

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Solid Waste Management Authority Board Meeting
10:00 A.M.

March 28, 2018

M I N U T E S

PRESENT: Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner (SWMA Member), Tax Commissioner Terry Baskin (SWMA Member), Mary-Ann Carp (SWMA Member), Victor Lett, Sr., (SWMA Member) and Robb Leatherwood (SWMA Member). Also present were Jeff Metarko (Director of Transportation and Development), Shawanda Wilson (Finance Department), County Attorney Jack Hancock, Josh Lawson with Jacobs Engineering, Chuck Button with Jacobs Engineering, Mr. Jason Zepp (Regional Manager of Waste Industries), Dawayne Isaac (General Manager of Southeast Metro-Atlanta area of Waste Industries) and Sandra T. Davis (Clerk).

ABSENT: Vice-Chairman Michael Edmondson (SWMA Member) and Andrew Love (SWMA Member).

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

II. ADOPTION OF JANUARY 23, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Turner entertained a motion to adopt the minutes. Motion by Tax Commissioner Baskin to approve the January 23, 2018 Meeting minutes, second by Ms. Carp. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0-1 with Mr. Lett abstaining due to his absence from the meeting.

III. CONTINUE TRANSFER STATION DISCUSSION

Transportation and Development Director Jeff Metarko introduced Mr. Jason Zepp- Regional Manager of Waste Industries and Mr. Dawayne Isaac- General Manager of Southeast Metro-Atlanta area of Waste Industries. He explained that they are here to offer their expertise and to educate us a little bit more on what is a transfer station. He pointed out that they would be willing to discuss anything trash and litter related.

Mr. Jason Zepp- Regional Manager of Waste Industries also introduced Mr. Dawayne Isaac- General Manager of Southeast Metro-Atlanta area of Waste Industries. He offered that they have upwards of 25,000 homes that we service in Clayton County. He pointed out that the transfer station idea is a relatively common practice when it comes to a county's solid waste plan. He spoke of a building of approximately 12,000 square feet with about a 45 foot pitch high and

between seven and eleven acres for that property. He then explained the reasons for the suggested acreage. He shared that there are multiples things that can be done onsite at a transfer station in terms of having the citizens come in and bring items; such as, segregating away from the heavy trucks, white goods, recyclables, etc. He maintained this would assist with the dumping and at a reasonable rate as well. He described what a private/public partnership would look like; the county would own the land and there is a potential for a fee to come across per ton. Mr. Josh Lawson added that it would be a host fee. He briefly spoke of assisting with community cleanups in Rockdale County.

Chairman Turner then asked if there is a contract with Rockdale County or just work with the county government, at which time, Mr. Zepp replied that they have a contract. Chairman Turner also asked if it would be amenable to have the county purchase the land and Waste Industries lease it from the county. Mr. Zepp replied that is an option and we would take on constructing the building. In response to another question from Chairman Turner, Mr. Zepp replied that we could also look at purchasing the land as an option. Mr. Lawson added that Waste Industries would want the county to permit it.

Chairman Turner also asked if there are any complaints about the smell or what is done to mitigate that. Mr. Zepp maintained that we don't get smells out of our transfer stations and have not received any complaints at Fayetteville; since, he has been here the last eighteen months. Also, Fairburn is in an industrial area, and there are residential homes within about two miles away not that the odor is going to travel that far. Mr. Zepp then described the different designs that would cut down on the odors. Mr. Dawayne Isaac added that both transfer stations have deodorizing systems that is constantly spraying mists of deodorizers. Also, Mr. Zepp noted that the trash is not stored there; we try to keep it moving.

In response to a question of Ms. Carp, Mr. Isaac maintained that we are only closed five days a year. Chairman Turner asked if Waste Industries has their own landfill, at which time, Mr. Zepp responded that they do; the trash would be taken to Taylor County, Georgia. Mr. Zepp pointed out this would be another benefit to a partnership such as this, because trash would be taken out of the county.

When Mr. Leatherwood asked about potential sites, Mr. Isaac shared that it is 1010 Citizens Parkway, 4180 Moreland Avenue and one on the top side of Atlanta off of 675. Mr. Lawson recalled that the Moreland Avenue property was identified as the top location.

