

Landfill Committee
May 4, 2015

- Call to order was at 6:00 pm in the Mayor's Conference Room.
- Commissioners Deitz, Gobble, Hill, Miller, Simerly, Ward and VonCannon were present. Commissioner Peters was unable to attend due to a conflicting Budget Committee workshop.
- Minutes of the previous session were inadvertently left out of the packet due to the unusual cancellation of the April meeting of the full commission, so motion was made by Commissioner Hill, and seconded by Commissioner Miller to postpone approval of the April committee minutes until the June meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Gobble moved to approve the meeting agenda, with a second by Commissioner VonCannon, which also passed unanimously.
- Chairperson Dietz opened for public comments; there were none.
- Old Business:
 - Committee field trip to the Carter County Landfill and recycling center will be May 16, concurrent with the state sponsored household waste event. Landfill director Lyons stated that all commissioners were welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Gobble to go on the out of town field trip on May 19, using a school bus if necessary due to attendance exceeding the van capacity. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Field trip to Jefferson and Roane County landfills is scheduled for May 19, with the van leaving at 7:00 am from the courthouse. Stated to attend: Commissioners Deitz, Gobble, Miller and Simerly, along with past Commissioner Street and Director Lyons. Commissioners Hill, Ward and VonCannon have schedule conflicts that will prevent them from going.
- Commissioner Hill was asked for an update on the potential recycling sites located on county school grounds. Hill stated that some potential locations had been identified during the Long Range School Planning Committee facility tours, then recognized School Superintendent Kevin Ward, who stated that the schools were willing to gravel the areas for placement of the boxes, and that a likely location that was being investigated is across from Hampton High School on Highway 19E. Director Lyons asked about the possibility of making this location into a full scale center, and Dr. Ward stated that it would be possible. Dr. Ward and Director Lyons agree to schedule a meeting in the near future to work out details. Director Lyons expressed the need for five additional rolloff containers to implement this recycling program on all High School campuses, and stated that he believed that he could possibly secure grant funds for this purpose. Chairperson Deitz stated that she would like to see a recycling competition between the schools.
- Landfill Director's Report: The Little Milligan convenience center was completely ready to open with the exception of one concrete pad. Target date for open house is Wednesday, May 13 at 10 am. The center will be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays initially, and a third day will be considered once need and participation is gauged. A proposed grand opening special is to allow the citizens to dump their first ten bags of trash for free, subject to approval by the full commission to do so. Students from Little Milligan School will be planting trees for sight barriers, and participating in the grand opening festivities. There was some discussion about the expense of allowing this much free dumping, to which Lyons expressed his belief that we

could afford it as a result of not having the expense to bear of Commissioner Miller's site since September.

- Motion to bring proposal to allow first ton bags free at Elk Mills site to the full Commission was made by Commissioner Hill, and seconded by Commissioner Simerly. This motion passed unanimously.
- There was more discussion about the May 16 household waste event, and our ability to process paint. Lyons stated that dried latex based paints get mixes with shredded paper and then landfilled, while oil based paints must be sent out for processing offsite.
- Update: Concrete pad for Elk Mills is being brought to the budget committee for approval at the next meeting.
- New Business:
 - Lyons expressed the necessity to move funds between line items to clean up the books prior to end of year. States that the equipment maintenance budget line item is getting low, and he needs to insure that potential maintenance issues can be covered through the end of June.
 - State of Tennessee is asking for a new survey on our Class 4 Demolition Site to insure compliance with our permit regarding fill limits, heights, etc. The State is also mandating a cleanout of our settlement pond, which will be done by landfill staff as soon as weather permits. Director Lyons stated that a 4 day long rain event could put the pond level up to the top of the riser pipe.
 - Commissioner VonCannon asked Commissioner Simerly to draw schematics for any ideas he gleans from the site tours.
 - Director Lyons reported that Blue Ridge Trash is bringing their business back to the transfer station, and that they were given the same rates as the City of Elizabethton.
 - Director Lyons reported that Unicoi County has brought in four loads of recyclables so far. He also informed the committee that Elizabethton is setting up a recycling center across from Omnisource, which they are contracting with the Landfill to maintain and service.
- Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Miller at 6:40 pm, seconded by Commissioner Gobble.

draft submitted by Mike Hill, Secretary May 12, 2015

Mike Hill

*Approved 6/11/15
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Chairman*