

Minutes
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission
April 14, 2015

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on April 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Larry Jameson, Robert Harrison, Kelly Littleton-Brewster, John Watkins, Art Stewart and Bruce Hamilton. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Auditor Richard Hill; Santek representatives Cheryl Dunson and Raymond Givens; residents Betty Jo McAllister, Pat Hunter, Aileen Longmire and Kaye Wallace; and several unidentified residents.

Mr. Field called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Jameson led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

Mr. Field introduced new Commissioner Hamilton and welcomed him to meeting. Mr. Field also introduced Loudon County Commissioners Leo Bradshaw and Henry Cullen.

MOTION: Mr. Watkins made a motion to accept the corrected minutes of March 10, 2015. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

During Items of Public Concern, Ms. Longmire raised the issue again of reviewing the court reporter's transcripts from the Commission's May 2014 meeting.

Ms. Dunson presented the February and March Cash Reports. Mr. Jameson asked if the Poplar Springs Landfill Sub Account should be adjusted to reflect earned interest. Mr. Harrison said the funds are the Commission's assets under the Interlocal Government Agreement which created the Commission. Mr. Jameson contended the funds have earned interest and it should be reflected on the Sub Account.

MOTION: Mr. Harrison made a motion to pay nothing in earned interest to the Commission's stakeholders for the number of years the former Poplar Springs funds were in the Commission's account. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. Mr. Stevens said he needed to clarify whether earned interest from the sub account is reflected on the Cash Report. The motion failed with six commissioners voting no and Mr. Harrison voting yes.

During Santek's Operations Report, Mr. Jameson questioned Mr. Givens about cleaning Hwy. 72. Mr. Givens said he cleans it three times a day, but will try to do it more often.

Mr. Hill presented a draft copy of the 2014 audit to the Commission. He indicated it was a clean report with no material weaknesses. The change in net position was a negative \$57,549. Ms. Littleton-Brewster asked about machinery and equipment listed in the audit, which included a highlift, computer equipment, scales equipment, and waste oil burner equipment. Mr. Harrison suggested Mr. Hill get a detailed list to Mr. Field and Ms. Dunson for their review. Mr. Harrison also asked Mr. Hill if the Commission had earned more interest on its funds would it have been possible there wouldn't have been a deficit. Mr. Hill said yes. Ms. Littleton-Brewster asked about the payment to the City of Loudon. Mr. Hill explained the Commission paid \$15,000 per year to the city for the installation of a water line along Hwy. 72.

MOTION: Ms. Littleton-Brewster made a motion to table the approval of the audit until the equipment list could be reviewed. Mr. Field seconded the motion. The motion failed with six commissioners voting no and Ms. Littleton-Brewster voting yes.

MOTION: Mr. Stewart made a motion to accept the audit subject to review and verification of the equipment list. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion and it passed with six commissioners voting yes and Ms. Littleton-Brewster voting no.

Ms. Dunson presented the Commission with a hand out detailing Santek's offer to live fund the Commission's closure/post-closure accrual. She said the accrual would result in approximately \$8,049,486 during the life of the landfill. It would involve lowering the landfill's height so that the final elevation falls within the existing 1070 range; utilizing all of the available 67-acre footprint; depositing into the Commission's account \$1.26 per ton monthly on every ton of waste received at the landfill; combining Santek's funds with the Commission's existing closure/post-closure funds, and earmarking all the funds specifically for closure/post-closure care; and the Commission remaining responsible for all closure/post-closure activity. Ms. Dunson said lowering the final elevation will result in a reduction of tonnage from 6.1 million tons to 5.34 million tons, hence the need to utilize the entire permitted footprint. Several commissioners asked how much longer the management agreement would be extended. Ms. Dunson said the offer was based on yield not years. Mr. Jameson asked Mr. Stevens about procurement laws and he replied he would take into consideration several issues including ensuring Santek would be financially responsible for any challenges to the amended agreement and, if the contract is voided, the Commission and Santek would return to the original contract situation. Mr. Watkins asked Ms. Dunson if there would be any change in waste classification or origin. Ms. Dunson said no. The Commission asked Ms. Dunson to present some potential contract duration estimates based on various tonnage levels at its next meeting in May.

During the Attorney's Report, Mr. Stevens said it was time for the Commission to elect officers including a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and a Secretary.

MOTION: Mr. Watkins made a motion to appoint Mr. Field as Chairperson. Mr. Jameson seconded it and it passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Field made a motion to appoint Mr. Watkins as Vice Chairperson. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Harrison made a motion to appoint Mr. Jameson as Secretary. Ms. Littleton-Brewster seconded the motion. Mr. Jameson said his work schedule wouldn't permit him to serve in the capacity of Secretary and the motion was therefore withdrawn.

MOTION: Mr. Field made a motion to appoint Ms. Littleton-Brewster as Secretary. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Stevens reported the Purdy Property Usage and Indemnity Agreement had been fully executed.

During the Chairman's Report, Mr. Field presented the Commission with a draft budget as a discussion starting point. He said the auditor recommended adopting a budget based on the last two years' of expenses and revenue. Mr. Harrison said he would like to see line items for activities the Commission currently doesn't provide such as recycling and education.

The Commission debated the virtues of attending the Solid Waste Conference in Gatlinburg, given the Commission's financial status. Mr. Field said the Commission would request a refund from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for Tom Paul's registration.

Ms. Dunson presented the Annual Update to the Loudon County Solid Waste Plan.

MOTION: Mr. Harrison made a motion to approve the update. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Harrison said, before Mr. Paul was not reappointed to the Commission, he was going to bring a plan to invest the Commission's funds. Mr. Harrison said he would bring a plan to the Commission's next meeting.

Mr. Field said he had a final invoice from Dr. Bob Bachus with GeoSyntec in the amount of \$242.05 for the final viewshed analysis.

MOTION: Mr. Jameson made a motion to approve the invoice. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.


Loudon County Mayor Buddy Bradshaw thanked the Commission for their time and asked commissioners to consider re-instating the \$50 per month stipend.

MOTION: Ms. Littleton-Brewster made a motion to reinstate the \$50 monthly stipend. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of five ayes and two nays from Mr. Jameson and Mr. Field.

MOTION: Ms. Littleton-Brewster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is May 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,


Steve Field, Chairman
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission