

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Landfill Committee Zoom Meeting

October 5, 2020 6:00 PM

Members:

Sonja Culler - present

Nancy Brown - present

Mark Tester - present

Jerry Proffitt - absent

Layla Ward - present

Gary Bailey - present

Mark Blevins - present

Kelly Collins - present

I. Call to Order

The Landfill Committee was called to order by Sonja Culler at 6:00pm. Roll call shows Jerry Proffitt absent.

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Mark Blevins, second by Layla Ward. All in favor. Motion unanimously passed.

III. Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 2020 meeting was made by Mark Blevins, second by Nancy Brown. All in favor except for Kelly Collins who abstained. The minutes were approved.

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Sectary

Chairman:

Gary Bailey was nominated by Mark Blevins

Sonja Culler was nominated by Kelly Collins

Mark Blevins made a motion to stop nominations. All in favor.

Roll Call:

Mark Tester – Gary Bailey

Nancy Brown – Gary Bailey

Kelly Collins – Sonja Culler

Sonja Culler – Sonja Culler

Mark Blevins – Gary Bailey

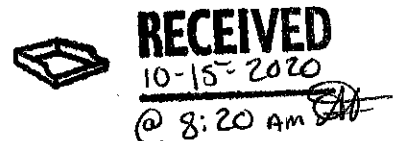
Layla Ward – Gary Bailey

Gary Bailey – Gary Bailey

Jerry Proffitt – absent

Gary Bailey was elected to be Chairman by a vote of 5 to 2.

Vice Chairman:



Sonja Culler was nominated by Nancy Brown

Mark Tester was nominated by Mark Blevins

Roll Call:

Mark Tester -- Mark Tester

Nancy Brown -- Sonja Culler

Kelly Collins -- Sonja Culler

Sonja Culler -- Sonja Culler

Mark Blevins -- Mark Tester

Layla Ward -- Sonja Culler

Gary Bailey -- Mark Tester

Jerry Proffitt -- absent

Sonja Culler was elected to be Vice Chairwoman by a vote of 4 to 3.

Secretary:

Layla Ward was nominated by Mark Blevins

Layla Ward was elected to be Secretary by acclamation. All in favor.

VI. Old Business

- **Tipping Fee revisit**

Last month it was recommended that Brad Burke look at the numbers to determine how much of an increase was needed. Benny Lyons informed the committee that Mr. Burke has been given the information to evaluate.

Ms. Culler asked Mr. Lyons if he had gotten an update from Mr. Burke. Mr. Lyons replied that he had not.

- **Bids for materials 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. Mr. Lyons informed the committee that he had met with Mr. Jaynes and Ms. Holdren but had no update on the process.

VII. New Business

- **Plastic Recycle update**

Mr. Lyons informed the committee that he has had to go with cardboard over plastic. And that he was having a hard time keeping up with the cardboard. Ms. Brown asked Mr. Lyons about the pricing for cardboard over plastic. Cardboard is going for \$60.00 per ton and plastic is going for approx. .01 cent per pound. Chairman Bailey asked Mr. Lyons if he had a place to store the plastic, Mr. Lyons informed the committee that plastic was not being accepted now. Cardboard is being baled as fast as it can be baled. Waste Management is bringing in 2/3 trucks a day.

Sonja Culler suggests that Chairman Bailey go down to the center to have a look.

- **Baler Quote for Recycle center**

Director Lyons informed the committee that he did get a quote for a new baler.

Total without installation for a brand-new baler - \$373,895.48

Baler - \$189,782.40

Conveyer - \$170,111.04

Photocell for conveyor control, Hopper extension for baler, 10hp VFD for baler conveyor
- \$6551.04

Installation - \$29,500.00

We still must prepare the pit for installation.

The price of cardboard is down right now but the volume is way up. Ms. Collins asked why the volume is up. Mr. Lyons informed the committee that when Tri Cities Wastepaper in Kingsport closed it left only Carter County and Johnson City that will take cardboard. Johnson City takes so much it leaves Carter County to take Waste Management. Chairman Bailey asked if he thought this volume was going to be permanent. Director Lyons stated, yes, he did. We also take all of Johnson County as well.

A motion was made by Sonja Culler, second by Layla Ward, to present the amount of \$403,395.48 to the budget committee for the new baler, conveyer with installation. She wishes to ask for this money to come out of the Governors money.

Roll Call:

Mark Tester -- yes

Nancy Brown -- yes

Kelly Collins -- yes

Sonja Culler -- yes

Mark Blevins -- yes

Layla Ward -- yes

Gary Bailey -- yes

Jerry Proffitt -- absent

Motion passed 7-0 with Jerry Proffitt absent.

Director Lyons thanked the committee for supporting him.

Mr. Tester asked Mr. Lyons how many tons of cardboard was baled last month?

Mr. Lyons stated that he was sending out 3 trailers per week at 41,000 lbs. per trailer. Approx. 60 tons per week. The new baler will speed up the process because it will not have to be stopped to tie. Ms. Collins asked if he had the employees to maintain this? He stated yes, he does now have the employees to run it.

Mr. Tester asked how much the Director thinks he will be able to bale with the new baler. Mr. Lyons stated that he believes he will be able to do 20/25 bales per day up from 13/14 now. The bales will be tighter and will weigh more than they do now. Mr. Lyons asked the committee to call and he would meet them at the center to show them what is happening. Mr. Blevins asked if the new system is being used to keep track of what is being brought into the landfill. Mr. Lyons informed him that yes, it is being used to keep track. Mr. Blevins asked to have the numbers for the household waste and the demolition to be presented to the committee each month.

A motion was made by Mark Blevins, second by Nancy Brown starting in November to have a report on everything taken in and what money is brought into the landfill presented to the committee each month.

Roll Call:

Mark Tester -- yes

Nancy Brown -- yes

Kelly Collins -- yes

Sonja Culler -- yes

Mark Blevins -- yes

Layla Ward – yes
Gary Bailey – yes
Jerry Proffitt – absent
The motion passes with a 7-0 vote.

VIII. Directors Report

Director Lyons stated that the cardboard and trash at the landfill is still picking up.

IX. Commissioner Comments

Chairman Bailey welcomed the new members Kelly Collins and Mark Tester to the committee Ms. Culler reminded Chairman Bailey that he will need to meet with Mr. Lyons to sign the time sheets every two weeks.

X. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Blevins, second by Nancy Brown. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by

Gwen Crowe