

**MINUTES**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
June 18, 1998

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a special called meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Henderson County Office Building.

Those present were: Chairman Bob Eklund, Vice-Chair Grady Hawkins, Commissioner Vollie G. Good, Commissioner Renee Kumor, Commissioner Don Ward, County Manager David E. Nicholson, Assistant County Manager/Staff Attorney Angela M. Skerrett, County Engineer Gary Tweed, and Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn.

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Chairman Eklund called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The purpose of this meeting was a Solid Waste work session.

David Nicholson stated that he had one desire in this whole project and that was to ensure the citizens of Henderson County that they are getting the best solid waste program at the best possible cost. He reminded those in attendance that we are not operating a landfill on Stoney Mountain Road but a transfer station. A lot of misinformation is floating around about our landfill. We are proposing privatizing our transfer station.

**SOLID WASTE HAULER'S ASSOCIATION**

Rocky Holbert came forward to address the Board on behalf of the Solid Waste Hauler's Association. Mr. Holbert stated that the waste haulers in Henderson County are concerned. Privatizing scares these small waste haulers about what it might do to their business.

Recommendations from Solid Waste Hauler's Association:

1. Continue operation of transfer station
2. Site a new landfill
3. Continue recycling

A petition was presented to the Board in opposition to Privatization of Landfill (Transfer Station) with 1,215 signatures.

There was much discussion.

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)**

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Chairman of the SWAC, Bob Cathey, reminded the Board that the SWAC had recently received a letter from the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners requesting that SWAC consider the County Manager's recommendation to investigate privatizing of some of the County's solid waste activities. SWAC met on Tuesday, June 16, and passed the following two motions:

1. To recommend to the County Commissioners that they seek proposals for privatization, but to allow Solid Waste Advisory Committee to evaluate the proposals before a decision is made.
2. To request that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee be allowed to study the other options which might be available while the requests for proposals are being developed and put out for bid.

He further stated that the Committee is seeking some direction from the County Commissioners on the level of involvement that the Committee (SWAC) will have in this process, and is available to assist the Commissioners in any way that they can.

Mr. Cathey ended by saying that he wants whatever is best for the citizens of Henderson County.

Angela Skerrett reviewed the draft proposal that was put in Commissioner mail boxes yesterday.

#### SOLID WASTE FACTS

- ▶ Henderson County cannot generate enough by tipping fees to build a lined landfill.
- ▶ At our current tipping fee we would need 220-225 tons of waste per day to break even only! (including salaries & operational costs).
- ▶ Budget is based on 60,000 tons per year
- ▶ Henderson County plans to continue to handle white goods.

It was mentioned that Mr. Tweed had applied for a permit for a C & D (construction and demolition) landfill for 2 ½ acres on top of the closed landfill. Following that, a permit would be applied for for some of the side slopes.

#### POLICY ISSUES

There was discussion of policy issues regarding privatized vs. county operated:

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Tipping Fee  
Regional Issues:  
    Traffic  
    Processing Other's Waste  
Control of Assets  
Control of Flow  
Service Levels  
Size of Government  
User Fee Supported

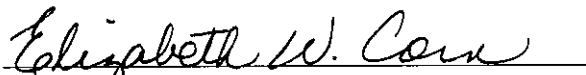
There was discussion of the Process as well as the MRF contract.

**ACTION**

It was the consensus of the Board to accept both recommendations of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC).

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

  
Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk

  
Robert D. Eklund, Chairman

