

Solid Waste Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2022 – 6:00 P.M. – Trousdale County Courthouse – 2nd Floor Courtroom

Present: Richard Johnson, David Nollner, Mary Ann Baker, Steve Whittaker, Cliff Sallee, Dwight Jewell and Stephen Chambers
Absent: N/A
Others Present: Ken Buckmaster

1. Open Meeting

Chairman Richard Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Review Minutes from November 4, 2021

Minutes from the November 4, 2021 meeting had been distributed. Mayor Chambers noted one correction/addition to the minutes regarding the rate increase. David Nollner made a motion for the 40 Yard Roll Off Dumpster \$325.00 for 14 days (2 weeks) and \$45.00 per ton. Seconded by Steve Whittaker.

MOTION CARRIED

David Nollner made a motion to approve the November minutes with the correction, Seconded by Steve Whittaker.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion Items

A. Update from Director, Cliff Sallee

- Director Sallee advised that they are still working on some of the vehicles to get them running before auction and some will be sold as scrap as they are beyond repair.
- Commissioner Nollner asked how trash pickup customers were notified when there would be no service due to severe weather. Director Sallee advised it was advertised on the County website and on Facebook as well as Holiday pick up schedule.
- Director Sallee also noted that several items were still in the basement of the Sheriff's Department and he would be looking in the near future building a building to put those items in.
- The building to the right when entering the convenience center would start being used for oil base paints.
- Another project would be a building for recycled electronics. The facility that those items are taken to Gallatin is requesting they be dry and currently they are being put in a dumpster.
- Commissioner Whittaker asked about staffing and Cliff advised that his department is short staffed.
- He has one truck that has 250,000 miles on it and needs \$1,500.00 - \$1,800.00 worth of work and the Animal Shelter is needing a vehicle. He would like to give that vehicle to them to repair and use.
- He has been looking for a used pick-up truck for a work truck. However, he can find a new truck cheaper than a used one and he would be requesting a new truck next fiscal year.

B. Consulting Services

Mayor Chambers advised committee members of a proposal from Caldwell Environmental Solutions, LLC to review current services, present bid specifications for residential curbside services, conduct a rate study compare Hartsville/ Trousdale to similar services in Middle Tennessee and review current billing practices. This was discussed in July and November the cost would be \$4,250.00.

Commissioner Nollner asked what the difference was with this proposal and the solid waste audit. Mayor Chambers advised this proposal dealt more with door-to-door services, recycling, what to charge for that service and getting bids on contracting out those services.

Commissioner Baker asked if this had ever been done before for the county and how the current rates were set and if audits are done annually by the State or anyone else? Mayor Chambers advised

that the County Commission had changed the rates in 2017 but was not sure if a study had been done. The State does not do audits, the county has to submit annual reports them from the data we collect and the audit done we had requested. He also noted one of the reasons this was being looked at was Fiscal Year 2021 there was a deficit of \$66,523.92 in that area.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to move the proposal forward to the County Commission for approval. Seconded by David Nollner. Commissioner Jewell asked if it would require a budget amendment and was advised it would not.

MOTION CARRIED

Director Sallee, advised he had concerns of contracting the trash collection, Mayor Chambers advised that this was a request for costs not a bid process. Commissioners Jewell, Nollner and Whittaker also had concerns of contracting trash collection.

Commissioner Whittaker also noted that he had concerns of overloading current employees with other duties. Director Sallee advised he had good employees that work well.

4. Other Discussion

- Director Sallee advised that he has one truck that has 250,000 miles on it and needs \$1,500.00 - \$1,800.00 worth of work and the Animal Shelter is needing a vehicle. He would like to give that vehicle to them to repair and use. Also, he has been looking for a used pick-up truck for a work truck. However, he can find a new truck cheaper than a used one and he would be requesting a new truck next fiscal year.
- Commissioner Jewell advised the following questions came up during steering committee meeting:
 1. Can residential customers have more than 1 can?
Yes, they can have 2 but they have must pay for the second can but are not charged any extra for picking it up.
 2. Is it the same for Business customers?
 3. Cliff advised most have 1, some have 2 and just a very few businesses have several. The car wash has 10 but they are barrels, The park and the ball fields have several as well and that charge needs to be addressed.
Commissioner Jewell and Director Sallee discussed the rates and frequency of pick up for business customers ad if these issues will be addressed in the study.
- Director Sallee informed committee members that the truck and cans were purchased in 2012-2013 just before he took over and the cans are approaching their 10-year warranty cycle. Currently there are 1150 cans in town and when they become damaged, we are going to address them. He currently has 500 cans on order and will be requesting 500 more next budget year. Perhaps this issue could be addressed in the study as well.
- Commissioner Johnson asked about damaged cans. Director Sallee advised if warranty they would replace but if can is damaged the owner has to replace and charged.

5. Public Comments

Commissioner Ken Buckmaster noted commercial waste is an option for a business in town but not for residential customers and he believes \$19.00 per month is too much to charge those residential customers.

6. Adjourn

David Nollner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dwight Jewell and the meeting was adjourned.