

# Landfill Minutes for April 1, 2019

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

Meeting called to order at 5 pm by Chairwoman Sonja Culler.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Austin Jaynes, seconded by Robin McKamey, and unanimously approved after Chairwoman Culler corrected "March" to "April."

Motion to approve the March minutes was made by Mark Blevins and seconded by Robin McKamey. Minutes were unanimously approved.

No members of the public were present to comment.

## Old Business:

For the business of hauling Elizabethton Star recycling, Director Lyons purchased two trailers for a total of \$3700. On his first haul he sold 28000 pounds for approximately \$1300. With a couple more trips like this one the trailers will have paid for themselves. The trailers also had refrigeration units which Director Lyons is removing one to make a tire crusher for the landfill.

Johnson County bought their own dumpsters which we are servicing for the cardboard, paper, and plastic.

## New Business:

The Director would like to recognize at the full commission meeting in April the students from Hampton High School responsible for the drawing plans for the recycling center in Roan Mountain. The entire committee agreed with Benny Lyons that this is the right thing to do. We are grateful to Mr. Arnett and these Hampton High School students for their assistance in helping us obtain the grant for which we applied to upgrade the Roan Mountain Recycling Center.

Director Lyons has applied for a new grant for \$30,000 to buy hazardous materials containers and prepare the site for the containers. There is no matching fund requirement, but certification is required and will be obtained. The state of Tennessee pays for us to get these materials hauled off when the containers are full.

## Report from Director Lyons:

Benny presented his budget to the committee stating that the wages of the recently approved part-time workers is included in the budget. Also included is the 2.5% raise to employees previously approved by the full commission. Commissioner VonCannon inquired about a "free tire day" being included in the budget and Director Lyons stated that it was not requested in the budget. Other items in the budget request are \$15,000 for a dump truck and \$14,000 to repair a chute and other building maintenance. Commissioner Brown stated that she likes the categories added by Finance Director Burke to bring more transparency to departmental budgets.

Director Lyons stated that the \$93,000 grant money for the recycling center improvements in Roan Mountain has arrived. It and the matching \$25,000 from the county are in the '18-19 budget, not the coming year's.

Commissioner Jaynes stated that Benny has taken him on a tour of the old part of the Elizabethton Recycling Center different from the area that the Landfill Committee toured in October. It is a "mess," needs a loading area and a place to process items. It should be a goal of this committee to find Director Lyons an appropriate space for recycling, according to Commissioner Jaynes.

Commissioner Bailey stated that the Landfill is in need of internet because they are currently using an old cell phone as a hot spot for downloading, etc. Mayor Barnett said that he would call the local internet carriers till he finds one to service the facility.

Director Lyons asked Commissioner Holdren who sits on the board of KCCB (Keep Carter County Beautiful) to be sure that the containers received through the Coca Cola grant be well-labeled. The public must be made aware that putting the wrong substances into recycling containers makes the entire amount waste that must be buried and cannot be recycled!!!

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mark Blevins and seconded by Austin Jaynes.