

ACCOMACK COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 13, 2019

The Accomack County Solid Waste Committee met in the Public Works & Facilities Office on Tuesday, March 13, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: **The Honorable Robert Crockett- Accomack County Board of Supervisors**
 Marilyn Ailes, Waste Watchers
 Shannon Alexander, Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission

Member Absent: **The Honorable Ronald Wolff- Accomack County Board of Supervisors**

Others Present: **Stewart Hall- Deputy County Administrator – Public Works & Facilities**
 Greg Duncan- Deputy Director of Solid Waste
 Linda Mrozinski, Recycling & Litter Control Specialist
 Dawn McGuire- Departmental Administrative Coordinator
 Captain Todd Wessells- Accomack County Sheriff’s Office
 Lieutenant Wayne Greer – Accomack County Sheriff’s Office
 Sue Mastyl- Citizens For A Better Eastern Shore
 The Honorable Harrison Phillips- Accomack County Board of Supervisors
 Chris Burns (via skype) - CHA Consulting
 Matt Quinnin (via skype) – CHA Consulting

Call to Order

In the absence of Supervisor Ronald Wolff and with there being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Supervisor Robert Crockett. Supervisor Crockett asked to go around the room and get introductions from everyone.

Consideration of Minutes

Marilyn Ailes made a motion to accept the September 11, 2018 minutes. The motion was made and carried.

The vote on the motion: **ALL Ayes:** (Supervisor Wolff was absent)

Old Business & Updates

A. Glass Recycling (Greg Duncan)

Greg stated that we have a container out back and what we have been trying to do is put together some samples. He stated that the company we were using no longer had a market for it. Greg stated that Linda has been working with different companies on recycling and she had a hand out she will share with everyone. Greg stated that we are trying to put together something to see if the juice is going to be worth the squeeze and the cost that they are going to charge is not going to exceed what it cost us to put it in the landfill. Greg asked Linda to pass out a handout she found which was the Facility Rules & Regulations for the I-95 Landfill Complex. Sue spoke that in the research she has done on single stream recycling that it is impossible to prevent the crushed glass from getting contaminated with the paper and plastic. Shannon stated that she found a company that just started distributing a glass recycling machine that costs approximately \$50,000. Shannon also stated that if the County was interested in having that separate stream she found a grant thru Coca-Cola only for Southeast states that has millions of dollars in it and it doesn't have a deadline. She offered to work on it more and help to develop an application for additional bins, if desired. Supervisor Crockett

asked Shannon if there was no objections from the committee members would she work up a report on that. Shannon stated yes. A discussion ensued.

B. Recycling & Assign-A-Highway Statistics (Linda Mrozinski)

Linda stated that our totals were down since glass is no longer accepted. However, we replaced the runway at the Airport and the millings from the old runway have been used throughout Accomack County on roads. DEQ has agreed that we can use that tonnage in our report. Linda stated that we normally hold the Spring Clean on the first weekend in May but she would like to change it to the second weekend in May if that is acceptable. She stated that there are several events going on and a lot of residents don't get to take advantage of the free day at the landfill. Supervisor Crockett asked if there were any objections. None were noted.

Linda passed out information from one of the vendors she was looking at for glass recycling: Fairfax Virginia. Linda stated that costs are very high. Linda noted that startup alone would be over \$300,000, then we would have to truck it to them and they would charge us \$ 10.00/ton for everything that we brought in. Linda stated they gave her a list of their rules and how they run their landfill and she stated that she showed it to Greg and that this may be something we may want to incorporate in our landfills. Linda stated that the litter collected from the vacuum truck during the previous month was 2.03 tons of litter. Stewart mentioned that with the number of probationers being down if she thought we should meet with the Judges. Linda stated that she called and spoke to the Clerks and she was waiting for them to get back with her with when the Judges may be able to meet with them. Linda stated that one of the biggest problems is that many probationers are not given a completion date to complete their community service. Supervisor Crockett asked if she had mentioned that to the Clerk. Linda stated that she did and hasn't gotten to speak to the Judge yet. Stewart stated that he remembered they used to have 35 people in the program at any given time. Supervisor Phillips asked Linda if she knew how many days the vacuum truck was in use last month. Linda stated that she did not have that information yet.

C. Litter Vacuum (Greg Duncan)

Greg stated that his staff is working with the Sheriff's Department which will afford us the opportunity to put the vacuum truck out there even more. Greg stated that we have put together some Standard Operating Guidelines. Supervisor Crockett stated that either Greg or Todd can share with Supervisor Phillips that they are taking low-risk inmates. Lt. Greer stated that they do have weekend pick up where inmates usually pick up trash for the weekend and so far this year with the weather being terrible from January to now, they have done over 20 miles of road, picked up 275 bags of trash and 855 pounds of vacuum; last Tuesday was 455 and this Tuesday was 400.

