

## LANDFILL COMMITTEE

March 4, 2019

3:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Nancy Brown

CALL TO ORDER: Sonja Culler, Chairwoman

ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

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Before the meeting, Chairwoman Cullers offered condolences to Charles VonCannon for the loss of his brother.

- **Approval of Agenda:** On motion by Ginger Holdren, seconded by Mark Blevins the agenda was approved as presented. By voice roll call, motion carried.
- **Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Charles VonCannon, seconded by Austin Jaynes, the minutes of the February meeting were approved as presented. By voice roll call, motion carried.
- **Public Comments:** None
- **Old Business/Director's Report:** Director Lyons reported to the committee Carter County was no longer servicing Johnson City except in an emergency situation. He stated he had purchased two (2) trailers for an amount of \$3,700 to be used in the servicing of the Elizabethton Star. He said his intention was to take the diesel engine off of one of them and make a "wheel buster" as we presently are borrowing one from Sullivan County.

He said since the last meeting, Johnson County was giving us their recycling material and dumpsters had been placed there for pick up.

He informed the committee the county was presently selling metal to Thompson Metals in Kingsport, but he had been approached by Pooner's Recycling and told they would pay us the exact same amount for the metal as well as furnish roll off tubs at the landfill, Roan Mountain and Little Milligan.

Chairwoman Culler asked if he had found a truck for the landfill and was told he was still looking. He said he and Financial Director Brad Burke had been going over his budget and he had asked for \$25,000 for the truck purchase with hopes of finding one cheaper.

Director Lyons informed the committee it was a good possibility, but not yet official, the county would be receiving a state grant for remodeling the Roan Mountain recycling facility in the amount of \$93,000 with a county match of \$25,000. If the county receives this grant it will be used to completely remodel the Roan Mountain center.

Chairwoman Culler stated the audit for the Landfill had been received and asked Mr. Lyons to explain the \$100 violation noted. He stated \$100 was missing from a deposit and measures had been taken to prevent that from happening again. He said new deposit bags were purchased that locked and the girls at the landfill were the only ones with a key. Therefore no one transporting the deposit to the Trustee's Office could open the bag. He further said he had limited the office to employees only and cameras were installed. As the girls had paid the \$100 back, he said he felt the problem had been taken care of. Another finding mentioned was whether purchases after the fire were actually an emergency or not. Chairwoman Culler stated it was mentioned in the Financial Management meeting that changes needed to be made to the county's emergency

policy. Ms. Culler stated they were also called out for not having an engineer on site of the new building purchased after the fire. Director Lyons stated the company the building was purchased from had their own engineer in place and the auditors may not have been aware of that fact. He said they had let bids and entered into a contract with Richardson Builders and this matter would not be a problem to clear up.

Mr. Lyons informed the committee he had received a scholarship and was headed to Murfreesboro for a week to be trained and tested to be "swan" certified.

Lastly, Director Lyons told the committee he had been contacted by a commissioner who had accused him of spending money like crazy this past year. The committee told Mr. Lyons to have that commissioner attend the Landfill meetings and they would become aware he was one of the most frugal department heads in the county when it came to his budget and expenditures.

- New Business: Addressed above
- Commissioner Comments: None

On motion by Mark Blevins, seconded by Austin Jaynes the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved for entry:

Suzi Wallace

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Sonja Culler, Chairwoman