



# HENDERSON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

## **SWAC minutes 3/16/09**

**Present:** Jim Phelps, Stan Kumor, Katie Breckheimer, Terry Maybin, Adrienne Outcalt, Will Sagar, Emily Anderson, Joe McGuth, Tom McCullough, Marcus Jones, Chuck McGrady, David Behun

**Absent:** Dick Stewart

**Guests:** Jack Keyes (Etowah Lion's Club), Debbie Hicks (Etowah Lion's Club), Bill Sperry (McGill and Associates), Jeff Bishop (McGill and Associates), Chuck Breckheimer

## **Welcome/Call to Order**

Stan Kumor called the meeting to order at 4:04

## **Approval of Minutes**

The previous meeting's minutes were adopted by acclamation.

## **Stoney Mountain Facility Upgrade Recommendations**

Kumor turned the meeting over to Jeff Bishop to discuss estimated costs associated with the Master Plan. Bishop gave a quick introduction to the presentation and Bill Sperry presented waste trends from the past several years and projections for the coming years. He explained how he had arrived at those numbers. There was some discussion about the recent downward trend of waste and its relationship to economic activity.

Sperry then moved on to the estimated collection options for Municipal Solid Waste. Marcus Jones clarified that the pricing included the options that SWAC had brainstormed several months before.

Options that were reviewed and priced included making no changes to the current system, constructing convenience centers, franchised curbside collection, county taking over MSW collection, county contracting waste collection with recycling, county granting a single enterprise franchise, and county granting multiple non exclusive franchises. Each option was discussed extensively. Sperry presented a summary of each cost in descending order, and there was more discussion of how each cost compared to each other. The convenience centers were shown to be of the highest cost, and the county taking over waste collection was shown to be of the lowest cost.

Kumor stated that some of the options needed to be narrowed. He asked for staff preferences on each option, and Jones clarified that the highest and lowest cost options were not favored by staff as they have been perceived to be taxes. Kumor asked the rest of the board what their opinions were, and Emily Anderson stated that she like the option of multiple districts MSW franchises. Chuck McGrady gave his opinion that building convenience centers would likely fall out of consideration quickly, and that taking over waste collection would be unlikely as well.

Kumor asked the haulers on the Committee what their opinions were on each option. A representative from GDS stated his desire not to take business from other haulers in Henderson County, and that he thought that a franchised district option would be the most workable. There was some discussion of rates that would be charged.

Kumor asked for a motion from the Board on how to move forward. Terry Maybin stated his concern about the increased expense potential that haulers would have to bear with franchising. Jones stated his desire to come to a workable solution for both the County and the haulers. There was some more discussion of how to move forward and narrowing some of the priced options

Emily Anderson moved to narrow the collection options to three possibilities: constructing convenience centers, franchising and continuing present operations. Katie Breckheimer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. There was further discussion of how the options should be classified.

### **Revisions to Triennial Solid Waste Ten Year Plan**

Will Sagar passed out a draft of the revised triennial update. He went through some of the updates and revised figures. There was much discussion over waste reduction goals. An appropriate waste reduction goal was discussed, and several figures were compared. A goal of 20% reduction for the 2013/14 fiscal year was established, and a 40% reduction goal for the 2018/19 fiscal year was established. Breckheimer expressed enthusiasm for the higher reductions goals the staff wanted.

### **Staff Update**

Kumor asked Adrienne Outcalt to discuss the revised solid waste website she had created. She expanded on what she had done to improve it, and promised to email SWAC the link so that they could see the improvements. Outcalt passed out the materials statistics for the month of February and went over them.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:00.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 20th 2009 in the Conference Room at 100 North King Street.

Respectfully submitted by Adrienne Outcalt.