

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

February 4, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Rhonda Allen
Commissioner Jack Black
Commissioner Gary Farley
Commissioner Chantho Sourinho
Commissioner Robert Stevens
Commissioner Brad Turner
Commissioner Joe Frank Jernigan, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Doug Demosi
Mac Nolen Matt Allen
Linda Stevens Lincoln Young
Becky Shelton

Chairman Jernigan presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

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

CONVENIENCE CENTERS REPORT AND LANDFILL REPORT:

Mac Nolen presented the Landfill report for the use and information of the Committee.

Mr. Nolen next introduced Matt Allen and Lincoln Young of Ground Up Recycling. Mr. Nolen advised one-third of the business at the County landfill is shingles which could be ground up and recycled instead of buried and would count towards the County's 25% required recycling goal. Ground Up Recycling takes shingles and grinds them up at which time they are used in asphalt. Putnam County has banned shingles from its landfill and uses Ground Up. Mr. Nolan advised he wanted to go in that direction with the Rutherford County landfill.

Mr. Allen advised they have a bill in the Legislature for shingles to be refused at landfills if a recycling center is within 25 miles. The bill does have a provision for emergency situations such as tornadoes so the shingles do not get too stacked up. The company is not a full C&D situation but mostly takes roof tear offs. Their first location is in Putnam County and the second is in Rutherford County at the Lojac facility on Broad Street. Ground Up has support from TDEC and TDOT as well as the City of Murfreesboro. The ground up shingles go into asphalt but do have other end uses. However, there are no shingle manufacturers close enough to recycle to.

Mr. Nolen advised the Rutherford County landfill has 3 to 5 years life expectancy at this point but with the diversion of shingles to it could extend the life expectancy to 4 to 8 years. The cost will be \$30 per ton which is the same as contractors are charged now. Commissioner Black asked if there could be some kind of system where a homeowner could dispose of his shingles for free if roofing his own home and Mr. Allen advised this could be accommodated. Mr. Nolen advised he could have a bin at the landfill for this type situation as well.

Mr. Nolen advised this is a change but it is the right thing to do.

Mr. Allen advised they had no problems establishing their operation in Putnam County. He was a roofer himself before selling the business to get into recycling. Their sites will be more handy to roofers and have received only positive responses. Mr. Allen advised in Putnam County they banned shingles from the landfill and phased in the use of Ground Up. The company is already set up and accepting shingles in Rutherford County. However, they have been frustrated because they have met every requirement and code yet another company doing the same type work was able to open quicker than they were. Mr.

Allen advised they will turn their tickets into Rutherford County so the County can get credit toward the required recycling percentage. Commissioner Farley asked Doug Demosi to look into the situation with the other shingle recycler to see if all codes and requirements are being met.

Mayor Burgess advised he very much supported this concept.

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to endorse the concept of forwarding all shingles to Ground Up with a report from Mr. Nolen at the next meeting with a plan of action with an exclusion for homeowners that do their own roofing. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Nolen advised he had recently worked at a Convenience Center and noticed 90% of citizens made no effort to recycle and there will have to be a change in the mindset. The County has experienced a 9% increase in trash over the last few years. Mr. Nolen advised he has met with the City on the single stream recycling in schools. Also, Recycle Rutherford will start helping further with recycling efforts by targeting Convenience Centers and talking to people encouraging and explaining recycling. If the County paid for trash disposal, last year would have cost \$1,300,000.

Commissioner Black inquired as to the contract with whoever owns the Middlepoint Landfill could the County mine its landfill and take the waste over. Mr. Nolen advised that could not be done because technically the County landfill is considered commercial and the contract provides for residential trash only.

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to approve the Landfill and Convenience Centers reports as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Nolen advised he has a driver that is a certified master ASE mechanic and he recently did the inspections on the ambulances saving the Ambulance Service between \$1,500 to \$1,800 for the cost of one day's labor.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Doug Demosi presented the Planning Commission report for the use and information of the Committee with information on available subdivision lots. As to the rezoning of property at 6854 Lascassas Pike, Commissioner Black advised he wanted to make sure it would have turn lanes if needed. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Stevens moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Planning Commission report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BUILDING CODES REPORT:

Mayor Burgess presented the written Building Codes report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chairman Jernigan advised there was no report from the Highway Department at this time.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Joe Frank Jernigan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

JOE FRANK JERNIGAN, Chairman