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Chairman *Joel Street*
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LANDFILL COMMITTEE MEETING

February 14, 2013

10:00am

Regular members present: Chairman Joel Street, Commissioners John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz and Charles D. Von Cannon.

Absent: Commissioners Ernest "Gebe" Ritchie and Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers and Steve Chambers served in their absence.

Chairman Street called for approval of the last meeting minutes. Motion by John Lewis to approve and seconded by Sonja Culler, vote was all ayes.

- A regional meeting was attended by Mayor Humphrey, Landfill Director Benny Lyons and Chairman Joel Street. Mr. Chris Craig reported that Carter County accounted for 6,000 tons of solid waste that was transferred to the Allied Landfill in Hawkins County. The Carter County tonnage this year saw an increase of 450 tons.
- The motorized door at the recycling center is in the process of being replaced. The new scales at the Landfill will soon be in service.
- A thank you letter to Mr. Les Musick, Elizabethton Sore Manager of Food City was authorized. America Recycles Day at the store was very successful.

Old Business

Continued discussion of the Solid Waste Transportation/Landfill bid was conducted prior to the preliminary awarding of the contract. Finance Director Ingrid Deloach again went over the numbers as presented by Allied and Advanced, the two low bidders.

Highlights

- Allied had in prior years given the County approximately \$80,000 in Allied business.
- Advanced was lower and did not charge the County a fuel surcharge.
- A suggestion was made that the County provide our own transportation. The new Landfill at Blountville is much closer in miles than Hawkins County.
- Steve Chambers interjected that he was hearing good things about the Landfill operation as to finances.
- Mayor Humphrey reminded the committee that over \$350,000 had been injected into the Landfill in approximately 2 years.
- Charles Von Cannon also pointed out that an increase in cost per household per bag of waste had also gone into effect.

Vote on the Bidders

Motion to vote made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Tom Bowers. Roll Call results: Advanced 5 votes and Allied 2 votes. Advance will be recommended to the full Commission. Some final negotiation may be in order before the February 19, 2013 Commission meeting.

Spring Clean Up – Free Days

- Cost, number of days, number of tires that can be accepted, stream cleanup, and some of the issues to be addressed at the next meeting. A motion was made by Sonja Culler to wait until next month to look at the cost for the last years for the Free Day. If Mr. Lyons' Landfill Budget can handle this cost, his department will provide funds for the Free Day. If not, the committee will request the funds from the Budget Committee to provide the funds, second by Tom Bowers, all ayes.
- John Lewis indicated that most of his constituents have garbage pick-up, so where is the mass coming from?
- Chairman Street wanted to provide a meal for the High School Clean Team Members to include T-shirts, etc. A goal of \$1,000 was suggested by Chairman Street who has already raised \$350,000. A challenge was issued to other members to help raise funding. The dinner would be for some 14 to 18 Clean Team Members.
- Mr. Scott Barrett of Allied thanked the committee for the many years Allied has served the County.

Public Comments

Roy Livingston spoke against the Private Act as did Commissioner Von Cannon.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sonja Culler second by Steve Chambers, all ayes.

Respectively submitted,

Charles D. Von Cannon

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Temp. Recording Secretary

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Chairman

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