



# Carter County Commission

## Minutes of:

### Landfill Committee

June 3, 2019 6:00 PM

#### Members:

Chairwoman Sonja Culler

Austin Jaynes

Mark Blevins

Ginger Holdren

Nancy Brown

Gary Bailey

Charles Von Cannon

Robin McKamey

#### I. Call to Order

The Landfill Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Sonja Culler at 6:45pm. All members present.

#### II. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Mark Blevins and second by Austin Jaynes. Agenda was unanimously approved.

#### III. Approval of minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May meeting by Austin Jaynes and second by Mark Blevins. The minutes were unanimously approved.

#### IV. Public Comments

None

#### V. Old Business

Update: dump truck purchase.

Benny Lyons has found a truck for approximately \$12,000 but will have to wait till next year to add it to the 2019/2020 budget. Ms. Culler advised that if holding the truck was going to be an issue funds might be able to be pulled from the emergency fund.

Update: chute repair

Chute repair has not been dealt with, Mr. Lyons stated that he has been working on the grant every day.

Update: building maintenance

The loader went down. It was in next years budget to be replace but it will have to be replaced now. It is something that we must have on the demolition area. Talking to Brad, he said there could be a budget amendment and go ahead and deal with it. Hopefully it will be back up in the next week. The next thing that is an issue is cardboard recycling. No one is buying it and we have about ten loads now. The price right now is about \$20 a ton and last year it was about \$220. Waste Management, Johnson County, Unicoi County all sends their cardboard and we have no room to store it. Options for storage is limited as it must be kept dry. We will either

have to figure out where we will store it or stop taking it. Mills are not wanting to take it and at the low price it is just piling up. We don't want to pay a high price to store it and then sell it too low to pay for the storage. Gary Bailey suggested that he contact someone at Jarl Extrusions and see if there is any space to store it there for a time.

Work has been ongoing in Roan Mountain. Rented a Bobcat to do the gravel work. Bids are in on equipment, should be ordered by next week. Met with the health department and they seem to think we can put in the Septic if we can dig through the rock. Hoping to start setting forms and pouring the floors. Trash pickup is busy, and community is beginning to see a big improvement, residents are seeing progress. The water is on site but not to the top of the property, trenches need to be dug.

Hazardous waste collection event information sheet is attached. A little over 70 households came in and approximately 1500 lb of chemicals came in. State paid all costs.

Ms. Holderen, as a board member of Keep Carter County Beautiful wanted to know if the collection bins that they have out will help pay for the roll off bins that they need for other cleanup projects. Mr. Lyons wants there to be standards set as to what can and cannot be done. Containers were taken to the Teaberry road property, Roan Mountain after flooding and other areas where there were community projects going on. Mr. Lyons stated that complaints were made because he had taken dumpsters to the Teaberry property. Dumpsters have been provided to community cleanup projects for no fee.

A motion was made by Austin Jaynes for Chairwoman Culler, Mayor Barnett and Mr. Lyons to meet with the county attorney Mr. Hardin and work out a procedure to donate dumpsters to help the community with cleanup projects without running into situations with the finance department. The motion was second by Nancy Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Mayor Barnett has meeting with the Elizabethton City Manager and with the sanitation department about giving the county the city trash. The city had concerns about the ticketing process. Mr. Lyons stated that the process that is in place now is a paper ticket that is out of date but without internet and a program that the auditors will approve of, that is all that can be done. Mayor Barnett wants to know what needs to be done to get internet and a new system online for Mr. Lyons. Having an arrangement with the city will be profitable for the county and everything that we can do to get the programs needed. Projected cost of program and internet will be less than \$10,000 and the projected monies coming in from the city is approximately \$140,000.

Chairwoman Culler made a motion for Benny Lyons and Gary Bailey to investigate cost and options for getting the internet and system for the landfill. Ms. McKamey second the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **VII. Announcement**

Question from Austin Jaynes; with the cleanup season in progress, after setting some standards on donating equipment for community projects, can we go back and refund the organizations that have had to pay for equipment since this situation started. Mr. Jaynes was advised that, that question would be asked of Attorney Hardin at the meeting.

**VIII. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Austin Jaynes and second by Mark Blevins. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.