

LANDFILL COMMITTEE

January 7, 2019

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mark Blevins, Nancy Brown, Charles VonCannon, Austin Jaynes, Ginger Holdren, Gary Bailey, Sonja Culler and Robin McKamey

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Sonja Culler, Chairwoman

ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

- Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Mark Blevins to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 meeting as presented. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Mark Blevins to approve the agenda as presented. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Public Comments: None
- Report from Director Lyons: Director Lyons informed the committee he had been notified there would be two (2) Household Hazardous Waste disposal days, one in the Spring and Fall. He stated they had the compactor at the Roan Mountain facility break down since the last meeting. He said if the grant applied for came through, we would be in good shape. If not, they were looking at replacing the compactor and two (2) compactor boxes. He said the cost for replacing the compactor was \$13,476 and the two (2) boxes was \$15,000 and the grant would cover these expenses. He said by replacing these items would basically make Roan Mountain a new facility.
- Old Business: Chairman Culler informed the committee that she, along with the Mayor and several others, had toured the Omni Source building as a possible future recycling center. She said the selling price for the main part on the right hand side of the road going to Bristol was \$600,000 and was a great facility but more property than the county needed. The property across the street was listed at \$150,000 and the property was good but the building was not big enough for what was needed. She related the Mayor had mentioned the old school bus garage as a possible site. Benny Lyons said TDEC might not approve that site as it could be in the flood zone. She suggested the committee take a group tour of the facility as it seemed a great option.
- New Business: Ed Jordan and Mike Simerly on behalf of "Keep Carter County Beautiful" addressed the committee at this time stating they were there to talk about recycling. They said their efforts were to get the city more involved in the recycling process and had applied for a grant through Coca Cola for recycling boxes both permanent and mobile for the city. Mr. Lyons said the city was involved to a certain extent as they had three (3) recycling stations, one each at Mill Street, Lions Field and the Elizabethton Housing Authority. He said the city got the dumpsters through a grant, paved the parking lots and put up the fences. The county then services them with their trucks hauling off the materials to the recycling center for processing and receives the funds for doing so. They said the City Mayor was of the impression the county lost money on this process but was told not only did they make money, they reduced the life of the landfill by diverting the waste dumped there. They asked for a dollar amount received by the county for this process last quarter to send with their Coca Cola grant. They also informed the committee of a rash of large amounts of trash being dumped on city/county roads stating they had talked to the Sheriff's Department, Litter Patrol and 911 to no avail. The committee told them to find out who the property belonged to where the dumping was taking place and contact Chris Schuettler, Director of Planning, for his input.

Commissioner VonCannon stated he had asked Mr. Jordan several days ago if litter offenders

could be identified by posting their names off of fast food receipts with their names on them. He said he was told unless you “saw” the littering offender it could not. Mr. Jordan informed the Keep Carter County Beautiful committee was drafting a blanket letter to be sent to approximately thirty (30) fast food corporations asking if they would possibly scroll a “Don't Litter” message at the bottom of their t.v. advertisements and maybe print it on their paper products. He also said he was meeting with two (2) legislators in the coming weeks and would present this issue to them for consideration.

On motion by Mark Blevins, seconded by Robin McKamey, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved for entry:

Suzi Wallace

Sonja Culler, Chairwoman