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Landfill Committee Meeting
11-3-2014, Mayor's Conference Room, Carter County Courthouse

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In attendance: Deitz, Gobble, Hill, Miller, Proffitt, Simerly, VonCannon, Ward
Meeting was moved to the courtroom due to larger than expected attendance

- Call to order promptly at 6:00 by Chairperson Deitz
- Minutes from previous session approved (with one revision) and the agenda was approved (both unanimously).

Old Business:

Kim Raias, Environmental GIS Consultant from CTAS made a power point presentation on revenue potential from recycling and gave 2011 comps for Carter County programs versus other Tennessee counties.

- Reports that at 37%, Carter County recycling percentage was well above state goal of 25% for year 2013.
- Mandates for increased recycling of organics and electronics will be coming online in the future.
- State fines are not really being imposed for failure to meet guidelines at this time.

Director Ben Lyons made his report to the committee:

- A \$32,000.00 recycling grant application was ready for submission. If approved, it would require a 20% dollar match from the county, amounting to \$6,200.00. Lyons stated that before submission, an allocation from the Budget Committee to guarantee the dollar match availability.

Motion was made by Danny Ward: Request from Budget Committee \$6,200.00 dollar match allocation contingent upon grant award. Seconded by Jerry Proffitt. Motion passed 7-1 with Miller casting the dissenting vote.

- Director Lyons stated that new Elk Mills convenience center would come online very soon. He intends to pour at least one concrete pad in a critical location prior to opening, making do with a gravel surface in other areas so that the remaining \$5,000. from the originally allocated funds would cover the expenses.
- Charles VonCannon asked if there was no more affordable option to adapt the convenience center boxes for use with the new equipment than shipping them to North Carolina. Commissioners Ward and Hill unveiled an in-progress collaboration with Cloudland High School CTE Welding Program where the retro-fit of the boxes was being completed at a savings of roughly \$2600.00 to the Landfill, while providing practical experience for the welding students in the program. Project synopsis was circulated to the committee and Mayor Humphrey complete with photos of work in progress at this time. Work was originally going to cost over \$8,000.00 now down to cost of materials only, roughly \$1,750.00. Timeline to completion was shortened by more than 30 days.
- Waste Tire Grants from the Department of Environment and Conservation:
 - Carter County receives \$1 per each new tire sold in the county.
 - Must be used for recycling tires.
 - Five county partnership program
 - Question was raised by Mr. Ward as to whether the tires could be recycled into mulch.
 - Washington County is the "tire hub" where tires are currently processed and disposed of
 - the \$3,800 refund generated through this program currently goes to Washington County

Motion was made by Mike Hill to authorize Mayor Humphrey to enter into the Tire Grant Agreement on behalf of the county, and seconded by Mr. Miller . Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- SNME, the testing company that monitors the Landfill will be imposing a nominal price increase effective in January. There has not been a price increase in over 4 years from this company. Mayor Humphrey stated that at the time of the contract inception with SNME, their rates represented \$10,000.00 savings versus all competing bids, and recommended staying the course with this company.
- Compactor is out of order
 - melted piston, and ruined motor
 - Will require purchasing a "long block" which is a \$9,000.00 expenditure
 - total cost of repairs with labor costs added projected to be \$12,000.00-\$13,000.00
 - funds are available to cover this expense in the Landfill maintenance budget
- Jerry Proffitt gave an update on research for procuring government surplus equipment
 - negotiating with three military bases for items on county "wish list"
 - states a need to inspect the available equipment and volunteers to go personally.

Motion to adjourn was made by Charles VonCannon and seconded by Robert Gobble

prepared by _____, secretary approved by _____, chair