

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Landfill Committee

February 3, 2020 6:00 PM



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Members:

Chairwoman Sonja Culler

Layla Ward

Nancy Brown

Gary Bailey

Charles Von Cannon

Mark Blevins

Jerry Proffitt

David Miller

I. Call to Order

The Landfill Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Sonja Culler at 6:30 pm.

II. Approval of Agenda

Chairwoman Culler asked to make an amendment to the agenda by adding "Road to the Recycle Center" to Old Business. A motion was made to approve the amended agenda by Layla Ward, second by Mark Blevins. The agenda was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 2020 meeting was made by Layla Ward second by Mark Blevins. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Old Business

- **Property for sale at Landfill location – Possible table again**

Chairwoman Culler asked Benny Lyons to tell the committee about another possible plot of land for the landfill. Mr. Lyons explained that a piece of land that joins the landfill and runs up toward Hwy 91 may be going up for sale soon. He will be keeping his eye on it and would like to keep it on the agenda. As with the other property testing would have to be done to see if it is usable for the landfill.

- **Status of "Blue" building / use**

Chairwoman Culler informed that committee that the blue building at the construction site on Elk Ave. that was going to be donated to the county has been torn down and destroyed. She stated that she didn't know what happened in the communication with the company. They were supposed to get back with her about when she could get a work crew there to dismantle it and then it was down.

- **Fencing at new recycle center**

Mr. Lyons stated that he had gotten a quote from Cable fencing but is trying to get other things taken care of first and will try to get to it soon.

- **Employee holiday concerns**

The issue about the holiday pay for the employees at the landfill who don't get the same time off as other county employees are being compensated with holiday pay and their regular pay for the hours worked during this time.

- **Bids for addition at Recycle center**

Mr. Lyons asked for bids for the buildings for the storage at the landfill. He stated that one was unacceptable and wasn't what they were looking for. The other was for a 2000/3000 sq. ft. building and the bid was \$48,000 +/- . Mr. Lyons contacted a company out of Morristown that he has worked with in the past and they gave him a quote for a 96"x 40"x16" building, materials only for \$19,650. They told him the price for the materials and construction would be approximately \$31,800. The county can save money if they only purchase the materials and have the inmates build it. Depending on the timeline of availability with the inmates they may have to have it built by the company. This is the price without concrete. This will have to go out for bid, but it will be paid for out of the remainder of the money.

Mr. VonCannon asked if Mr. Lyons had checked the building materials that are on site. Mr. Lyons stated that he had measured, and the frame is there for a building approximately 140" or 60" x 200" wide. The height is 12" but could be put up on concrete columns to make your height 16". Some of the pieces are bent so it may not be able to go a full 200". They will need a roof, concrete pad, hardware and siding to use it. Gary Bailey is estimating the cost of the concrete pad will be approximately \$7700. Mr. Lyons and Chairwoman Culler expressed that with the immediate need for storage they want to go with the constructed building for \$31,800. Gary Bailey asked Mr. Lyons how much money he still had. Mr. Lyons stated that they gave them \$96,000. He paid \$46,000 for the asbestos abatement. He is due reimbursement for approximately another \$25,000.

- **Road to the Recycle Center**

Chairwoman Culler stated that the road to the landfill if gifted to the county by Mr. Bill Taylor would have to be a county road and have public access. According to County Attorney Hardin the road can remain in the possession of Mr. Taylor and Taylor Construction and they can put up private property signage and the county can maintain it with an easement. Maintenance would include paving the road.

VI. New Business

- **Budget**

Mr. Lyons presented his budget to the committee for the coming year. He added several expenditures from last year. He is asking for funds for pay raises for the department employees as well as pay for two new full-time employees one for the landfill and one for the recycle center. Some upgrades and repairs to the transfer stations, equipment and vehicle maintenance was also included. The discussion started about how efficient it would be to have a central garage that would do maintenance on all the county vehicles and equipment. Several members noted that it had been discussed before with no results.

- **Need for more employees**

Mr. Lyons is asking for two full time employees, one for the landfill and one for the recycle center. With all the expansions in the past there is a real need for new employees.

VII. Directors Report

Mr. Lyons informed the committee that the Stoney Creek Fire Department needs an air compressor. The landfill has three and they are not being used. He would like permission to donate one the them. Chairwoman Culler stated that she didn't think it would be a problem, but they need to speak with Attorney Hardin and determine what steps needed to be taken to make the donation.

Gary Bailey made a motion to speak to Attorney Hardin about donating one of the air compressors currently not being used, to the Stoney Creek Fire Department. Nancy Brown second the motion. All in favor, the motion unanimously passed.

VIII. Commissioner Comments

None

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Blevins, second by Nancy Brown. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.