

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 9, 1991

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners reconvened at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9 for a workshop meeting. This was a continuation of the regularly scheduled meeting of January 4. The meeting was held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Henderson County Office Building.

Those present were: Vice-Chairman Vollie G. Good, Commissioner Hugh D. Randall, Commissioner William McKay, Interim County Manager Jerry D. Myers, Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn, and the news media. Absent was Chairman J. Michael Edney and F. Richard Baker.

Mr. Myers addressed the Board informing them of today's schedule. First we will hear from the landfill engineers. He recognized the landfill engineers to address the Board.

Landfill Engineers - Bill Lapsley and Don Hunley

Mr. Lapsley presented his report to the Board and answered questions concerning the height limitations. He introduced Don Hunley, the other engineer. They were available for questions.

Mr. Lapsley passed around a Solid Waste Management Briefing for each of the Commissioners and he reviewed the report with them. There was much discussion.

Mr. Lapsley presented these recommendations:

1. Continue engineering process of updating existing landfill permits to insure maximum life of existing site (demolition site and expansion).
2. Immediately begin process of evaluating the possibility of obtaining state approval for a future landfill on existing site.
3. Immediately begin process of identifying future solid waste landfill site(s) at various locations within the county.
4. Establish a solid waste management advisory board  
Purpose - To provide public input and comment to commissioners on all aspects of solid waste management  
Make up - 7-9 members with business and technical background.
5. Immediately begin work on the development of a solid waste management plan.

It costs approx. \$200,000 per acre to prepare land for a landfill after the purchase price and would take 3-5 years from purchase before property could be used as a landfill site.

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Landfill Supervisor - Eldon Owen  
Recycling Coordinator - Nippy Page

Mr. Owen addressed the Board regarding the general operations of the landfill. Mr. Owen became landfill supervisor in 1980. Mr. Owen is proud that his staff does a remarkable job performing their own maintenance and upkeep on the machinery and equipment they operate at the landfill. Mr. Owen informed the Board of the demolition site at the landfill for yard waste, etc.

Ms. Page addressed the Board, she passed out a lengthy report for the Board's review. She informed the Board of the recycling efforts she has begun in the county, in the schools, and at the landfill, etc.

Ms. Page has done extensive presentations in public education in the past year. She has expanded the program to include the waste oil tank at the landfill. She now has recycling programs in six of the county schools and in the city schools. She has had a magazine collection day with the Hendersonville Jaycees, where they recycled over 17,000 pounds of magazines. Ms. Page participated in the Christmas tree recycling project at Jackson Park where over 2,000 trees were recycled.

Ms. Page assists in market development. In addition to glass and aluminum we are now realizing selling our plastic and steel. One of her responsibilities is to study the feasibility of instituting tipping fees at the landfill, she is presently working on a report which should be ready in a week or so.

Ms. Page stated that we are presently recycling about 1% of our waste. We have two years to get that percentage up to 25%.

Ms. Page's recommendations to the Board:

1. Tipping fees should be introduced as soon as feasible.
2. Program expanded to collect additional materials such as cardboard, computer paper, corrugated boxes, mixed paper, and steel food containers.
3. Additional drop off sites should be placed throughout the county for public convenience.

Commissioner Randall and Commissioner McKay left the meeting at 1:50 to make a 2:00 meeting, they plan to return about 4:00. They had previously requested to be excused because of this prior commitment.

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Commissioner Good, Mr. Myers, Mr. Lapsley, Mr. Owen, Ms. Page, Mrs. Corn, and Reporter Denese Layfield from the Times News made the trip to the County landfill.

Mr. Owen introduced everyone to his staff and showed and explained the operation of the landfill. We visited his office and viewed his shop. Many questions were voiced and answered.

**4:00 - State Inspectors**

We reconvened at 4:00 p.m. at the County Office Building after the site visit.

Two State Inspectors were introduced; Jim Patterson and Owen Setzer. Mr. Setzer is taking over inspection of sections of W.N.C. that include Henderson County. He addressed the Board stating that he will be happy to work with our County in developing our Waste Management Plan and will answer any questions he possibly can. He stated that all 100 counties across N.C. are faced with the same problems and same changes that we are.


A video was viewed of the State-Of-The-Art lined landfill in Rowan County. There was much discussion. Commissioner Randall and Commissioner McKay returned at 4:30 p.m. during the video presentation.

Mr. Setzer agreed with Mr. Lapsley that Henderson County should be looking for a new landfill site NOW.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk

  
Vollie G. Good, Vice-Chairman