

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

November 4, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Phil Dodd
Commissioner Joe Gourley
Commissioner Mike Kusch
Commissioner Steve Pearcy
Commissioner Chantho Sourinho
Commissioner Robert Stevens
Commissioner Joe Frank Jernigan, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Doug Demosi
Jeff Davidson Mac Nolen
David Jones Matt Fasig
Abbigail Tracy Julie Plunket
Stephen Sensel Alex Day
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 Stevens moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, 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 Kusch moved, seconded by Commissioner Pearcy, to approve the Planning Commission report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BUILDING CODES REPORT:

David Jones presented the Building Codes report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Matt Fasig presented a request from the Highway Commission to abandon the drainage easement approved last month on Tax Map 138, Parcel 13.02 (Thompson Road) because the property owner was opposed to the easement and the project could be completed without it. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Dodd moved, seconded by Commissioner Kusch, to approve the abandonment of the drainage easement on Tax Map 138, Parcel 13.02 (Thompson Road). This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

CONVENIENCE CENTERS REPORT AND LANDFILL REPORT:

Mac Nolen presented the Landfill and Convenience Centers reports for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

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

Mr. Nolen and Jeff Davidson next addressed the Committee advising they were working with the City of Murfreesboro on the solid waste problems as this is not just a County problem. The City had 33,000 tons of waste last year and the County had 46,000 tons.

Mr. Davidson and Mr. Nolen recently toured a facility in Barnesville, Georgia which had a landfill similar to the County's in size and age. They had dug up their landfill and 30% went back in and 70% was recyclable or dirt. Mr. Davidson advised he is in research mode of technology available for solid waste which resulted in the tour of the Lamar County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority and provided an executive summary of the facility. The Committee was advised Mr. Nolen and Mr. Davidson will continue to monitor the efforts but it sounds promising and is an energy positive process. The facility plans to construct and operate a waste to fuels facility that will thermally extract fuel gases and natural gas liquids from municipal solid waste. Feedstock for the facility comes from an established waste stream that will be diverted from the landfill that is operated by the Authority. Products like propane, butane, acetylene and C5+ liquids will be produced at the facility in a clean, environmentally friendly manner which will provide a revenue stream to diversify energy markets. The project will significantly reduce the waste stream requiring landfill disposal by 90%, extend the life of the landfill by approximately 100 years, significantly reduce the landfill's carbon footprint, add multiple revenue streams and produce green jobs.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Jernigan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

JOE FRANK JERNIGAN, Chairman