

Minutes
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission
May 10, 2016

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on May 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Office Building. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Kelly Littleton-Brewster, Art Stewart, Larry Jameson and Bruce Hamilton. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives Cheryl Dunson and Raymond Givens; and residents Aileen Longmire, Kaye Wallace and Betty Jo McAllister.

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.

MOTION: Ms. Littleton-Brewster made a motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2016. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

During Items of Public Concern, Ms. Longmire asked Mr. Field about the status of Loudon County's project of scanning Commission records. He said former Loudon County Mayor Estelle Herron took control of that project when she was in office. He suggested that Ms. Longmire talk to Anita in Loudon County Mayor Buddy Bradshaw's office. Ms. Longmire asked Mr. Field about the location of the records and said she wanted to be notified when the records are posted to the county's web site. Mr. Field said he doesn't have any plans to post the records. Ms. Longmire said she wanted the minutes to reflect that she asked for the records to be posted on the web site.

Ms. Dunson presented the Cash Activity Report.

During Santek's Operations Report, Mr. Field asked how the Kimberly Clark Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) material was being managed. Mr. Givens replied that he stockpiles the ADC. Mr. Field asked how often is the landfill mowed. Mr. Givens said usually twice a year. Mr. Jameson asked about the current elevation of the landfill. Mr. Givens said he's filling the current cell to elevation before moving into the next cell which is anticipated for July or August.

Mr. Field asked the Commission if it was prepared to approve the annual progress report to the county's solid waste plan.

MOTION: Ms. Littleton-Brewster made a motion to approve the annual progress report. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Field provided an update on the Poplar Springs Landfill. He said that the Loudon County Commission declined to move forward with the grant proposal to remedy the site at its last meeting. Ms. Littleton-Brewster said the County Commission was going to wait to see how the cities of Loudon and Lenoir City voted on the grant proposal. She said there were several concerns among County Commissioners especially about the County's long-term liability for the landfill. Mr. Jameson said he's been attending the Loudon County Commission's workshops and says there's a lot of finger pointing and questions about who had control of the closure/post-closure money for Poplar Springs. He also said there's a lot of discussion among the county commissioners about the accrued interest on the Poplar Springs Landfill Subaccount. He encouraged the solid waste commissioners to "watch and listen closely" to this issue.

Mr. Hamilton said he is still waiting on the Loudon County Finance Committee to authorize the Commission to invest its funds up to a five-year term. He said Loudon County Trustee Chip Miller sent an email to the State of Tennessee asking about using brokered certificates of deposit (CD) and Mr. Miller again said the State of Tennessee put a stop to counties seeking brokered CDs last year.

Ms. Littleton-Brewster said she conducted some research about waste tire disposal fees and said there was a wide range of information. She said she called several tire dealers in Sweetwater, Athens, Knoxville and Loudon County. Tire dealers charge as much as \$4 per tire for a tire disposal fee and as little as \$1.38 per tire. Ms. Dunson said she inquired with Knox, Monroe, McMinn and Blount counties as to their charges for tires and, except for Blount County which subsidizes its tire disposal program through the landfill's tipping fee, all other counties assess a charge per tire. Knox County requires tire dealers to work directly with Liberty Tire. Mr. Field asked Mr. Stevens to compose a summary report of the findings to submit to the Commission at its next meeting.

During the Chairman's Report, Mr. Field said he was in receipt of several invoices including \$2,500 for attorney fees and \$355.84 for Mr. Hamilton's expenses to attend the recent solid waste conference in Gatlinburg.

Mr. Field said he received a proposal from Richard Hill to perform the next audit for \$7,425,

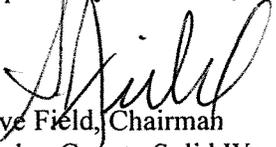
MOTION: Mr. Jameson made a motion to accept the proposal and Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jameson asked about Santek sharing the cost of closure with the Commission. Mr. Field said he was waiting to get a response from the stakeholders on the topic of a long term extension to the Santek contract. Mr. Stevens asked Santek to prepare a drawing for next month's meeting depicting landfill cells at current elevation and final elevation and further stating which cells Santek will be closing during the term of the current contract. Mr. Stewart said the Commission asked Santek 10 months ago to bring a proposal to the table to address the closure/post-closure deficit. He said working with the stakeholders has been a very slow process and asked if there was any way to accelerate the process. Mr. Field asked Mr. Stewart to encourage Lenoir City officials to respond to the letter from the Loudon County Commission.

MOTION: Mr. Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is June 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,


Steve Field, Chairman
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission