

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Landfill Committee

January 03, 2022, 6:00 PM

Members:

Ginger Holdren - present

Kelly Collins - absent

Thomas Proffitt – (in for Kelly Collins)

Mark Blevins – present

Nancy Brown - present

Mark Tester – present

Jerry Proffitt - absent

Gary Bailey – present

Sonja Culler – present

I. Call to Order

The Landfill Committee was called to order by Chairman Gary Bailey.

II. Roll Call

Landfill will go with the same roll call as Education meeting.

Present:

Ginger Holdren

Thomas Proffitt

(in for Kelly Collins)

Mark Blevins

Nancy Brown

Jerry Proffitt

Mark Tester

Gary Bailey

Sonja Culler

Absent:

Kelly Collins

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Mark Blevins, second by Mark Tester to accept the agenda for tonight's meeting.

All in favor, **motion carried.**

IV. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion was made by Ginger Holdren, second by Nancy Brown to accept the minutes from the last meeting.

All in favor, **motion carried.**

V. Public Comments

None

VI. Old Business

A. Rates at Landfill – New land, rates per ton

Chairman Bailey reminded the committee that last June then Finance Director Brad Burke did a study on how much the landfill needed to raise the rates so they would either break even or make enough money to not only maintain the landfill now but to help prepare for the purchase of new land or the closing of the landfill. Chairman Bailey stated that decisions are going to have to be made, are we going to close it or keep it open. If we close it, we will still have to maintain it at a significant cost yearly. If we keep it open, we are going to have to expand it. The rates are going to have to be raised again. The rates went up with the city

but where we take ours raised rates again as well. Director Lyons stated that prices are not going to get any better. They had three landfills to work with, but one bought out the other and the third is in Bristol and they may close because of complaints. Mayor Woodby stated that she had a discussion with the Johnson City manager about the leachate and she stated that the landfill may have to look at other arrangements. She is going to speak to City of Elizabethton Officials about them taking the leachate and saving the county about \$100,000. Last month the committee voted to have Attorney Hardin contact the three property owners bordering the landfill property. Attorney Hardin informed the committee that he had sent out letters to three property owners and only one was interested in selling part of the property. Director Lyons stated that as much as it costs to do the testing, unless there is all three available, he believes it would be a waste of money. Commissioner Holdren stated that she does not know of any business that has an increase in their bills and they do not pass it on to the consumer, we must do that too. Commissioner Austin Jaynes who was in attendance, informed the committee that he knows of about three hundred acres that may be for sale and he will check on it for a new landfill. Ms. Holdren stated that she would like to see the finance department do another study but right now its budget season and it would be hard for them to get to that right now.

B. Trucks (3)

Everything has been approved for the purchase of the trucks, once the commission votes to approve it Director Lyons can order the trucks. Director Lyons stated that he has already been in touch with the company and one of the front loader is in stock, it will be March before they can get bed on it.

C. Transfer station (repairs)

Chairman Bailey stated that the transfer station is about 30 years old. With use the concrete has been destroyed in places down to the dirt. It will take an architect to draw up plans to repair it. The question is what will have to be done to keep it open during the repair process. Mark Tester asked if the old transfer station down on river road can be used while this one is being repaired. Director Lyons stated that that one does not have scales. But, when he got the scales about 7 years ago, he rented, or borrowed scales. That is one solution.

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Directors Report

Report Attached

IX. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Culler stated that she saw someone taking trash out from Sycamore Shoals Hospital and it contained blue gloves and bio waste as well. Director Lyons stated that she has spoken to the pharmacist and engineering, and they have been on site, and they assured him it would be taken care of.

Commissioner Jaynes asked for a word of prayer for Robin McKamey and the death of her brother.

X. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Blevins, second by Mark Tester. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Gwen Crowe