioner Hill made a Motion for the Landfill Committee to sponsor a table with the Chamber of Commerce for nonprofit day at the Covered Bridge Festival for Mr. Jordan to solicit volunteers. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed by acclamation.

Commissioner VonCannon informed the committee that the State Hazardous Household Waste event would be held on May 7.

Chair Dietz brought forth the need to allow Director Lyons to close landfill operations at his discretion during inclement weather events. There was discussion between Mr. Lyons and the committee detailing the fact that sometimes the courthouse fails to notify the landfill when offices close for inclement weather, and that there is a need to insure the safety of all employees plus the inmate work details. Motion was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Acuff to authorize Director Lyons to make inclement weather decisions at his discretion. During discussion, Commissioner VonCannon expressed opposition to this decision, after which it was pointed out that this occurrence only happens 2-3 times per year. Motion passed 7-1 with VonCannon opposing.

Director's Report:

Director Lyons informed the committee that one bid has come in for procurement of new containers, and Big John's is working up quotes on the cost of new sheds. He also stated a desire to work on obtaining raises for the Landfill staff.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner VonCannon discussed the need to get serious about cleanup efforts along 700 miles of roadway in Carter County in support of tourism efforts. Director Lyons talked about the need to begin investigation of a new demolition site, because the expected life of the existing site was about five years. There was also discussion about the ownership of the recycling center building that we occupy at no cost with the City of Elizabethton supplying water.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Hill. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.