With there being no further questions from the authority, Mr. Zepp and Mr. Isaac exited the meeting room.

IV. FRAMEWORK FOR KEEP GEORGIA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE IN CLAYTON COUNTY

Transportation and Development Director Metarko recalled that Jacobs Engineering was directed to come up with a summary of the information that was presented or a more formalized discussion on a recommendation of staffing based on all of the information they collected, and a budget of what they think the first year would take in terms of staffing wise, initiatives, etc. In addition, include the affiliation with Keep America and Keep Georgia Beautiful. They also included what the program could be expanded into based off the direction of this authority and the Board of Commissioners. He made reference to the salary for the executive director that is higher than expected for some of the surrounding counties, which we may need some additional discussion. Mr. Lawson said the two counties that offered the salary ranges were Gwinnett and Fulton Counties. Gwinnett's salary range is from \$70,000 to \$95,000 and Fulton's salary range is from \$64,000 to \$97,000. Chairman Turner noted that these are much larger counties than Clayton County; therefore, he would image a salary range of \$50,000 to \$65,000.

Transportation and Development Director Metarko provided an anticipated budget for the first year of Keep Clayton County Beautiful (KCCB) to be between \$134,000 and \$164,000. In response to a question of Chairman Turner, he then briefly explained the startup initiative, which includes the affiliation with Keep America Beautiful (KAB). Mr. Leatherwood shared the benefits of having the affiliation with KAB. He pointed out that KAB assists with the setup by providing all of the material, which is more of a knowledge transfer. Mr. Lawson added that there is a \$4,000 affiliation fee based on the county's population. In addition, Mr. Chuck Button mentioned that there is a lot of networking. When Ms. Carp asked how long it takes to get it up and running, Transportation and Development Director Metarko responded that the City of Riverdale has been working on it for about a year. Chairman Turner said the reason for the questions is because we are in the budget season and we would have to set some funds for this initiative. He explained that we would have to have a number as to what to allocate and how long it would take to get the initiative going. Mr. Button maintained that we could get that information back to you fairly quickly.

Ms. Carp asked questions relative to the hiring of the executive director with Mr. Lawson explaining that as part of the affiliation process, an executive director would be identified and secured. He then briefly explained the affiliation process. Chairman Turner asked Ms. Shawanda Wilson with the Finance Department how much was allocated for the beautification efforts, because he believes it was \$100,000. Ms. Wilson advised that she would get that information to him.

Chairman Turner recommended a motion from the authority members to proceed forward with the Keep Clayton County Beautiful initiative and ask for the Board of Commissioners to approve \$150,000 in addition to the \$100,000; therefore, an amount of \$250,000 for KCCB initiative. Mr. Baskin made the motion to move forward with this initiative in the amount of \$150,000. Chairman

Turner added that the \$100,000 is already there for the beautification, seconded by Mr. Lett. Vote unanimous. Chairman Turner reiterated the request, which is for an additional \$150,000 for the purpose of establishing an executive director and support staff to start the process for affiliation with Keep America Beautiful.

Transportation and Development Director Metarko reminded the authority members that for the next meeting, we discussed that in May the yearly contract with Jacobs Engineering would expire with the fiscal year; therefore, the authority would need to continue for another year. He advised that whatever directions the authority wants to provide them on the next steps with regards to the transfer station or whatever else the authority wants to put on the plate.

When Chairman Turner suggested that the authority needs to discuss the direction with the Board of Commissioners. He continued by sharing his request that there be a presentation at the Board of Commissioners Regular Business Meeting to discuss transfer stations and the value of it. Mr. Baskin suggested that some representation from this authority should be present when this discussion comes forward. Chairman Turner then offered the second meeting in April as the date for the presentation. County Attorney Jack Hancock advised that the meeting date would be April 17, 2018. Mr. Baskin asked County Clerk Davis to send out reminders to the authority members regarding the April 17, 2018 Regular Business Meeting date for the presentation.

Note: Mr. Baskin left the meeting during this portion of the meeting at approximately 10:37 a.m.