Lt. Greer stated that now they are trying to do just one day per week in conjunction with Public Works. The Sheriff's Department is providing two or three inmates who are low risk, felony or misdemeanors with no violent crimes and roughly 60- 65 days or less remaining on their sentences. Lt. Greer stated that they spent three days on Holland Road. One day they picked up 48 bags and another day 81 bags. On the day they used the vacuum truck they picked up 8 bags of hand trash and 7 large vacuum bags that weighed 455 tons. Capt. Wessells stated that if all goes well he plans on doing Tuesdays and Fridays as long as they have the manpower. Linda stated if they need more roads, she has a list. Lt. Greer stated he has been Lt. for four years at the jail and had gotten more phone calls in the past three months than he has in four years. Lt. Greer also stated that Sheriff Godwin rode Holland Road yesterday and informed him that trash was back on the road. Capt. Wessells stated that they do have cameras but it is very hard to put a camera on a roadway. A lengthy discussion ensued.

D. Northern Landfill Western Expansion – Project Overview, Q & A, Comments (Greg Duncan)

Chris Burns from CHA Consulting joined the meeting via teleconference. Supervisor Crockett introduced himself as well as the other attendees. Greg introduced Chris who then delivered a

PowerPoint presentation on the Western Expansion at the North Landfill. Chris stated that he had arranged for Matt Quinton, another CHA employee, to attend the Public Hearing at the Board of Supervisors Meeting. Chris stated that the County is facilitating these meetings to be good communicators as well as fulfill a requirement in the Solid Waste Regulations that requires public input at the time any new landfill expansion is being proposed. Chris displayed a graphic showing the location of the North Landfill in Atlantic, Virginia. Chris gave some history of the landfill including the most recent expansion in January 2017. Chris pointed out Cell 2 which was closed using a material called Closure Turf. Chris stated that some or all folks may be aware that we received the award from the American Council of Engineering Consultants for this project. Supervisor Crockett stated that they recognized that at the last Board of Supervisors Meeting and they appreciate CHA's work on the project.

Chris pointed out that Cell 6A is currently being filled with waste. In January 2017 the County purchased a parcel of land that became available to the west of the existing landfill containing approximately 67 acres. Chris stated that the preferred option for expansion would involve "piggy-backing" or putting waste over the top of the existing western side of the landfill. This method creates an efficient way to fill. Chris stated that the additional liner layer would provide greater environmental protection for that portion of the landfill that is piggy-backed. One of the big reasons for recommending this option is the benefit of retaining the existing baler building. This building is used for processing recyclables and has undergone several capital improvements in recent years. If we proceeded with the other option for expansion that was originally proposed by another consultant, that building would have to be torn down and rebuilt and a cost of approximately one million dollars. A lengthy discussion ensued.

New Business

A. Ideas for utilizing Southern Landfill (Stewart Hall)

Stewart stated that this agenda item was intended to be a conversation starter. Stewart stated that there have been some small conversations in the past about ways to utilize it as an asset versus just taking up space. Stewart stated that a company working on a solar project in the County near Tasley had approached him about the possibility of a public-private partnership to install solar panels on the closed area of the landfill. Stewart stated that he had also been talking to a member of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club about the concept of a youth catch-and-release fishing activity at the ponds. Stewart stated that representatives from the Anglers Club have scouted the sites but haven't done any pre-fishing yet. Stewart stated that he has discussed the concept with the County Administrator and they would like to start with a one-day event at one location and maybe Parks and Recreation can help promote it. Other ideas include a pet park, disc golf, and a drone park. Sue stated that Donald Hart has expressed concerns that the landfill is unlined and asked if there is anything additional that we have to do. Stewart stated that the landfill was properly closed using a traditional soil cover and it is being monitored. A discussion ensued.

Other

Shannon asked for a letter of support on a mini-grant that would cover travel expenses and a conference on resources and recycling. The grant would pay for hotel, conference etc.

Marilyn Ailes made a motion to give Shannon the letter of support in reference to the grant so she can attend this conference. Supervisor Crockett seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

The vote on the motion: **ALL Ayes:** (Supervisor Wolff was absent)

Supervisor Crockett asked Shannon to write the letter. A discussion ensued.

Adjournment

Supervisor Robert Crockett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn Ailes seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

The vote on the motion: **ALL Ayes:** (Supervisor Wolff was absent)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Honorable Robert Crockett (In the absent of Supervisor Wolff)

Date