

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

March 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 David Jones
Eric Hill Brian Byrd
Michele Luter Michael Kusch
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 Turner, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Doug Demosi presented the Planning Commission report for the use and information of the Committee with information on available subdivision lots and the Public Works report. Following discussion,

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

Mr. Demosi next presented his proposed 14/15 Planning Commission budget for consideration by the Committee advising it was a small decrease of \$6,164 from the current budget due to the change in the engineer salary and deletion of a one time purchase of the auto cad. The largest increase is in insurance and that number comes from the Finance Department. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to approve the 14/15 Planning Department budget as presented and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Eric Hill next presented the proposed 14/15 Storm Water Management budget advising it was reduced over \$8,000 from the current budget due to the change in the engineer. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Storm Water Management budget as presented and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BUILDING CODES REPORT:

David Jones presented the Building Codes report for the use and information of the Committee advising the twenty-five year average on new homes in the County is 700 per year. Following discussion,

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

Mr. Jones next presented his proposed 14/15 Building Codes Department budget for consideration advising it is decreased \$15,497 from the current budget as there are no vehicles or data processing equipment requested. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Black moved, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to approve the 14/15 Building Codes Department budget as presented and forward the same to the Budget Committee. 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 advising the State tire grant would be expiring at the end of June, 2014. Mr. Nolen advised his department deals with 230,000 to 300,000 tires per year. The County can apply to get reimbursed for tire disposal but the County has to keep up with tire stores submitting reports to the State. The State will then follow up with the tire stores for the reports. Mr. Nolen advised effective July 1 no money will be forthcoming from the State for tires left at Convenience Centers. Mr. Nolen advised he anticipated no issues with tire dealers but questioned what to do with residential tires. If the County can show it is cheaper to landfill tires then it could do so but with the current landfill issues and short lifespan this defeats the purpose of the landfills.

Commissioner Black questioned if the County should buy a machine to grind up the tires and was advised the machine was expensive and required a lot of maintenance. Additionally, the downside on tires is there is only one vendor left.

Mr. Nolen advised he recommended tire dealers pay the County for their tires as well as citizens bringing their tires to the landfill pay for disposal but he needed advice as this will affect his budget. He recommended the fee to be \$1 per car tire.

The Committee was provided information on the number of tires collected at the Weakley, Cranor and Eagleville Convenience Centers as well as along the roadside. The Committee asked where the tires are coming from collected at the Convenience Centers. Mr. Nolen advised residents can dispose of personal tires but his department kept records in the past and found a high percentage of the tires were coming from a limited number of people so some tire dealers may be disposing of their tires this way. If anyone says they are residents then the Convenience Center operator does not refuse the tires. Mayor Burgess advised charging for tires would eliminate this problem. Mr. Nolen asked to not have money collected at the Convenience Centers because this could lead to problems for the operators. The Committee discussed collecting all tires at the landfill or setting up trucks to collect them at the Convenience Centers to eliminate tires being dropped on the sides of roads. Chairman Jernigan advised some thought needed to be put into this issue. Commissioner Allen asked for cost figures on collecting the tires regionally versus at one location. The Committee discussed having a collection point set up like the electronics collection.

Commissioner Black asked what the fine was for dropping tires on the side of roads. Mr. Nolen advised it was hard to catch someone in the act.

Mr. Nolen will try to develop a plan and bring the matter back to the Committee.

Mr. Nolen next provided information on the Ground Up Recycling Company and how this helps the County diversion plan.

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

Mr. Nolen next presented the Convenience Centers report for the use and information of the Committee advising when the electronics collection was initially set up it was anticipated it would be open to collect televisions for a few months and then close down. However, with the reduction in the TDEC hazardous collections Rutherford County was pushed into collecting the electronics. 70% of the electronics collected is televisions. The electronics were originally accepted by a company at no cost unless there was no cord and then the cost was \$5 which was collected from the person disposing of the item. That company advised it could no longer accept the electronics and Scott Recycling in Knoxville began taking the items under the same arrangement. Scott Recycling now advises it needs to charge and this disposal fee could be \$150,000 per year for televisions and monitors. Mr. Nolen advised he would need to bid this service. Approximately 73 semi loads were shipped last year. Mr. Nolen advised he did not need a decision at this meeting but does need discussed. Mr. Nolen was asked to look into the matter and asked what Davidson and Williamson Counties do.

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

Mr. Nolen next presented his proposed 14/15 budgets beginning with Account #55720 which is Sanitation Education and covers the litter crew and recycling educator. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve Account #55720 and forward to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Nolen next presented Account #55732, Convenience Centers, advising it included a .25¢ per hour raise for the Convenience Center operators and he is trying to get their salaries to \$10 per hour. The operators receive no holiday pay or insurance. The total cost of the .25¢ increase is \$10,000. The budget also provides for two roll off trucks. This Department has 19 trucks so if one per year is replaced then there are still some trucks on the road that are 19 years old.

"Commissioner Black moved, seconded by Commissioner Farley, to increase Convenience Center employee salaries by \$1.00 per hour instead of .25¢. This motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioners Black, Farley, Sourinho and Jernigan voting "yes" and Commissioners Allen, Stevens and Turner voting "no"."

Mayor Burgess advised he would not support this motion at the Budget Committee because of the tire collection and electronics collection issues. Additionally, there are other part-time employees that feel they deserve an increase as well. Commissioner Turner advised the Committee will know more in a year on the tire collection.

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to approve the budget presented for Account #55732 as presented with the amendment and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioners Black, Farley, Sourinho and Jernigan voting "yes" and Commissioners Allen, Stevens and Turner voting "no"."

Mr. Nolen next presented the proposed budget for Account #55739, Other Waste Collection, advising it was the Haley Road

operation. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to approve the budget for Account #55739 as presented and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Nolen next presented the proposed budget for Account #55754, Landfill Operation and Maintenance. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Black moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the budget for Account #55754 as presented and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Nolen next presented the proposed budget for Account #55770, Postclosure Care Costs. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to approve the budget for Account #55770 as presented and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Nolen next provided information on revenue for the Solid Waste/Landfill.

Commissioner Turner next advised at the Health & Education Committee meeting he had encouraged the School Board to support recycling. Commissioner Farley suggested a Resolution to the School Board from the Commission might be in order. Commissioner Allen advised Mr. Clardy had discussed contamination and Mr. Nolen advised there are locks that can be purchased but they are costly. Mayor Burgess advised Mr. Clardy is trying to keep the collections from being contaminated.

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to forward a Resolution to the School Board endorsing the concept of recycling in the school system. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

RESOLUTION REGARDING LITTER GRANT FOR COUNTY ROADS FOR 14/15:

The Committee was next presented a proposed Resolution authorizing submission of an application for a litter and trash collection grant for County roads and authorizing the acceptance if awarded. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to approve the submission of a litter grant for County roads and authorizing acceptance if awarded. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

REQUEST FROM AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHERS:

The Committee was next advised of a request from the American Gold Star Mothers for the County to purchase two signs at a cost of \$162.50 each to be placed at the entrance and exit of Rutherford County along State Route 1 stating "Gold Star Families Memorial Highway-Honoring our Fallen Heroes". American Gold Star Mothers have experienced the loss of a child serving in the military and their mission statement is to honor their children through service to Veterans and Military Families. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Resolution as presented to support the efforts of the Tennessee General Assembly to honor our fallen heroes and their

families by naming State Route 1 "The Gold Star Families Memorial Highway" and forward the same to the Budget Committee. 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 Jernigan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

JOE FRANK JERNIGAN, Chairman