For clarification purpose, Transportation and Development Director Metarko noted that the next meeting of the authority would be in May, but a date has not been determined.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) Mr. Mickey Garber, Rex, Georgia came forward to say that the trash problem is a multi-faceted problem, and he is pleased that the authority is keeping education in the forefront of your minds. Mr. Garber said the matter he wanted to bring up with Tax Commissioner Baskin is that in the sell of new homes, it should be written in the real estate contract or in some way presented when that real estate person is selling that house that they must have garbage pickup; instead of, it going through Mr. Baskin's Office as this authority had first discussed. He recalled that he attended a meeting of School Superintendent Dr. Beasley, and the educational part was not brought up. He stated that he had questions for the Waste Industries representatives relating to garbage that is not allowed in trash cans; such as, tires, batteries, paints and pesticides. There should be a way to dispose of those things, because if you don't give people a way to dispose of it; then, it becomes part of your trash problem. He suggested that the transfer station be centrally located to give everyone easy access to it.

County Attorney Hancock advised that it just can't be done, because an owner of a piece of property cannot control what their purchaser does. He then explained that if an owner wanted to put restrictions on the use of property that he owns, this can be done. However, the owner cannot control something like if a person has garbage pickup or not. Mr. Garber asked if an ordinance could be passed, to which, County Attorney Hancock recalls that there is an ordinance that deals with garbage, but an owner cannot require that a purchaser have their garbage picked up. Chairman Turner said this was the beauty of having it on the property tax bill that the property owner has to pay for, because those owners who live out of town but have a renter in their property are responsible for making sure the renter has trash pickup.

With regards to the other question from Mr. Garber, Chairman Turner asked if there is a separate section for tires and those other items, or do they just take household trash. Mr. Lawson recalled that Waste Industries identified that they could have a lot of customer drop off waste bins to handle a lot of those restricted waste at the transfer station. However, for items such as tires, there would be an added fee, because that is usually unavoidable. Mr. Button noted that at Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful, we have two or three times a year amnesty days where people can come and dump all of that stuff and as volunteers, we take it and help process it. In conclusion, Mr. Garber advised that Clayton County has one of those days and it is soon to come up at the Water Authority.

Note: Public Comment was concluded with there being no further speakers.

Mr. Leatherwood asked how much does it cost the county for the Sheriff's Department to come through with the crew to pick up trash. Chairman Turner said there are the inmates and there is the hired staff to supervise them. This is already accounted for in the budget; they are just assigned to a work crew. He pointed out that the cost that the county gets hit with is when we put it in our landfill. Transportation and Development Director Metarko explained that a bulk of the debris is picked up by Refuse Control.

Mr. Leatherwood then described his postings on a social media site called "nextdoor.com" with the title "Let's be classy not trashy". This was to be an inspiration to other communities to do the same. He spoke of the positive feedback from the posting and asked would the county offer trash bags to such neighborhoods or groups who are taking the initiative to clean up their community. Chairman Turner said that it something that could be accomplished through a partnership. Transportation and Development Director Metarko added this is something that could be incorporated in the Keep Clayton County Beautiful.

Mr. Leatherwood shared that the City of Riverdale completely eliminated their single stream recycling dumpster, because there was too much illegal dumping going on with that. Now, they are still trying to kick start their Keep Riverdale Beautiful affiliation program. He said the closest recycling center for him is in College Park next to the airport. He then contacted the City of College Park to get more information on their recycling program. One of the interesting things was that 100% of their businesses participate in recycling; therefore, they provide all of the bins

to the businesses. He explained that the reason the businesses participate is that it is less trash that they have to pay for to dispose of and this is why he was curious about the amount of money the county makes off of the recyclables that we turn in. He stated that they use the money from their recycling to help self-fund their own recycling program. He further described an unfortunate incident with the dumping of toxic waste at their recycling location and now they have to spend \$12,000 to get it cleaned up and properly disposed of. He shared that what he likes the most was how their recycling program is being self-funded.

Chairman Turner said that would be a big initiative to get the businesses to buy in to have them to do just that.

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Mr. Lett, second by Ms. Carp, to adjourn the Solid Waste Management Authority Board Meeting of March 28, 2018 at 10:52 a.m. Vote unanimous by the four members present for the vote with Mr. Baskin having left the meeting.