

**HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE  
County Administration Conference Room  
1050 Mary Bethune Street  
Halifax, Virginia  
January 25, 2023 / 4:00 PM**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chairman G. Ricketts called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.

**B. ATTENDANCE**

Committee members in attendance were Solid Waste Committee Chairman G. Ricketts; and Supervisor R. Duffey.

Committee Member Absent: W.B. Claiborne.

Staff members attending were Scott Simpson, County Administrator; Ricky Nelson, Director of Public Works; and Charlene Hendricks, Executive Assistant.

**C. BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Dewberry Engineering Proposal for Landfill Monitoring

Mr. Simpson said the County has a service agreement with Dewberry Engineers, Inc. for groundwater monitoring at the landfill. He stated the Agreement for Calendar Year 2023 is included in the meeting packet. He noted the monitoring is required pursuant to the Virginia Solid Waste Management Regulations (VSWMR) at the Halifax County Landfill. The report will summarize all of the groundwater monitoring activities as well as the accompanying laboratory analytical results collected during the year.

Mr. Simpson stated Dewberry Engineering has been monitoring the landfill for the County for many years and they are the most well versed to continue doing it. He said in the agreement for Calendar Year 2022, the cost was \$8,000 for the semi-annual event. He noted the cost for Calendar Year 2023 is \$8,400, which is an increase of 5 percent. He stated the Groundwater Annual Report for Calendar Year 2022 was \$6,000 and the cost for Calendar Year 2023 is \$6,300, which is also an increase of 5 percent. He commented there is an hourly rate for verification of certain items for anything done outside of what is considered normal items, such as resampling, which involves a lot of people with different specialties and the cost for Calendar Year 2022 was \$1,500 per hour and the cost for Calendar Year 2023 is \$1,800 per hour.

Supervisor Duffey said it does not seem to be any huge increase for Calendar Year 2023. Mr. Simpson said the total lump sum increase was \$700 on a \$14,000 agreement, which is very reasonable, and the hourly rate is on an as needed basis. He stated in the past, they have not had to use the hourly rate unless there is a sampling anomaly.

Motion made by Supervisor Duffey, seconded by Committee Chairman Ricketts, recommending the Board of Supervisors approve the proposal from Dewberry Engineering for the County landfill monitoring. Motion passed 2-0 unanimously.

Mr. Nelson commented Dewberry Engineering has done a good job over the years.

## 2. Updates on New Collection Centers in Scottsburg

Mr. Simpson said the next items to be discussed are the updates on the new Collection Centers. He stated there are 5 different locations and those will need to be handled in Closed Session. He said the collection boxes at Bo's 1 Stop could be discussed before going into Closed Session.

Mr. Nelson said the collection boxes at Bo's 1 Stop on the other side of Banister River are located on private property. He stated the property owner requested some time ago that those collection boxes be removed and noted the landowner has been very patient. He read a recent text message he received from the landowner to the Committee members, which requested the collection boxes to be removed within 30 days. He commented the collection boxes need to be removed by mid-February.

Supervisor Duffey stated the property is for sale and the collection boxes may hinder him from selling it. There was some additional discussion about the collection boxes and how trash is being left on the ground. Mr. Nelson said there were complaints about the collection boxes after Christmas, so County staff cleaned it up but it was back in the same manner within a short amount of time.

Supervisor Duffey wanted to know if there were any suggestions with relocating the collection boxes. Mr. Nelson said the closest location would be enlarging the site at jail parking lot. Supervisor Duffey asked if 3 of the collection boxes at Bo's 1 Stop could be moved to the jail parking lot. Mr. Nelson said the jail parking lot and Bethel areas are two of the busiest locations, so both locations are emptied every day of the week and there is not a lot of room to add boxes.

Supervisor Duffey said the collection boxes are on private property and if the landowner has requested for them to be removed, the County must remove them because we have no choice in the matter.

Mr. Simpson asked how many collection boxes are located at Bo's 1 Stop and Mr. Nelson said at least 5 or 6 collection boxes. Mr. Nelson said there is no written agreement between the property owner and County.

Committee Chairman Ricketts asked if a lease agreement could be a possibility for that location. Mr. Nelson said the property owner has indicated he wants them removed, so a lease agreement does not seem to be an option.

Mr. Simpson said usually when there is a request from the landowner and there is no lease agreement, the County honors the request and notification is given to the Supervisor for that district. He stated if there is another option in the area or any of the other districts, then action is taken. He commented removing the collection boxes will cause a lot of aggravation, but the request is a direct result from citizen's behavior.

Mr. Simpson said if there is room to put a few more boxes at the jail parking lot, it needs to be done.

Supervisor Duffey asked if the collection boxes overflow daily or if it happens more around the holidays. Mr. Nelson said bags of trash are left on the ground outside of the collection boxes along with sofas, chairs, mattresses, and most anything you can think of.

Mr. Simpson said the citizens who are using Bo's 1 Stop are coming from the north, citizens using the collection site at the jail parking lot are coming mostly from the west, and citizens coming from the east will most likely use the Bethel collection site. He stated a collection site needs to be established for the Halifax area maybe near the jail and cul-de-sac. He commented he has had some discussion with the jail and they are willing to allow the County to use some of the property to build a Collection Center. He said if the Town of Halifax has any issues with a Collection Center being located there, then they need to help find the right location in an effort to better serve the citizens.

Mr. Simpson said the best solution is to move forward with adding a few more collection boxes at the jail parking lot. Mr. Nelson said the jail has trustees and inmates who might be allowed to help with the trash and cutting grass.

#### **D. MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE §2.2-3711**

Motion made by Supervisor Duffey, seconded by Committee Chair Ricketts, to enter into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711, subsection (a)(3) to discuss land acquisition.

**Subsection (a)(3):** Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. (Collection Site Acquisition)

Motion passed 2-0 unanimously.

The Committee entered into Closed Session at 4:33 p.m.

#### **E. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Motion made by Supervisor Duffey, seconded by Committee Chair Ricketts, that the Committee arise from Closed Session and return to its Regular Meeting.

Motion passed 2-0 unanimously.

The Committee reconvened in Open Session at 4:54 p.m.

#### **F. MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Motion made by Committee Chairman Ricketts, seconded by Supervisor Duffey, and carried, to adopt the following certification:

WHEREAS, the Halifax County Solid Waste Committee has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, § 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this governing body that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this governing body hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the governing body.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Committee Chairman Garland Ricketts	Yes
Supervisor Ronnie Duffey	Yes

Motion passed 2-0.

**G. ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

No action taken.

**H. ADJOURN**

Motion made by Supervisor Duffey, seconded by Committee Chairman Ricketts, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 2-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.