

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 21, 1991

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Henderson County Office Building. This meeting was with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) and representatives from David M. Griffith & Associates.

Those present were: Chairman J. Michael Edney, Vice-Chairman Vollie G. Good, Commissioner F. Richard Baker, Commissioner Hugh D. Randall, Commissioner William McKay, County Manager David F. Thompson, Assistant County Manager/Finance Director David E. Nicholson, Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn, and the news media.

Also present were O.W. Strickland and John House of David M. Griffith Associates. Staff present were: Recycling Coordinator Nippy Page, Planning Director Matt Matteson, Solid Waste Director Eldon Owen, as well as William G. Lapsley of Lapsley & Associates. Members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Edney called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. He asked each person around the table to identify themselves and their affiliation.

OVERVIEW OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

David Thompson gave a brief overview and stated that the main purpose of tonight's meeting is to agree on a user fee.

SOLID WASTE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Mr. House and Mr. Strickland told the Board and others that we know how much waste we are currently producing in Henderson County, we have a break-down as to types, now we need to know how much it costs us to dispose of our waste.

They gave the financial options including costs for different types of disposal such as incineration, composting, baling etc.

PREPARATION FOR FEE COLLECTION

Eldon Owen and David Nicholson explained that the landfill and the finance department are gearing up and getting ready for the collection of a user fee. Computers are in place and personnel are trained on the use of them.

NOTIFICATION PROCESS--Waste Contractors, Municipalities, and Citizens

One of the most important aspects will be informing the public of the user fee. Two half page advertisements in the Times-News are planned, brochures are to be printed, radio announcements, and announcements on Cable TV. Many of the printed brochures will be given to the waste haulers to deliver to their respective customers. A "hotline" is also planned at the landfill to answer citizen questions.

Mr. Owen stated that traffic will need to be re-routed at the landfill site and explained how that will be done.

UPDATE ON SUBTITLE "D" & LANDFILL SITING

Bill Lapsley updated the Board on the most recent regulations of House Bill 111. He briefly discussed siting of a new landfill stating that Henderson County will need to purchase **at least** 150 acres and that criteria for sites needs to be decided on very soon.

WRAP-UP

Mr. Thompson explained to the Board that he would like the following action tonight:

1. Implementation of the Solid Waste Plan
2. Approval of the implementation plans discussed tonight
3. Approval of a base user fee of \$17 per ton as discussed
4. Call a meeting **soon** to work on the siting criteria

ACTION

Chairman Edney opened the floor to motions.

Commissioner Good made the motion to set the base user fee at \$22 per ton at this time. There was discussion. A vote was taken and the motion failed four to one. It was the consensus that we could not justify charging anymore than it is presently costing the county to dispose of the waste, \$17 per ton.


Commissioner McKay made the motion to set the base user fee at \$17 per ton for six months, after six months it may have to be adjusted. A vote was taken and the motion carried four to one.

Commissioner McKay made the motion to adopt the entire fee schedule as presented on page 19, to become effective January 1, 1992. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk


J. Michael Edney, Chairman