

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Landfill Committee Zoom Meeting

September 3, 2020 6:00 PM



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Members:

Chairwoman Sonja Culler - present

Layla Ward - present

Nancy Brown - present

Gary Bailey - present

Charles Von Cannon - absent

Mark Blevins - present

Jerry Proffitt - present

Thomas Proffitt - present

I. Call to Order

The Landfill Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Sonja Culler. Roll call shows Charles Von Cannon left after the Highway Committee Meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Mark Blevins, second by Nancy Brown.

Roll Call

Thomas Proffitt – yes

Jerry Proffitt – yes

Nancy Brown – yes

Charles Von Cannon – absent

Sonja Culler – yes

Mark Blevins – yes

Layla Ward – yes

Gary Bailey – yes

All in favor. The agenda was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 2020 meeting was made by Layla Ward, second by Mark Blevins.

Roll Call

Thomas Proffitt – yes

Jerry Proffitt – yes

Nancy Brown – yes

Charles Von Cannon – absent

Sonja Culler – yes

Mark Blevins – yes

Layla Ward – yes

Gary Bailey – yes

All in favor. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Old Business

- **Tipping Fee increase**

Brad Burke attended the meeting and explained that he has been looking at the rates and trying to get an amount it cost the county to handle the trash per ton. As of now he does not believe he has enough data to set a price. Will have to look at more data to set a rate. He informed the committee that he hopes to have a clearer number by next month. He suggests that the rates need to be prepared and put in writing by the committee. He also suggested that the current rate of \$42.50 will be too low. He also suggested that training needs to be done on the new software at the landfill to take full advantage of the system and its capabilities. The fiscal year is closed, and the results of operations were \$100,000 more in expenditure than revenue brought in last year. But that was covered by sum balance. The solid waste fund still has a sum balance of \$27,8932.55. Gary Bailey asked Mr. Burke, do we need to hold off on rate change until your finished running numbers? Attorney Hardin reminded the committee that the rate had already been approved by the Full Commission to start in October.

Gary Bailey made a motion to send it back to the Full Commission, Jerry Proffitt second the motion. Chairwoman Culler informed the committee that if it goes back to the Full Commission someone on the opposing side will have to ask them to revisit and reconsider, to not do any rate changes until Mr. Burke is finished with his research. Randall Jenkins asked what this will do to the vote to offer Blue Ridge a contract. Chairwoman Culler stated that it will be revisited after the Full Commission. Attorney Hardin stated that we were under no timeline to offer contract.

Roll Call

Thomas Proffitt – yes

Jerry Proffitt – yes

Nancy Brown – yes

Charles Von Cannon – absent

Sonja Culler – yes

Mark Blevins – yes

Layla Ward – yes

Gary Bailey – yes

All in favor. The motion unanimously passed.

- **Bids for addition at Recycle center**

Benny Lyons informed the committee that it has been turned over to Austin Jaynes Chairman of the Buildings & Grounds Committee to get bids. Chairwoman Culler stated that she would get with Austin Jaynes for an update.

VI. New Business

- **Plastic Recycle**

Mr. Lyons reported that they are still not tacking plastic. But cardboard is doing well now. Ms. Holdren asked Mr. Lyons when the city recycle centers will be reopened. Mr. Lyons stated that the one on Mill Street and Lyons Field are not open. He suggested that they will be reopened when they can take plastic again. They are unmanned sites so they will have to be closed until they can be regulated, or the bins can be relabeled. Mr.

Blevins asked why he cannot bail plastic and store it outside. Mr. Lyons stated that he can bail the plastic but does not have the capacity to handle plastic right now. Mr. Lyons stated that he is hoping to open them in October / November. Mr. Blevins asked Mr. Lyons to check on a new bailer. Mr. Lyons stated that he has, and the company is going to come and do some measuring and see what will fit in the area before giving a price. Chairwoman Culler stated that she is going to put the bailer back on the agenda.

- **Employees**

Mr. Lyons informed the committee that he has two full time employees at the demolition part of the landfill and two at the recycle center. Will be looking for a new part time employee soon.

VII. Commissioner Comments

Gary Bailey asked if everyone thought the sound system was clearer. Everyone agreed that the system was better and thanked Mr. Bailey for his work on obtaining the new system.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Blevins, second by Gary Bailey. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Gwen Crowe