



# HENDERSON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) minutes:** September 21, 2009

**Present:** Chairman Stan Kumor, Mr. Jim Phelps, Mr. Robert Delwiche, Ms. Emily Anderson, and Ms. Katie Breckheimer, Mr. Terry Maybin.

**Absent:** Mr. Tom McCullough, Mr. David Behun, and Mr. Tom McCullough.

**Guests:** Debbie Hicks and Jack Keyes from Etowah Lions and Rick Burt.

**Staff:** Mr. Marcus Jones, Mr. Will Sagar, Ms. Alexis Baker, and Ms. Katie Aultman.

**Welcome/Call to Order:**

Chairman Kumor called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

**Approval of Minutes:**

*A motion was made to approve the minutes from August 17, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Guest Announcements:** Mr. Rick Burt addressed the committee on three concerns:

- 1) Jackson Park lacks an adequate number of recycling bins specifically at the tennis courts.
- 2) Our goal for 2010 should be a trash free Apple Festival.
- 3) There should be more notification about the October 1, 2009 Disposal Ban.

**Old Business:**

Revision of the Solid Waste Division's Mission Statement

Mr. Phelps made several suggestions to improve the current mission statement. The following is the proposed statement:

The mission of the Henderson County Solid Waste Division is to protect human health and the environment by providing environmentally sound, cost-effective waste disposal and recycling services, incentives and public education.

*The motion to change the statement was passed.*

**New Business:**

The committee created a list on the pros and cons of franchising as discussed at the Board of Commissioners meeting.

The Committee created a list on the pros and cons of the Bag for Bag Program and PAYT.

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Operational Issues—

**Haulers: Possible franchising**

<b>Pros</b>	<b>Cons</b>
Environmentally friendly -Resource conservation -fuel consumption -air quality -water quality	Restricts free enterprise
Fuel Costs	Restricts choice
Lower Cost for hauler's operation which is passed on to consumer	Fear of single company
Reduce risk for capital investment-guaranteed service areas	Loss of jobs
Good for enterprise fund—trash and recycling goes to transfer station	Special needs and privileges (backdoor services; less customized services)
Designated area is asset and use it at bank for financing	Harder for hauler's to grow businesses—limit customers
Increase recycling rate and compliance with state laws	Existing contracts with subdivisions and communities

Rates lower for citizens (\$1-3 million saved)*	Customer service complaints
Compliant equipment in neighborhoods—no leaky trucks	
Safety and public health (cut back on bacteria and disease from leaky trucks)	
Noise	

\* Substantiate data with statistics showing the savings for customers

### Convenience Center Revenue

Pro	Con
Ends abuse	Staffing Costs
Fee equity between curbside and convenience customers	Angry users to pay new fee
Choice for customers	Less recycling?
Increase recycling-(no real economic benefit for bag for bag)	
Keep tipping fee under control	
Estimated revenue pays for C.C	
Waste reduction-direct correlation to how much throw away. Incentive to reduce waste.	
Fee strategy can be applied to whole county	

Ms. Alexis Baker announced that there was an 11% increase in the amount of recycling at the Apple Festival this year.

Ms. Katie Breckheimer suggested that the minutes be signed by its writer. Ms. Breckheimer also requested a job description for Ms. Baker.

The next SWAC meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2009.

*Meeting Adjourned*

Minutes submitted by Ms. Katie Aultman.

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