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Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Landfill Committee Zoom Meeting

December 7, 2020 6:00 PM

Members:

Sonja Culler - present

Nancy Brown - present

Mark Tester - present

Jerry Proffitt - present

Layla Ward - present

Gary Bailey - present

Mark Blevins - present

Kelly Collins - present

I. Call to Order

The Landfill Committee was called to order by Chairman Gary Bailey at 6:24pm. Roll call shows all members present.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of minutes

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

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Old Business

a. Building Updates

Chairman Bailey stated that he has been in contact with Brad Burke in the finance department and he wanted to inform the committee that there is \$47,937.31 available for the purchase of the building that Director Lyons needs. They are getting ready to bid out the building for the specs that Mr. Lyons needs.

b. Landfill Rates – report

Chairman Bailey also discussed with Mr. Burke the issue about the landfill rates. There has been some confusion about if the rates needed to be raised and if so, how much. Attorney Hardin informed the committee that if the rates needed to be raised it had to be across the board. Mr. Burke has been doing some studies and running the numbers on what it cost to run a ton of trash and trying to determine how much needs to be charged to keep the landfill profitable. Chairman Bailey asked the committee to remember that Mr. Lyons inherited old equipment and needs more money to keep it running. Mr. Lyons is doing a great job, but the landfill is costing more than it makes. Chairman Bailey informed the committee that Mr. Burke has given him a preliminary number for the increase but was finishing up and would have the final numbers by the full commission, he would present them there. Ms. Collins asked why wait for the full commission, shouldn't that come to the

Landfill committee before going to full commission. Chairman Bailey advised the committee that these weren't the final numbers, but Mr. Burke was estimating the rate increase from \$42.50 to \$52/\$53 per ton. The committee will need to decide what will need to be done with the contracts, right now it cost more to get rid of the trash than the county makes on it. Mr. Blevins stated that they county must honor the contracts, but the rates will need to be raised. Mr. Blevins asked Chairman Bailey when Mr. Burke gets the final numbers could that be passed to the committee members along with how he got that number? Chairman Bailey agreed that he would email it to the whole commission the process that Mr. Burke did to get the prices.

Chairman Bailey stated that Mr. Lyons was doing a great job with the recycling center. He believes that the work Mr. Lyons is doing is the only thing that will save the landfill. Mr. Lyons stated that he has been checking on balers and wants to get the right one. He has been to Georgia and Franklin TN to see different ones working. He has seen 3 different ones and took pictures and videos of it running. Mr. Tester stated that according to the material summery report and the tonnage brought in last month multiplied by the increased rate of \$52. Is roughly an increase from \$85,727 to \$112,320 per month.

VI. New Business

None

VII. Directors Report

None

VIII. Directors Comments

Mr. Lyons informed the committee that he has looked at 3 different balers and that the cardboard is coming in faster than he can process it. Mr. Blevins asked when can we expect a new baler? Mr. Lyons answered that the three companies that he spoke with are doing the drawings this week. Some things will have to be built to spec but once ordered it will take approx. 6/8 weeks. Mr. Proffitt asked if Mr. Lyons has a preference of the three? Mr. Lyons stated that he has been unable to sit down with the literature given and compare side by side yet. Mr. Proffitt stated that he would go along with whatever he wanted because he understands that Mr. Lyons knows what he needs. Mr. Lyons stated that the manufactures go through a government bid process so the county can use the bid that is available so that will reduce the time by 2/3 weeks. He also informed the committee that some of the prep work and the pre-installation work will have to be finished before the baler can be installed by the company.

IX. Commissioner Comments

None

X. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Blevins, second by Jerry Proffitt. Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Gwen Crowe