

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Landfill Committee

April 4, 2022, 6:00 PM

Members:

Ginger Holdren - Present

Kelly Collins - Present

Mark Blevins - Present

Nancy Brown - Present

Mark Tester – Present

Jerry Proffitt - Present

Gary Bailey - Present

Sonja Culler - Present

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Voice Roll Call as Follows:

Present:

Ginger Holdren

Kelly Collins

Mark Blevins

Nancy Brown

Mark Tester

Jerry Proffitt

Gary Bailey

Sonja Culler

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mark Blevins, second by Mark Tester to accept the agenda as written.

All in favor, motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion by Mark Blevins, second by Nancy Brown to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

All in favor, motion carried.

5. Public Comments

Glen Kvernelane stated that the road to the landfill was rough and full of potholes. He asked the director if that would be fixed soon? Directory Lyons answered that they try to fix every couple of months.

6. Old Business

A. Update on landfill expansion

The committee asked Attorney Hardin to look into and speak with the landowners around the landfill to see if there is a way for the county to obtain the land for the expansion. Chairman Bailey spoke about the letter that was sent out about the county taking the land. He stated that nothing was voted on and that isn't the plan. Each piece of property will have to be tested to see if it is suitable for expansion. The committee wanted to see what it would take to be able to

test the land. Attorney Hardin stated that one of the property owners contacted him about not wanting to be involved in a law suite and would be willing to talk about selling. The committee will need to decide if they want to expand.

Director Lyons stated that representatives from the state came in last week to discuss what would need to be done to expand. They have concern with the topography of the surrounding properties. They are not convinced that there is enough land there to expand enough to keep it open for another thirty years. The landfill is for construction demo only, all household trash is sent out. They can close the landfill to the public only keeping it open for emergencies and build a new transfer station.

Attorney Hardin stated that his opinion is that an engineer needs to be involved in finding out what needs to be done. Do a cost analysis to see what would be the most efficient.

Motion by Nancy Brown, second by Mark Blevins to have Director Lyons find a professional service to do a cost analysis to see what the best most cost-effective solution for the landfill. All in favor, motion carried.

Ginger Holdren asked Finance Director Carolyn Watson that if the cost to have the study done is going to be more than \$25,000, they will have to have a RFP. This means that there will be at least a couple of people come before the committee. Ms. Watson stated that there would have to be an RFP.

7. New Business

A. Paper shredder

Chairman Bailey suggested that the landfill investigate purchasing a paper shredder at the cost of about \$100,000. The baler has paid for itself already. People have documents that they will pay to have disposed, a shredder will supply citizens with this service and the county will get to keep the paper. The county could save money as well. He asked the committee to think about if this would be something that could make money for the county.

8. Directors Report

Director Lyons summarized his report, attached.

9. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Collins asked for an update on the break in. Directory Lyons stated that he has turned everything over to the Sheriffs Department. The insurance has not paid out yet because of a discrepancy between the police report and the actual property taken. They are in the process of getting the report corrected so that the claim can be paid out.

When asked if something can be done Attorney Hardin stated that he would be happy to contact the District Attorneys office if that is what the committee wishes.

Finance Director Carolyn Watson stated that Director Lyons has worked with her on getting his budget set for next year. The budget was emailed to everyone, and it did go through the budget committee so if this committee is ok with it then it is ready to go to the next level. Mr. Lyons did add two new positions next year. The budget balanced with \$252 left over.

10. Adjourn

Motion by Mark Blevins, second by Mark Tester to adjourn. All in favor, meeting adjourned.