

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2008**

The Solid Waste Committee met on Tuesday, December 09, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:50 p.m. Mr. Kinard, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

James E. Kinard, Jr., Chairman

George H. Smokey Davis

William C. Billy Derrick

Bobby C. Keisler, V Chairman

Johnny W. Jeffcoat

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.

Briefing on Current Recycling Market Trends (Goal 3) - Solid Waste Management - Dave Eger, Director - Mr. Eger provided a briefing on the current recycling market trends and the effects of the current economic crisis. He reported that there is a down turn in the market value for recyclables including significant decreases in cardboard. Mr. Eger said this will have an effect on the Solid Waste budget with major decreases particularly in the metal area. Approximately \$300,000 of the Solid Waste budget is from recyclable materials. For information only, no action taken.

Update on Wood Waste Grinder Program (Goal 1) - Solid Waste Management - Dave Eger, Director - Mr. Kinard said that one of the objectives from the Strategic Visioning Plan is to reduce the volume of wood yard debris in the landfill by 75% or 22,500 tons in order to extend the landfill life capacity by four or five years. He said funds have been set aside for the purchase of a wood waste grinder but due to the economic conditions, as well as comments from the committee, he wanted to open the floor for discussion for alternatives to purchasing a grinder. Mr. Eger said that \$725,000 had been budgeted for the purchase of a grinder with a life expectancy of ten years. It was suggested to look at contracting the wood grinding service. Staff requested to place the purchase of the grinder on hold and return to the Committee with information for a one-year contract for wood waste grinder services. Mr. Eger reported if the County proceeded with a contractor that a site would need to be registered for wood chipping at a cost of approximately \$23,000 which has been budgeted. Staff advised to move forward with registering site. For information only, no action taken.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of October 28, 2008 - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the October 28, 2008 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Disposal Fee for Old Tires - None.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

James E. Kinard, Jr.
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk