



# HENDERSON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

## **Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) minutes: January 24, 2011**

**Present:** Chairman Stan Kumor, Vice Chairman Jim Phelps, Mr. Joe McGuth, Ms. Debbie Hicks, Mr. Terry Maybin, Ms. Katie Breckheimer, and Mr. Robert Delwiche, Mr. Thomas Greg McMinn, Ms. Emily Anderson.

**Guests:** Mr. Jerry Cox (Etowah Lions), Mr. Dwight A. Livery (Zeke's Garbage)

Staff: Ms. Natalie Berry, Mr. Marcus Jones, and Ms. Alexis Baker

### **Welcome/Call to Order**

Stan Kumor called the meeting to order at 4:00

### **Approval of Minutes**

*A motion was made to approve the November 15, 2010 minutes with modifications to one sentence from "The private company in consideration would require funding from the county to begin" to "The private company in consideration would require funding in the form of a loan from the county begin."*

### **Discussion**

Mr. Jones told the committee that the hauling disposal contract was changed on January 1, 2011. It was increased to \$35.19.

Mr. Jones spoke on the capital improvements. We received a letter of recommendation from engineers for capital improvements. Four options were presented to the Board of Commissioners. Under the correct ordinance, we recommended doing as much of the construction contract as the fund balance would allow. This would include the new scales entrance and white goods pad. The transfer bay floor will also be rehabilitated and the separation of traffic flow will also be included. The new convenience center would not be included. Another option was to go ahead and build the whole project and raise tipping fees. The third option was to include Flow Control which would require anyone picking up trash in Henderson County to bring it to the Henderson County transfer center. The fourth option was to implement flow control but only do the recommended part of project while waiting until fund balance increases.

The material recovery facility (MRF) was pulled from the last Board of Commissioner's agenda. Curbside Management proposed bringing materials to their existing location in Woodfin and American Recycling

proposed building a material recovery facility in Henderson County. Mr. Jones asked for signed contracts from the two companies to be possibly included in the budget meeting scheduled for January 25, 2011. We were paying \$30 a ton to process single stream and \$15 per ton to get it to Curbside Management in Woodfin. Now, we will not be charged for transportation and a floor pricing at \$0 for single stream. For American Recycling, there is better market pricing. We will need to loan them money. It will be a good investment with a loan at 4.5% with a surety bond. About 15-20 jobs could be created with a material recovery facility, \$800,000-\$900,000 of taxable equipment, and occupying vacant warehouse space. It will help grow the recycling industry in Western North Carolina by increasing competition. If recycling continues to grow without competition, single stream will become a huge detriment. Loans may come from funds set aside from post closure requirements or we could borrow money at 3-3.5% and loan it to American Recycling at 4.5%.

To further encourage recycling, Mr. Jones and Ms. Berry will have a sign at the transfer station that tells residents that all haulers in Henderson County will offer recycling as of January 1, 2011.

The committee proposed a meeting on February 14, 2011 to talk about flow control and convenience center revenue (discontinuing the bag for bag program).

Ms. Berry told Mr. Maybin that we will revisit the holiday schedule to assist haulers with their collection and disposal.

Ms. Berry submitted the DENR Permit Renewal for the Transfer Station and expects to hear comments before March 2011.

Ms. Baker updated the committee about the articles she wrote for the Times-News. She also conducted a waste assessment for the Health Department. She also was working with Blue Ridge Community College to have a session at their Green Career's Day. A quarterly energy report was presented to the Board of Commissioners. Additionally, there was a solid waste manager's meeting. The Land of Sky regional council will work on a regional hazardous household waste plan to get better pricing for hazardous household waste pickup.

Ms. Baker told the committee that eleven inspections were completed for the Hauler permits. About twenty businesses were remaining. However, many of these companies may be out of business. Grandfathered haulers, without purpose built, leakproof trucks, have until January 2014 to update noncompliant equipment. We hope to get the permits out by February. All haulers must have permit numbers displayed on the left side of their windows under their windows. The solid waste division will discuss how to track which haulers are offering recycling as it is required by permit this year. This could involve weighting the recycling of haulers and cold calls to haulers inquiring about recycling. The material reports were not available for this meeting and will be presented at the next meeting.

Ms. Breckheimer reviewed the ECO tour on November 19<sup>th</sup> to NURCC and Southeastern Container Company. ECO is having a Compost Bonanza at the Henderson County Cooperative Extension on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting will be held February 14, 2011 at 4:00 PM.

*Meeting Adjourned*

Minutes submitted by Ms. Alexis Baker

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