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**LANDFILL MEETING
March 8, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Lowrance, Joel Street, Sonja Culler, John Lewis, Charles Voncannon, Richard Renfro, and Gebe Ritchie.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Hicks

Motion by John Lewis and seconded by Gebe Ritchie to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Passed by a unanimous vote.

Concerning the Oil Heaters, the \$27,500 grant that was approved to purchase the used oil heaters and equipment has failed to receive approval. The terms of the grant require the county to purchase the equipment and seek reimbursement later.

The \$25,000 state matching grant to offset the cost of purchasing 40 new recycling dumpsters was not approved by the state. These were going to be used at the schools. \$6,250 was put on hold for the matching funds after learning about the grant being denied. Approved to let Mr. Lyons purchase the remaining 40 recycling dumpsters for the Elizabethton City Schools. Gebe Ritchie made the motion and Steve Lowrance seconded. Passed by a unanimous vote.

Contract negotiations with Superior Mulch is still ongoing. The latest contract is in the hands with Attorney Bowers. Should be completed in the next 30 to 60 days.

Future events coming up include:

April 13th and 14th _ e-waste recycling at the Cherokee Recycling Center. This includes computer and most electronic equipment. No televisions will be accepted.

April 20th and 21st _ County Landfill will hold their annual free days. Household garbage will be accepted free of charge on those two days. The landfill will be open on Friday until 4:00 and on Saturday until 1:00.

May 19th - household hazardous wastes may be taken to the Carter County Jail parking lot and disposed. Paint will not be accepted.

During the free days last year, Mr. Lyons spent \$10,000 to dispose of 5300 tires which is \$2.00/tire. This was paid out of the landfill's budget. Mr. Ritchie made a motion to ask the full commission to provide \$10,000 to the landfill for tire collection on these free days. Seconded by John Lewis. Motion passed by a unanimous vote. Mr. Street will present this to Mr. Sisk at the next budget meeting. Also, 8 tire ~~minimum~~ will be accepted but no commercial or farm tractor tires. If this does not pass, no tires will be accepted free on these two free days.

Mr. Lyons has requested to the committee that he needs to hire a new employee. With the additional duties and responsibilities created by the improvements to the recycling program, it has increased the workload on his staff. By trimming his

budget in certain areas, he will have the funds to hire a new employee. By cutting costs he estimates that it would take an additional \$16,000 to hire a new employee who would make an annual salary of \$30,000. Joel Street made the motion, seconded by Steve Lowrance to take this to the budget committee. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

OTHER MATTERS:

Mr. Street would like for the commissioners to be present at the schools when the recycling totes or bends are being delivered. A short presentation will be given to the student body of each school. The date has not been determined. Mr. Street asked Jason Mullins to write up something for someone to read or say when they meet with the schools.

Concerning the old dumpsters, Mr. Lyons will use some of them, and then, he will probably cut them up and sell the scrap metal. Motion by Gebe Ritchie and seconded by Sonja Culler to allow Mr. Lyons to do this. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Street also discussed the importance of other recycling methods that we could possibly do in the future. Currently, we don't have the monies to take on more of these projects.

Motion by John Lewis and seconded by Gebe Ritchie to adjourn.

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COUNTY CLERK

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