

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting

November 5, 2020

PRESENT: Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner (SWMA Member), Robb Leatherwood (SWMA Member), Captain Sean MacDonald (SWMA Member), Mary Ann Carp (SWMA Member), and Commissioner DeMont Davis (SWMA Member).

ABSENT: Edie Yongue (SWMA Member) and Tax Commissioner Terry Baskin (SWMA Member).

Also present were Jeff Metarko (Director of Transportation and Development), Lexi Morgan (Keep Clayton Beautiful Program Manager), Chuck Reed (County Attorney), Antonese Dees, Josh Lawson with Jacobs Engineering, Mickey Garber (guest citizen), Timothy Vondell Jefferson (guest citizen) and Courtney Rushin (Assistant County Clerk).

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. ADOPTION OF AUGUST 27, 2020 MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Turner entertained a motion to adopt the August 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Captain MacDonald and seconded by Mary Ann Carp to approve. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Chairman Turner, second by Captain Sean MacDonald to add “Emergency Item”: Leach Landfill System for cause of urgency to the matter at hand. Vote unanimous.

Note: This “Emergency Item” became Item V, which moved Open Discussion to Item VI.

III. CONSULTANT CONTRACT DISCUSSION:

Jeff Metarko stated that Jacobs Engineering in 2016 contemplated a one (1) year agreement but ended with a total of five (5) years. Task orders are essential for the fiscal year going forward. Since we need further direction on hiring a consultant for the next fiscal year, he gave his recommendation of awarding the contract to current consultant, Jacobs Engineering.

Chairman Turner stated he sees no issues with Jacobs Engineering. The other board members agreed.

County Attorney Chuck Reed stated in order to move forward with this decision he will form a new draft of the contract under a Professional Services contract and this will be brought up between March and May for approval.

IV. SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM DISCUSSION:

Chairman Turner discussed future direction including that majority of the Board of Commissioners desired Option #4: Mandatory Transfer Station, which would be a county contract with 3rd part billing, as well as Option #3 - but to pursue the transfer station.

He stated the next steps would be to decide on whether this could be placed as a referendum on ballot and he is concerned with illegal dumping that may ensue. He asked that with Option #4, would there be a possibility for billing within the company chosen.

Director Metarko stated it would have to be set in an RFP, pointing out the cost aspect such as possible administrative fees and costs.

Commissioner Davis expressed major concerns with billing and possible placement on the tax bill.

Robb Leatherwood agrees that it should be placed on a referendum so that citizens can make that choice for themselves before moving forward.

After brief discussion, it was decided that the Board of Commissioners would continue to move forward with the development of a transfer station.

Ms. Dees reminded the board that all parcels previously discussed are still available and the average cost of an acre would be around \$172,692.00.

Chairman Turner stated he would have Ms. Dees come to the Board of Commissioners Work Session to provide those figures to the board along with any conflict of interest concerns from Jacobs Engineering.

The next Board of Commissioners Work Session is on November 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

V. LEACH LANDFILL SYSTEM DISCUSSION (“Emergency Item”):

Director Metarko spoke about SWMA approval for another task force with Jacobs Engineering including EPD documentation. He suggested executing agreement in the next week two (2) weeks not to exceed \$50,000.00 now. There is approximately 1500 to 2000 gallons of liquid currently standing, which raises potential stability issues and concerns.

Chairman Turner requested a motion to move forward. Motion made by Robb Leatherwood, second by Captain Sean MacDonald to grant the Chairman permission to sign off on a Task Order for Leach Repair System for Clayton County, Georgia. Vote unanimous.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION:

Lexi Morgan briefly discussed the Citizen Board and status of the paperwork with the Keep Clayton Beautiful program.

Chairman Turner stated he would send an email out with more information.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Mr. Mickey Garber of Unincorporated Rex, Clayton County, Georgia discussed garbage and litter issues in the county, concerns for governing and enforcement of said issue, possible transfer station, beautification and education.
- 2) Mr. Timothy Vondell Jefferson of Clayton County, Georgia discussed Tax Assessor information, Keep Clayton Beautiful, possible collaboration with GFL for transfer station, enforcement of Quality of Life and having more participation with trash pick-up in the county.

VIII. ADJOURN:

Mary Ann Carp made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Chairman Turner providing the second at 11:30 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Courtney Rushin
Assistant County Clerk