

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Landfill Committee

March 07, 2022, 6:00 PM

Members:

Ginger Holdren - present
Kelly Collins - present
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. Chairman Bailey stated that Director Lyons would be attending the meeting via phone.

II. Roll Call

Present:

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| Ginger Holdren | Jerry Proffitt |
| Kelly Collins | Mark Tester |
| Mark Blevins | Gary Bailey |
| Nancy Brown | Sonja Culler |

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 January Meeting (no meeting in February)

Motion was made by Jerry Proffitt, 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. Transfer Station

The went and looked at the transfer station and the suggestion is to build another transfer station, keeping the first one open as a backup. This will have to go before the Building & Ground Committee first.

B. Land for Landfill Expansion

Attorney Hardin reached out to the landowners again and the one that is interested wants to leave a section that has a home on it for family members. The others are not interested. The land can be taken by eminent domain, but the land would have to be tested to see if it is suitable for the landfill. The county would still have to pay market value for the property. The process is not quick, it will take a good time to complete. The county would have to initiate a law suite to come on their land to do the testing. If the land is not suitable then the

lawsuit can be dropped. The interest is not in taking someone's land, if the county can offer enough for the property, it might sway them. How much over market value can we offer. In January Austin Jaynes stated at the meeting that he knew of a large tract of land that might be suitable for a new landfill. Upon checking on it Mark Tester stated that the owner wanted \$12,000 per acre. He stated that it would never pay for itself.

Motion by Mark Blevins, to have Attorney Hardin to file a suite to allow the county to test the land in question for suitability for the landfill expansion.

Attorney Hardin state that he believed more research should be done before a suite is filed.

Commissioner Blevins withdrew the motion.

Director Lyons phoned in, and the discussion began that he and Attorney Hardin would get together and discuss the land. Get the information needed to proceed. Director Lyons, when asked said that the landfill has five (5) years at the most.

Kelly Collins asked if someone from the state could come in to guide us in what needs to be done. Director Lyons stated that there was, and he would contact them.

VII. New Business

Finance Department sent Director Lyons an email that if he has a budget amendment it has to be approved through Landfill Committee then Budget Committee and then through the full commission. There is \$25,000 in the Capital Projects to uses for the Transfer Station, but he would like to move the money to be used to put the sides on the building. The sides and the garage door will be about \$20,000.

Motion by Sonja Culler, second by Nancy Brown to send this to the Budget Committee to move funds from one line item to another line item to put the sides on the building.

VIII. Directors Report

Director Lyons reported that for the month of February the Landfill brought in \$96,980.95. Cardboard for the month of February there was 81 tons shipped out at \$150 per ton or \$13,770.

IX. Commissioner Comments

Nancy Brown asked Director Lyons if they were still getting a lot of cardboard? Director Lyons stated yes.

Mark Tester asked if he could give round figures of how much he has sold in recycling this year. Directory Lyons stated that they had done \$226,000 this year. At this rate he expects to have the new baler paid for in two years.

Mark Blevins stated that in January there was no printout of what has been done at the landfill. There was no meeting last month and now this month there is no printout again. Chairman Bailey stated that he would see that everyone received one.

X. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Collins, second by Ginger Holdren.

All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Gwen Crowe

