

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 23, 2011**

The Solid Waste Committee met on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Summers, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

Debra B. Summers, Chairman	M. Todd Cullum, V Chairman
George H. Davis	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
James E. Kinard, Jr.	

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, III, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; 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.

Coca Cola's Recycle and Win! Program - Solid Waste Management - Dave Eger, Director - Mr. Eger presented a request to participate in Coca Cola's Recycle and Win! Program. He reported it is a free program designed to help municipalities increase recycling participation by rewarding citizens. Mr. Jim Bailey, President of Red Moon Marketing representing Coca Cola, reported on the success of the program in Charlotte, Raleigh and Nashville. He explained that the program would provide educational materials on recycling to residents and award prizes to participants. Mr. Bailey said for the residents who do not have curbside recycling they would be able to participate at the Collection and Recycling Centers through special recycling events. The ad campaign is planned to kick-off in mid-October for six months to include direct mail and television promotions. All participating residents will have the opportunity to win a \$50 Bilo gift card. Richland County, City of Columbia, City of West Columbia, City of Cayce, Town of Springdale, and Blythewood are taking part in the recycling program. The Committee asked about tracking recycling improvements in the promotional areas. Mr. Bailey confirmed they would be tracking results and asked to return to the Committee after the program with the results.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to participate in Coca Cola's Recycle and Win! Program.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Proposed Electronic Waste Recycling Program - Solid Waste Management - Dave Eger, Director - Mr. Eger presented recommendations for a proposed Electronic Waste Recycling Program. He reported the County has seen an increase in electronic waste deliveries from 58

in July 2011 to 247 deliveries this July 2011. Mr. Eger has presented a proposed list of seven of the County's 11 Collection and Recycling Centers that could be set up as possible electronic waste recycling areas for all electronic materials. If approved the program could start as early as December 1, 2011. The proposed program cost is estimated at \$93,071. The cost includes a storage facility at the Edmund landfill to hold all the material collected and two part-time recycling collectors to transfer the material from the building to Creative Recycling's tractor trailer. Funding is available in contingency.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendations for the proposed Electronic Waste Recycling Program.

Mr. Kinard said this is a state mandated program with no state funding and the County will be responsible for ongoing costs for the proposed program. Mr. Eger reported that the state law initially was to have manufacturers required to take back electronic waste, however, regulations have not been passed. Mr. Kinard expressed concerns that if the County set up the program the State may not enforce the manufacturers to follow through. Mr. Davis asked about the legality of the County placing a rebate or recycle fee on an electronic device. Mr. Eger responded when the legislature passed the law it was required that no fees be placed on the materials. Mr. Eger reported the County has a state contract with Creative Recycling who picks up and takes the materials to their facility for recycling. Through this contract the County is paid for computer hard drives. He said there is no cost involved with the disposal of the electronics through Creative Recycling. Ms. Summers asked if this was something that the County needs to do. Mr. Kinard said he would rather take \$30-40,000 out of contingency for the building at the landfill and continue to have materials dropped off at the landfill then wait and see if there is a need for the program. Mr. Banning said the County should continue what it is doing with Creative Recycling without hiring additional personnel.

In favor: Mr. Davis Mr. Cullum
 Ms. Summers Mr. Jeffcoat

Opposed: Mr. Kinard

Earthquake Alert - Ms. Hubbard reported that she was unsure if we just experienced an earthquake or not. The Emergency Preparedness staff is in the process of evaluating the situation and if anything different needs to be done, she will inform Council.

Briefing - Edmund C&D Landfill Stabilization Project - Solid Waste Management - Dave Eger, Director - Mr. Edger presented an update on the Edmund C&D Landfill Stabilization Project. He reported Solid Waste Management experienced difficulty in consistently meeting the water quality criteria for Total Suspended Solids (TSS) at the Landfill basin outfall. Staff took the necessary precautions including steps to clean the basins and, as a result, have remained in compliance with DHEC regulations. It was determined that Cell II requires final excavation and stabilization. Alliance Consulting Engineers has provided a proposal to include survey, cover depth verification, preparation of

plans and specification, bid preparation and construction monitoring and final closure approval for Lifts #1 and #2 with DHEC at an estimated cost of \$157,600 available from contingency funds. Preliminary estimates for the closure of Lift #1 at \$200,000 and Lift #2 at \$180,000 for a total of \$380,000 with funding available from the closure/post closure sinking fund balance of \$406,557.62. Stabilization of Cell II is estimated at \$175,000 to come from contingency funds. The total construction cost is estimated \$555,000 (\$380,000 + \$175,000). Staff requests approval to move forward with the proposed recommendations for the project.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendations to proceed with the Landfill Stabilization Project.

Mr. Eger reported that Cell I has 6-10 years of capacity remaining with approximately 40 acres and Cell II has 15 years of capacity with over 20 acres. There is over 500 acres in the whole site.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of July 26, 2011 - A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the July 26, 2011 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Earthquake Update - Ms. Hubbard reported it has been confirmed that a 5.8 earthquake hit Virginia and effects were felt in Lexington. She said since the County owns some of the tallest buildings in the Town of Lexington Building Services staff was evaluating to make sure the impact did not affect the integrity of the buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

Debra B. Summers
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk