

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:
Landfill Committee
July 1, 2019 7:00 PM



Members:

Chairwoman Sonja Culler

Austin Jaynes

Mark Blevins

Ginger Holdren

Nancy Brown

Gary Bailey

Charles Von Cannon

Robin McKamey - absent

I. Call to Order

The Landfill Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Sonja Culler at 6:58 pm.

II. Approval of Agenda

Chairwoman Culler asked to add the following items be added to the agenda under the heading of New Business, 1) hiring a new truck driver, 2) purchasing another trailer, 3) back up equipment for the transfer station. A motion was made to approve the agenda with the changes by Austin Jaynes second by Ginger Holdren. Agenda was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June meeting by Austin Jaynes and second by Mark Blevins. Kelly Collins in for Robin McKamey abstained.

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Old Business

Update: Internet for the landfill.

Gary Bailey reported speaking to CenturyLink, they are in the process of having a map drawn up and they are 1 ½ miles from a hub and it would cost \$30,000 to \$50,000 to run the lines. There is a state grant that may be available but would not know until after the first of July.

Update: Ticket program.

Mr. Lyons reported that he has looked at several programs to see if they had the functions that are needed. As soon as one is chosen, he will contact the comptroller and get approval. Chairwoman Culler asked if these programs needed the internet to work and Mr. Lyons informed her that they do. She also reminded the committee that a ticket program is one of the things that the city asked for when negotiating the contract.

VI. New Business

Attached is the contract drawn up by County Attorney Josh Hardin. Mr. Hardin wants to point out that a correction will be made to page 2, paragraph 3. Chairwoman Culler, Benny Lyons and

Attorney Hardin met with city officials and they had concerns about, A) what would happen if the transfer station is inoperable, Mr. Lyons told them that he could hold three (3) days of trash on the floor if necessary. B) if they come up and the scale wasn't working, the solution from Mr. Lyons was, if a truck came to the station and the scales were not working the truck number would be recorded and the weight for that truck, for the same day the previous week would be used. The corrections will be made to the contract. Mr. Von Cannon asked questions about paragraph 4 about term. Does the five (5) year term interfere with the ability to fulfill it if the landfill fills up. Mr. Lyons assured him that the trash received from the city would be shipped out to Blountville.

Mr. Lyons went over the contract explaining the rates (see page 3). He explained Blountville lowered the price we pay to what we were paying 5 years ago to \$19.78 per ton. The city is projected to bring in 10,362 tons which equals to \$354,898 +/- . Our cost to get it to Blountville is \$204,960 our gain is right at 150,000, this is new money for the landfill. Mr. Lyons assured Ms. Holdren that because we are locked into a five (5) year contract with Blountville we will not spend more money than we take in.

Charles Von Cannon made a motion that the contract be approved by the Landfill committee and be sent to the full commission, second by Gary Bailey.

Roll Call:

Chairwoman Culler – Yes

Mr. Blevins - Yes

Ms. Collins – Yes

Mr. Bailey - Yes

Mr. Jaynes – Yes

Ms. Brown - Yes

Ms. Holdren - Yes

Mr. Von Cannon - Yes

Motion to approve the contract and present it to the full commission was unanimously approved.

Loader:

Last week the loader went down and it took two (2) days to get the part from Knoxville and have the equipment repaired. A bobcat that was rented to use in Roan Mountain was brought down and used to load the trailers. If the loader goes down the transfer station shuts down. With the contract with the city, and the rest of the customers that come in Mr. Lyons would like to have a back up system for equipment failures. A new loader is about \$250,000. A 2016 model loader has been found in California for about \$60,000 with 4,966 hours on it. But would require shipping that could cost \$12,000 to \$15,000. The one in use now is approx. a 2007 model and has 14,000 hours. Mr. Bailey suggested a new loader be purchased and the one we have be used as a back up if needed. Mr. Jaynes made a motion to ask for up to \$100,000 from the Budget Committee for a used loader for the landfill, Mr. Bailey second the motion.

Mr. Jaynes asked to amend his motion to \$150,000. Chairwoman asked if he would hold that motion until they went over the other requests for the landfill and group everything into one amount.

Personnel:

Another driver will be needed to make the extra trips to Blountville. Mr. Lyons is asking for an estimated \$42,181 including benefits.

Truck:

The landfill has 5 trailers that will be sufficient, but Mr. Lyons says another truck is needed. A day cab can be purchased for approximately \$25,000 to \$35,000.

Mr. Jaynes asked Chairwoman Culler if his motion could be amended from \$150,000 to \$175,000, to include the purchase of a day cab truck as well as the loader. Mr. Bailey second the motion. Ms. Holdren expressed her concern about taking this request to the commission. Members of the committee explained points such as if equipment breaks down and a rental equipment has to be obtained it can cost \$10,000 to \$15,000 per month. Ms. Collins suggests that these points are explained well to the budget and to the full commission, so the need and cost effectiveness of these purchases is fully known.

Motion for \$175,000 for equipment for the landfill,

Roll Call:

Chairwoman Culler – Yes

Mr. Blevins - Yes

Ms. Collins – Yes

Mr. Bailey - Yes

Mr. Jaynes – Yes

Ms. Brown - Yes

Ms. Holdren - Yes

Mr. Von Cannon - Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Kelly Collins to send to the Budget committee for \$42,181 for a new employee, second by Austin Jaynes.

Roll Call:

Chairwoman Culler – Yes

Mr. Blevins - Yes

Ms. Collins – Yes

Mr. Bailey - Yes

Mr. Jaynes – Yes

Ms. Brown - Yes

Ms. Holdren - Yes

Mr. Von Cannon - Yes

Motion was unanimously approved.

Directors Report

Roan Mountain Project:

Concrete is at 80% complete, the block retaining walls are done except for filling them with concrete, dumpsters are ordered, prices on the buildings are in, chain link fencing and gates should be going up within the next month. The next thing that can be done is to set the septic tank just as soon as approval is given.

Demolition Area:

The Demolition Area only has a few years left. The lady that owns the land that adjoins the demolition area has 38 acres and wants to sell. She is asking \$2,500 per acre. This is an expansion area for the landfill. It will have to be tested but would keep the landfill open for several years to come depending on the engineers. Chairwoman Culler suggest putting this off till the August or September.

Mr. Lyons is going to investigate storage possibilities at the Workforce Development Center to store cardboard.

VII. Announcement

Chairwoman Culler suggests everyone go up to the Roan Mountain site and look at the progress being made.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Blevins and second by Gary Bailey. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm