

# Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Landfill Committee

November 4, 2019 7:00 PM



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## Members:

Dr. Robert Acuff in for Mark Blevins

Layla Ward

Nancy Brown

Travis Hill in for Gary Bailey

Charles Von Cannon

Sonja Culler

Jerry Proffitt

David Miller

### I. Call to Order

The Landfill Committee was called to order by Sonja Culler at 6:20 pm. Ms. Culler asked that the committee accept the replacements Dr. Acuff for Mark Blevins and Travis Hill for Gary Bailey. A motion by Nancy Brown, second by Layla Ward to accept the replacements. Motion passed unanimously.

### II. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Layla Ward second by Nancy Brown. Agenda was unanimously approved.

### III. Approval of minutes

Ms. Culler would like to make a correction to the October meeting minutes, She asked to apologize to the committee if she stated it wrong last month but her intention was to ask the committee to allow her to remain Chairwoman for that meeting so that she could see to the visit to the property. She also wanted to thank the committee for re-appointing her to the position. A motion was made to approve the October meeting minutes by Layla Ward, second by Nancy Brown. Motion was approved, Robert Acuff and Travis Hill abstained.

### IV. Public Comments

None

### V. Old Business

#### • Recycle Center Fire / Insurance

The building is in the process of being cleaned and the equipment should be cleaned by the end of the week. An electrician has been to the site and checked to make sure the building will be safe; the electricity should be on by the end of the week. The conveyor will have to be checked to see if it is operational and if it is, bailing can begin on the cardboard that has been stored at the landfill. It will be bailed at the site.

Travis Hill asked what the tentative date to start bailing is. Mr. Lyons stated that he hopes to be up and running by November 11.

#### • Roan Mountain Center

Mr. Lyons reported that the paving and building are finished. The fence is the only thing that is incomplete. Cable Fencing has informed Mr. Lyons that the Roan Mountain site is the next project that he has on the books. All the grading work and the building was completed in house by Mr. Lyons and the students from Hampton High School.

#### **VI. New Business**

- **New Location, Purchase, Move Time Frame**

At 4pm today November 4, 2019, Mayor Barnett, Vivian Lewis and Bobby Scott signed an agreement to purchase the property on Cherokee Drive. The date on the agreement is December 18, 2019. Hopefully it will be complete sooner.

Mr. VonCannon brought up the issue with the Johnson City Press printing the address of the property before the business that was there could inform their employees of the sale of the building. Several persons including the Mayor, Ms. Culler and Mr. Lyons. David Miller stated also that he was also contacted about the release of the address.

Ms. Culler contacted D.K. Moore, a construction company out of Johnson City and Bristol. They are the new owners of the Hopland property where the big blue building is. She has contacted them about donating the building to the county. The county can disassemble the building and move it to the landfill.

#### **VII. Directors Report**

The Roan Mountain Project is almost finished, and Mr. Lyons would like to set a Grand Opening date of Monday November 18, 2019 at noon. He wants to get the kids from the high school there for the ribbon cutting. The committee agreed on the time and date.

Mr. Lyons also asked if they wanted to schedule the free day. Ms. Culler pointed out that it should be done after the fence was in place. Mr. Lyons agreed that a day could be set at the commission meeting later this month. He was looking at sometime in December. Ms. Brown asked if it could be done on a Saturday so that more people would be able to come. Mr. Lyons also asked that once the date was set if the committee members could come and help direct traffic and help with the crowd. It would be a busy day.

Mr. Lyons wanted to thank the committee for standing behind him during all the projects and issues going on.

#### **VIII. Commissioner Comments**

Ms. Culler wanted to let the committee know that she had been approached by the public with comments about the recycling. The insurance is the problem and that it is moving slow. She is confident that the committee has moved as quickly as possible to resolve the situation. She wanted to thank Mr. Lyons for his hard work.

Mr. VonCannon also wanted to commend Mr. Lyons, Sonja Culler and Austin Jaynes for the work they put into finding the property and negotiating the deal. "Job Well Done".

Mayor Barnett asked if Mr. Lyons had heard anything about recycling shingles. Mr. Lyons said that he knew that there is a man in Carter County that is trying to start a business grinding shingles to turn into asphalt that can be used in parks and such just not on roadways. He is trying to get a grant from the state to start the business.

Austin Jaynes asked if anyone had had contact with the property owner adjacent to the demolition site at the landfill. Ms. Culler stated that she has spoken to them and informed them

that the county is still interested in the property but with all the projects going on it has been put aside for now. The property will have to be tested before anything could be done. As soon as everything else is complete with the new land and building that property can be brought back up.

Ms. Culler brought to the attention of the committee the report from the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event held on October 12. Mr. Lyons, as usual did a great job and is receiving praise from the district and state for the work he did. Mr. Lyons informed the committee that the county is being looked at for permanent site for Household Hazardous Waste Collection. If the county is chosen as a collection site, containers without electricity, with windows and ventilation, will be supplied.

Mayor Barnett informed the committee that the wife of county employee Keith Perkins passed away. He asked for the family be remembered.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Acuff, second by David Miller. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.