



# HENDERSON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) minutes:** November 15, 2010

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

**Guests:** Mr. Jerry Cox with Etowah Lions, Mr. Dwight A. Lively with Zeke's Garbage, Mr. Jerry Schnitzius & Richard Cope with Waste Pro, Helen Wright & Sharron Burlingame with League of Women Voters and Susan Brown with ECO.

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

**Welcome/Call to Order:**

Vice Chairman Phelps called the meeting to order at 4:00pm in the absence of Chairman Kumor.

**Approval of Minutes:**

*A motion was made to approve the minutes from September 20, 2010. Removal of Rebecca Coplin's name as in attendance and replace the word "increased" to "decreased", second line, third paragraph on first page. Minutes approved unanimously after corrections were noted.*

Materials Reports presented by Ms. Baker. An increase in recycling was reported as well as a decrease in MSW for the months of August and September 2010. Ms. Baker noted that the report shows a dip in materials received in December – March. The decrease is believed to be due to weather effects on construction and citizen weather migration.

Mr. Marcus Jones reports that the board of commissioners has approved the contract for GDS to provide hauling and disposal for the Transfer Facility at Stoney Mtn. Road. The cost increase will be minimal and the contract starts January 1, 2011.

All three bids for the capital improvements were rejected due to problems with the bid paperwork. A rebid will occur on November 23, 2010. The low bid from the original bid did prove to be approximately \$1,000,000.00 less than the original estimate for the 10 year capital plan. The feasibility study is currently being updated so that we have the most accurate information to bring before the commissioners along with the rebid results. The priorities include a MRF, the scale area and the convenience center. The Board of Commissioners meeting in January of 2011 will be the first available time to bring the contract before them.

The MRF had been included in the 10 year capital plan originally but was pulled out to be bid separately. The county continued with its pursuit for a private proposal to construct the MRF. A good proposal was received for an in county facility and will be brought before the Board of Commissioners. The private company in consideration would require funding in the form of a loan from the county to begin. The monies received for the materials will repay the funding provided as well as provide revenue over time. Materials can still be taken to Stoney Mountain thus providing two drop off locations. The MRF will accept region materials. Also, Mr. Jones verified that at this time a MRF does not have to go through the same permitting process with the State as landfills and transfer stations and the facility can be ready in weeks.

The feasibility study is continuing with efforts to assure that the proper funds will be in place for the future security of the fund balance and what is required for post-closure. The upcoming bid results will be included in the study as well as bid results from the MRF.

Discussion regarding single stream included un-bagged single stream vs. bagged. Un-bagged single stream receives a better return than bagged single stream. The future is un-bagged single stream in which the material is collected in containers rather than bags.

Ms. Natalie Berry explains that the permit to operate the facility at 802 Stoney Mountain Road will expire at the beginning of 2011. McGill and Associates will be handling the permit renewal process for the county and Ms. Berry will have a further update on the process in January.

Ms. Alexis Baker reported that the HHW program recently included a class in October that trained more Solid Waste staff in proper handling, collection and disposal of HHW. The next event is tentatively scheduled for April of 2011. Ms. Baker explained that the Department of Agriculture will pick-up the pesticides for free from the previous 2010 events. The county will be charged by the companies that pick-up the paint and other household hazardous waste items collected.

Electronic Waste is collected during business hours and if assistance is needed to unload the items then it is requested that customers come on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Drums are on site provided for recycling of rechargeable and non-rechargeable batteries. We now use ECycle Secure to pickup our electronic recycling and they do that at no cost to the county. The county incurs a labor cost to load the electronics.

Ms. Baker also reports that a public services announcement is scheduled to be done in January 2011. She is also looking into obtaining a Youtube account in which to broadcast information about recycling within Henderson County. The City of Hendersonville and Land of Sky are also involved in this project.

Ms. Baker has had some education and outreach events including Farm Day and a chance to talk to children at a local elementary school. She also reports that American Recycling will now be picking up the recycling for the county buildings. This is of no cost to the county.

The new updated website is up and running but is continuing to be worked on to make sure all items are correct and up to date. Request to review the Solid Waste ordinance and make sure all is up to date, was brought forth. Code Enforcements has the link to the ordinance for review.

The upcoming 2011 permit application and inspection process for haulers was reviewed by Ms. Baker. Copies of the letter and permit application that will be sent to the haulers was given to SWAC. Ms. Baker explained that haulers must turn in their applications and then each vehicle in their fleet must be inspected. Approval, disapproval and conditional permits are determined at inspection. No new non-compliant equipment will be approved.

Ms. Katie Breckheimer reminded the committee that there will be an ECO tour on Friday, November 19, 2010 and to let her know if you could attend. Ms. Breckheimer will report on the tour at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

*Meeting Adjourned*

Minutes submitted by Ms. Rebecca Coplin

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