

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 30, 1997

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a special called meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the County Administration Building.

Those present were: Chairman Bob Eklund, Vice-Chair Grady Hawkins, Commissioner Vollie G. Good, Commissioner Renee Kumor, Commissioner Don Ward, County Manager David E. Nicholson, Assistant County Manager/Staff Attorney Angela M. Skerrett, County Engineer Gary Tweed and Finance Director Carey McLelland.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Eklund called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was Solid Waste presentations.

SOLID WASTE PRESENTATIONS

The Henderson County Landfill must close by December 31, 1997. David Nicholson reviewed the issues associated with our options after January 1, 1998. This is the date that all landfills must be lined in accordance with federal regulation - Sub-Title D. The Henderson County Landfill is not a lined landfill.

Carey McLelland reviewed the current financial position of the Landfill Enterprise Fund and its fund balance.

Gary Tweed explained the current operational costs and what tipping fee would be needed after January 1, 1998. Gary proposed that we operate a Construction and Demolition Landfill. This will require two additional staff but would lower the tipping fee. The issue of a new landfill was discussed including additional costs of land and cell development.

David Nicholson led the Commissioners in a discussion on the alternatives associated with the tipping fee. There was discussion concerning staff's projection of the loss of 20% of our waste flow. Ways to lower the tipping fee from the base of \$58.38 included operating a Construction and Demolition Landfill, paying for recycling through a household fee and moving the cost of enforcement to the General Fund. The Commissioners agreed that these items should be removed from the tipping fee.

WASTE MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION

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Mr. David Pepper and Ron Peterson, representatives from Waste Management of South Carolina gave a presentation on their Palmetto Landfill in Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

Henderson County had received proposals from three companies to take our waste. Waste Management was the low bidder with a disposal charge of \$19.00 per ton. Palmetto Landfill is a Sub-Title D Landfill and has a future life of 15 years.

Commissioner Hawkins made the motion to approve a disposal contract with Waste Management of South Carolina for disposal of Henderson County Solid Waste. Staff was given authority to negotiate the final contract. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Hawkins made the motion to allow the County Manager to continue to negotiate for the lowest hauling cost. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Hawkins made the motion to set the tipping fee at \$47.91 per ton effective January 1, 1998. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

David Nicholson distributed information on two pieces of equipment needed at the landfill. He requested that the Board consider these issues at their November 3 meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Attest:


Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk


Robert D. Eklund, Chairman