

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Landfill Committee

June 1, 2020 6:00 PM

Members:

Chairwoman Sonja Culler

Nancy Brown

Charles Von Cannon

Jerry Proffitt

Layla Ward

Gary Bailey - Absent

Mark Blevins

David Miller

I. Call to Order

The Landfill Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Sonja Culler at 6:04 pm.

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Mark Blevins, second by Jerry Proffitt. The agenda was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 2020 meeting was made by Nancy Brown second by Mark Blevins. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Old Business

- Budget

Benny Lyons explained to the committee that he was asked to cut his budget at the Budget Committee meeting in May. It was cut approx. \$600,000. Items that were cut were, new equipment, repairs, and employee raises. He assured that he is trying to bring in extra money, but those programs also cost money to start. David Miller asked what kind of loss was there due to the Covid 19 virus. Mr. Lyons stated that it was about \$60,000 in 2 months.

Chairwoman Culler stated that she wanted to ask for bonuses for the employees but with the budget cuts, did not think now would be a good time to do so. Wanted to assure Benny that she would make sure everyone remembered that his staff worked everyday during the shutdown. It would not be forgotten.

Mr. Lyons presented the Solid Waste Reporting: 2019 Calendar Year for several local and comparable counties (attached). He also presented the FY 2019 East Tennessee County Solid Waste Accounts (attached) and made a call with Kim Reyes with the state to explain the details of the report.

It has been suggested in the past the county raise the tipping fees. The has not been an increase in 12 years. The current price is \$41.50 per ton.



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Mark Blevins made a motion to raise the tipping fee to \$45.00, Jerry Proffitt second the motion. Mr. Lyons stated that it would affect everyone that comes to the dump. Mr. Lyons asked if the motion could be put off till next month so that Ms. Reyes could bring some slides and explain the report in further detail. Mr. Blevins withdrew his motion with the agreement of Mr. Proffitt. David Miller asked Mr. Lyons if he was ok the \$45.00 amount. Mr. Lyons explained that he was ok and the reason he was is because even with the increase Carter County would still be cheaper because all others add fees to their base price that they advertise.

Mark Blevins with approval from Jerry Proffitt, withdrew his motion till Ms. Reyes can be present.

Chairwoman Culler tabled the discussion till next month.

- **Property for sale at Landfill location – Continue to discuss**

Benny informed the committee that he had not had much time to work on it but had found out that there is another piece directly beside the landfill that will be for sale as well. He will continue to keep his eye out for any other information.

- **Bids for addition at Recycle center**

The County is basically supporting the addition with \$50,000 but it wont cover the cost estimated at \$60,000 + without concrete. This is a wood frame and metal shell. He is asking for bids for materials only. Mayor Barnett stated that he would check into inmates for the labor to put up the structure.

Charles Von Cannon asked about the materials that are on the property now, why can't they be used? Mr. Lyons informed him that the building erected from those materials would not be high enough, and that he would probably be putting the building up himself and without the experience in construction he would not be able to modify the materials to make it work at this time.

VI. **New Business**

- **Re-opening of Recycle Center**

The re-opening of the Recycle Center will be Monday June 8, 2020 with the convenience centers re-opening 2 weeks later.

- **Employees**

Will Hire after July 1, 2020

VII. **Directors Report**

Mr. Lyons stated that things are back to normal

VIII. **Commissioner Comments**

Nancy Brown informed Mr. Lyons that she had gotten a complaint from a citizen about the convenience centers around the lake. Mr. Lyons stated that he had received the same complaint and the issue is not something that can be changed.

Ms. Brown asked what commissioners can tell the citizens in their districts to do to keep costs down. Mr. Lyons stated that the best thing to do is recycle, recycle, recycle! Every time someone brings in a bag of trash to the dump full of recyclables it cost the landfill money. When they

recycle the landfill can sell the paper, plastic, glass or metal and make a little money from that sell. So, recycle!

Chairwoman Culler stated again to Mr. Lyons that she would not forget the he and his people worked every day during the shutdown.

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Brown, second by Mark Blevins. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

SOLID WASTE REPORTING: 2019 CALENDAR YEAR

Highlight Member
No items highlighted

POPULATION

| County | 2019 Pop | Pop Rank |
|------------|----------|----------|
| Anderson | 75,263 | 5 |
| Bledsoe | 12,853 | 29 |
| Bradley | 100,070 | 3 |
| Campbell | 40,553 | 16 |
| Carter | 57,458 | 8 |
| Clayborne | 31,915 | 19 |
| Cocke | 35,596 | 17 |
| Coffee | 53,011 | 11 |
| Franklin | 40,985 | 15 |
| Granger | 22,653 | 21 |
| Greene | 68,629 | 6 |
| Grundy | 13,657 | 28 |
| Hamblen | 62,721 | 7 |
| Hancock | 6,737 | 31 |
| Hawkins | 56,259 | 9 |
| Jefferson | 51,759 | 12 |
| Johnson | 18,158 | 25 |
| Loudon | 49,188 | 13 |
| Marion | 28,214 | 20 |
| Meigs | 11,706 | 30 |
| Monroe | 47,887 | 14 |
| Morgan | 21,964 | 23 |
| Polk | 16,723 | 26 |
| Rhea | 32,880 | 18 |
| Roane | 53,765 | 10 |
| Scott | 22,154 | 22 |
| Sequatchie | 14,333 | 27 |
| Sevier | 91,295 | 4 |
| Sullivan | 156,741 | 1 |
| Union | 18,254 | 24 |
| Washington | 123,891 | 2 |

Tonnage

| Member | Total Tons | Class I - Exported out of.. | Class I - Inside Tenness. | Class III/IV - Inside Ten.. |
|----------------|------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Anderson APR | 93,473 | | 80,460 | 13,013 |
| Bledsoe APR | 4,492 | | 4,492 | |
| Bradley APR | 152,851 | | 141,652 | 11,199 |
| Campbell APR | 39,026 | | 36,026 | |
| Carter APR | 35,472 | | 30,899 | 4,573 |
| Clayborne APR | 27,219 | | 18,484 | 5,735 |
| Cocke APR | 46,205 | | 46,157 | 48 |
| Coffee APR | 56,723 | | 56,201 | 2,522 |
| Franklin APR | 52,684 | | 52,683 | 1 |
| Granger APR | 16,168 | | 14,520 | 1,648 |
| Greene APR | 60,398 | | 50,397 | 10,002 |
| Grundy APR | 7,099 | | 7,099 | |
| Hamblen APR | 115,993 | | 115,939 | 54 |
| Hancock APR | 3,551 | | 3,551 | |
| Hawkins APR | 55,617 | | 55,617 | |
| Jefferson APR | 63,849 | | 50,618 | 13,231 |
| Johnson APR | 12,598 | 9,647 | 2,951 | |
| Loudon APR | 256,038 | | 256,038 | |
| Madison APR | 181,034 | | 181,034 | |
| Marion APR | 23,418 | 0 | 23,418 | |
| McMinn APR | 135,274 | | 112,774 | 22,501 |
| Meigs APR | 4,100 | | 4,098 | 1 |
| Monroe APR | 34,941 | | 34,936 | 5 |
| Morgan APR | 90,536 | | 88,060 | 2,476 |
| Overton APR | 28,768 | | 28,768 | |
| Polk APR | 6,137 | | 6,137 | |
| Rhea APR | 36,011 | | 32,011 | 1 |
| Roane APR | 65,978 | | 62,149 | 3,829 |
| Scott APR | 15,757 | | 15,757 | |
| Sequatchie APR | 5,175 | 0 | 5,175 | |
| Sevier APR | 78,290 | | 21,656 | 56,634 |
| Sullivan APR | 255,280 | | 212,102 | 43,178 |
| Union APR | 15,074 | | 15,066 | 7 |



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