

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

October 8, 2019

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Wayne Blair
Commissioner Phil Dodd
Commissioner Chantho Sourinho
Commissioner Steve Percy, VC
Commissioner Mike Kusch, Chair

Brown, Mike Webb, Katie Schwerdtfeger

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bill Ketron Steve Sandlin
Rebecca Caldwell Susan Allen
Doug Demosi Denise Boyd
Mac Nolen Neel Deshpande
Jay Bradley Meredith Kermicle
Jason Reynolds, Rachel Lehew, Mark

Chairman Kusch presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with five members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Percy moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Chairman Kusch announced he would be going out of order from the mailed agenda.

BUILDING CODES REPORT:

Tanya Bell presented the September Building Codes report for the use and information of the Committee.

"Commissioner Percy moved, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve the Building Codes report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

No Report.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Doug Demosi presented the September 2019 Planning Commission rezoning reports with the lot and subdivision inventories for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Blair moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Planning Commission reports as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

PRESENTATION BY WEX:

Mayor Ketron opened by stating this presentation should start with this Committee. Rutherford County currently has a contract with D & D Oil. If the Committee likes this presentation, we will put this out for bid. Katie Schwerdtfeger advised WEX is the number one card provider in the U.S. and WEX is in a partnership with Enterprise and Exxon. Wex offers more locations and possibly a cheaper rate if Rutherford County should use the company. Rutherford County can monitor usage on vehicles, drivers, and other parameters set by Rutherford County. Commissioner Blair asked if the system would Red Flag if an employee attempted to fill up their personal car. Ms. Schwerdtfeger stated yes, the system would alert the County and the County could freeze that card immediately. The system would show a spread sheet/invoice on each car/employee. Mac Nolen stated the County has only certain locations to use with D & D. Following discussion, Ms. Schwerdtfeger suggested doing a cost analysis and advised she would be back on the November agenda with the analysis details.

PRESENTATION BY WASTAWAY:

Chairman Kusch introduced Mark Webb with WastAway. Mr. Webb advised with WastAway Rutherford County can be the beginning of the end for landfills, and a deployment of a much-needed renewable and sustainable energy source. The process can deliver clean, safe fuel in 30 minutes after garbage arrives and WastAway takes 100% of raw unsorted MSW grinds, shreds, separates, sorts, then hydrolizes for a 70% clean fuel. It is community friendly with no odor, smoke or noise and produces green fuel or power and supports industrial recruitment and is financially sustainable and self-supporting. WastAway provides a holistic approach to MSW with no hand-sorting of garbage, accepts all food waste and captures valuable metals for recycling. The SE3 fuel offers high energy, consistent performance and it is clean, safe and offers on-site electrical power production, providing valuable green power to buyers, local electrical generation facility for institutions, industries or municipal facilities, provides sustainable and cost efficient steam to local industrial users, sell SE3 fuel to cement kilns or other solid fuel boiler users, and lastly sell SE3 to large coal generation facilities to reduce the carbon footprint, and lower emissions. Mike Webb advised WastAway and Rutherford County could do a contractual agreement and work together to identify key projects for development. There is a \$50,000 refundable fee if Wastaway can't meet the set goals outlined in the agreement. Should the project move forward the cost would be reimbursed from the project and the only way Rutherford County would "lose" the fee is if Rutherford County decided not to continue with the project. Following discussion, this project will have to go out for bid and WastAway will need to submit their proposal at that time.

SOLID WASTE REPORT AND LANDFILL REPORT:

Mac Nolen presented the Solid Waste and Convenience Center reports for the use and information of the Committee and announced the Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be on November 2, 2019 8am-12 at the Florence Road location. Mr. Nolen advised Chairman Kusch had asked for a second meeting per month to talk about trash solutions. Mr. Nolen advised the County needs to be geared up, decide and move forward. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Dodd moved, seconded by Commissioner Percy, to approve the Solid Waste report and Landfill report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Chairman Kusch announced there would be an "extra" meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee on October 23, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. in Room 205. This will be an open session.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Kusch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

MIKE KUSCH, CHAIRMAN