

# Carter County Commission

## Minutes of:

### Landfill Committee

June 06, 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 Nancy Brown to accept the agenda as written.

All in favor, motion carried.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion by Mark Tester, second by Jerry Proffitt to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

All in favor, motion carried.

#### 5. Public Comments

None

#### 6. Old Business

##### a. Trucks

Trucks were bought with an inter-government agency loan. Director Lyons updated that two (2) of the road trucks came in about two weeks ago. They are still waiting for one (1) more to arrive. It should be in something the end of July.

##### b. Building

Chairman Bailey stated that the building was being used to put cardboard in to keep it dry. Director Lyons stated that they put up the soffits and siding up themselves to save money.

It still needs some trim work and the garage door. The lights have been ordered and when they come in maintenance will install.

**c. Tow-Motor**

Director Lyons updated that they should get the Tow-Motor sometime in October

**d. Engine**

The motor has been ordered, they got three (3) quote on the engine, a local company in Sullivan County is going to build it and it will have a three (3) year warranty and the cost is under \$16,000. It should be ready 12 to 14 days after order.

**e. RFQ**

Chairman Bailey stated that Kim Raia has the RFQ (Request For Qualifications) ready in draft form and will be sending it to CTAS before it can be sent out for bid. Chairman Bailey stated that several of the commissioners on this committee will not be here in a few months, he would like to see this project continue after they are gone. What can they do to keep it going? Director Lyons stated that he would be careful trying to get someone before the RFQ. The transfer station must be rebuilt; he would like to see this continue without delay. Mr. Tester stated that to spend money you have to know where it is going to come from. The rates are going to have to increase to keep up with the expenses. Chairman Bailey asked if they should see if they can get funding through the ARP funds.

It was advised that if they were going to ask the Health & Welfare Committee to consider this project, they needed to put it in a complete proposal form

Chairman Bailey stated that he would like to go before the Health & Welfare Committee and ask for them to hold funds for this project. Ginger Holdren stated that that committee has required a proposal with details of the project. She believes that they have a plan to spend all the money in the ARP fund. Director Lyons stated that he believes that it would be a good idea to write a proposal to submit. Ms. Raia previously stated that it would be \$2.5 to \$3 million.

**Motion by Mark Blevins, second by Jerry Proffitt for Chairman Bailey to submit a proposal to the Health & Welfare Committee asking for consideration to set aside up to \$3 million from the ARP Funds for a Transfer Station.**

Discussion about the cost of the project began and the question was what if the project did not reach \$3 million would the county be able to spend the remainder on something else.

Voice Roll Call as Follows:

**Yes:**

Kelly Collins

Mark Blevins

Mark Tester

Jerry Proffitt

Sonja Culler

**No:**

Ginger Holdren

Nancy Brown

Gary Bailey

**With five (5) yes votes and three (3) no votes, motion carried.**

**7. New Business**

Director Lyons stated that he would like for the committee to consider putting a camera up at the recycle centers on Mill Street and Lyons Field. He informed them that he has found solar,

Wi-Fi cameras for \$400 each and a recurring fee of \$25 per month per camera. Ms. Holdren asked if there needed to be more cameras, could two (2) be placed at each site and get the information desired. To have two cameras at each site would cost \$1600 for the cameras and \$1200 per year for the plan.

Mr. Lyons stated that the sites were closed because people are dumping household trash. The people who really want to recycle use it correctly. But then you have the local people who throw anything and everything there. They have a couch or mattress, and they take it there instead of to the landfill. It is the household trash with diapers and other household garbage in it that employees are having to go through to get the recyclables out. He believes that his employees should not have to go through the filth to keep the sites open. It was suggested that there be more investigation to see who would prosecute and if it would even be taken seriously in the courts.

**Motion by Nancy Brown, second by Mark Blevins to purchase four (4) cameras, two (2) for Mill Street and two (2) for Lyons Field at a total cost of \$1600 for the cameras and a yearly fee of \$1200.**

Ms. Holdren stated that she would also like more information such as who would prosecute, the city or the county, who would monitor the cameras. Mr. Lyons stated that he would monitor the cameras from his phone. He would post those pictures on the Facebook page to see if someone knew who they were. Mark Tester stated that he believed they should know where they stand legally before they vote to spend this money.

**Ms. Brown withdrew her motion.**

#### **8. Directors Report**

Director Lyons stated that he would like to raise the prices to pick up and drop off fee from \$75 to \$125. He would also like to raise the price for the dumpsters \$25. Everything would be \$300 or less.

**Motion by Sonja Culler, second by Nancy Brown to raise the prices for dumpster rental by \$25 and raise the drop off/pick up fee from \$75 to \$125.**

Voice Roll Call as Follows:

**Yes:**

Ginger Holdren  
Kelly Collins  
Mark Blevins  
Nancy Brown

Mark Tester  
Jerry Proffitt  
Gary Bailey  
Sonja Culler

**With eight (8) yes votes, motion carried.**

Director Lyons summarized his report (attached). He stated that he has two (2) job openings but has had no applications. He needs one (1) Class A driver and one (1) Class B driver.

Ginger Holdren stated that she is for asking for the ARP funds, but she is concerned about the late request and the high amount. She also stated that for her the recycle centers were more than about money, it is a service that impacted the community. She stated that she would like to see the centers open before they come back to meet again. Mr. Lyons stated that he did not believe his employees should not have to handle dirty diapers, needles, and other garbage.

They make \$10 hour, and they should not have to endure what they do to keep what the county sells and makes money on. That is not fair.

Ms. Holdren stated that they do not know if the request for ARP funds will be approved so she believes that they should go back and look at the prices per ton and be pro-active.

**Motion by Mark Blevins, second by Jerry Proffitt to raise the rate for demolition and trash to \$57.50 per ton.**

Kelly Collins asked Mr. Lyons what the reaction would be. He stated that the community would be upset, but to maintain equipment and do stuff right without cutting corners, this will have to be done. Sonja Culler asked if he has heard of anyone raising prices because of fuel prices. Mr. Lyons stated that he has. Ms. Culler stated that people will have to see the reasoning for the increase. Mr. Lyons stated that his fuel cost per month went from \$11,000 to almost \$30,000.

Voice Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

Ginger Holdren  
Kelly Collins  
Mark Blevins  
Nancy Brown

Mark Tester  
Jerry Proffitt  
Gary Bailey  
Sonja Culler

**With eight (8) yes votes, motion carried.**

**Motion by Mark Blevins, second by Jerry Proffitt to raise the price on bagged trash from \$1 to \$1.25 per bag.**

Discussion started that rates needed to be raised on everything and Chairman Bailey asked Mr. Lyons if he could go over his report and go line by line and let them know what he thought each line should increase and bring it back to the next meeting. **Mark Blevins withdrew his motion.**

9. **Commissioner Comments**  
None

10. **Adjourn**

**Motion by Mark Blevins, second by Jerry Proffitt to adjourn. All in favor, meeting adjourned.**