

**SOLID WASTE LANDFILL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 11, 2007**

The Solid Waste Landfill Committee met on December 11, 2007 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Kinard, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

James E. Kinard, Jr., Chairman	Bobby C. Keisler, V Chairman
George H. Smokey Davis	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
William C. Billy Derrick	

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Deputy County Administrator; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

**Solid Waste Palmetto Pride Grant Application - Solid Waste Management - Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator** – Mr. Mergo requested permission to submit the Solid Waste Palmetto Pride Grant application. The total amount of the grant is \$7,767 and requires no county match. The grant will be used to purchase heavy-duty cardboard boxes and lids to convert into recycling containers and create a toolkit to help event coordinators implement successful solid waste management practices at special events. This would help prevent litter and increase recycling in Lexington County.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to move forward with the submittal of the Solid Waste Palmetto Pride Grant application.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Curbside Collection Update (Goals 1,2,3) - Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator** – Mr. Mergo gave an update on the curbside pilot program proposed for the Chapin area. He plans to bring back another update at the March 25<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting. Mr. Mergo said he has met with Rick Dolan, Assessor, Charlie Compton, Planning and GIS, and the Information Services department to establish the number of residential units in the Chapin area. He said excluding the Town of Chapin, there are 4,965 potential residential customers. The Town of Chapin may participate in the program at some point. Mr. Mergo said they are currently working with the Assessor's office to see if a curbside fee can be added to the tax bill in that area. They are also looking at utilizing the Point Addressing system currently used by the EMS department to locate individual houses which would help establish a routing system for garbage collection routes. The garbage service would have some type of GPS or vehicle locator system in the waste trucks to show the routes, which would eliminate missing pick-ups. Mr. Mergo said they were getting prices on what it would cost the County to establish the service with equipment to implement as well as create a budget for the new service. For discussion only, no action taken.

**Old Business/New Business - Solid Waste Funding – None.**

**Introduction of New Solid Waste Management Staff** – Mr. Mergo introduced Tom Harmalik as the new collection station coordinator. He will manage the complete operations of the County's twelve collections stations and recycling collectors.

Mr. Dave Eger has been hired as the new Solid Waste Management Director and will start Monday, January 7, 2008. Mr. Eger comes from Aiken County with over 30 years of experience in the solid waste management business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee  
Assistant to the Clerk

James E. Kinard, Jr.  
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk