

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 2008**

The Solid Waste Committee met on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:48 p.m. Mr. Kinard, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

James E. Kinard, Jr., Chairman
Johnny W. Jeffcoat

Bobby C. Keisler, V Chairman
William C. Billy Derrick

Absent:

*George H. Smokey Davis

*Mr. Davis was not present due to medical reasons.

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 Changes to SC Landfill Regulations (Goal 1) - Solid Waste Management -

Dave Eger, Director – Mr. Eger presented changes made to the SC Landfill Regulations by DHEC through the Assembly. He briefly highlighted the following changes: classification of landfills from six classes to three classes (Lexington County is a Class 2 facility); permits disposal of items based on Characteristics of Waste versus the Source of Generation; allows C&D Landfills to accept additional waste streams; changes in buffer requirement for new landfills; requires C&D Landfills to install ground water wells and commence sampling on a semi-annual basis at a cost to Lexington County; more stringent closure requirements for C&D Landfills; C&D Landfills (Class 2) subject to NPDES under the General Permit for Industrial Activities; private C&D Landfills facilities to provide Closure/Post Closure Plans; and registration of structural fill activities. Mr. Eger pointed out the following changes that will affect County operations: County must provide a revised groundwater monitoring design system plan to DHEC by November 19, 2008; upon approval of plan, if additional wells are required must be installed within six months; a Modified Operating Permit for the C&D will be issued by DHEC upon approval of the Groundwater Monitoring Plan. The County is working with an engineering consultant, Alliance Engineering, to submit a Groundwater Monitoring plan to DHEC by mid September and will submit an application for the NPDES General Permit for Industrial Activities. The three classifications changes are: Class 1 - yard and land waste landfills; Class 2 - C&D and industrial landfills; and Class 3 - sanitary landfills.

The Committee asked if MSW permitted landfills had to record where the fill material comes from. Mr. Eger replied that if you own the property and the material comes from your own generation – you now have to register with DHEC. Mr. Derrick also inquired about the County obtaining this information and making it available for future buyers of such property. Mr. Eger said he will need to check with DHEC. For information only – no action taken.

Briefing on Changes to County Solid Waste Management Plan (Goal 1) - Solid Waste Management - Dave Eger, Director – Mr. Eger reported on the changes to the County Solid Waste Management Plan due to the changes to the State Landfill Regulations. He said based on these changes, the County's Solid Waste Management Plan will require modification. The Plan must be updated to include the New Landfill classifications and revision of the State's review of Demonstration-of-Need, Consistency with Solid Waste Management Plans, buffers, and local land-use and zoning. The issues of Public Notice must be addressed and concluded prior to the technical application process with DHEC. Staff has scheduled the plan review and modification during the month of September and the completion of the draft by October 2008. Mr. Derrick asked about the status on MSW permits. Mr. Eger did not have any information on the moratorium for MSW permits. For information only – no action taken.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing – A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Derrick to go into Executive Session for a legal briefing.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Kinard reconvened the meeting in open session with no motions to be considered.

Carolina Materials Corporation (CMC) Request to Expand C&D Landfill - Solid Waste Management - Dave Eger, Director - Discussed in Executive Session. No action taken.

Status of Wood Waste Grinder/Program - Solid Waste Management - Dave Eger, Director – Mr. Eger provided a Power-point presentation on the status of the Wood Waste Grinder Program. The Council's objective in the Strategic Visioning Plan is to reduce the volume of wood/yard debris landfilled by 75% or approximately 22,500 tons and extending the 12 year capacity of the landfill up to an additional four-five years. The wood grinder was approved by Council in the FY2008/09 budget and currently staff is reviewing the final draft of bid specifications with plans to have the grinder by March 2009. Mr. Eger presented associated costs for the wood grinder which included a cost per ton analysis to put wood debris in the landfill (at \$14.50 per ton) versus cost to grind (at \$9.10 per ton). Additional information from other counties with wood waste programs, potential revenue sources for the mulch produced and collection system transition were presented. For information only – no action taken.

Old Business/New Business – None.

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