

Newton County Solid Waste Management Authority  
Newton County Historic Courthouse, Commissioners' Boardroom  
1124 Clark Street, Covington, Georgia 30014  
Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

## MINUTES

The Newton County Solid Waste Management Authority (SWMA) held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Boardroom on the Third Floor of the Newton County Historic Courthouse.

The following SWMA members were present:

Linda Hanna  
Jack (Buddy) Morgan  
Phillip Wise  
Marcello Banes, Chairman, Newton County Board of Commissioners (BOC)  
Stan Edwards, District 1 Commissioner  
Ronnie Cowan, SWMA Vice Chairman, District 5 Commissioner

Also present were:

Laurie Riley, Secretary  
Sam VanVolkenburgh, Attorney  
Kevin Walter, Solid Waste Manager

### **Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Ronnie Cowan called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

### **Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chairman Cowan led everyone in prayer and then in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Agenda Adoption**

Vice Chairman Cowan requested to amend the agenda to remove Item #9, stating that Jarrard & Davis would provide an attorney for the Authority. He wished Authority Attorney Sam VanVolkenburgh the best of luck in his career change. BOC Chairman Banes moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Buddy Morgan seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

### **Citizen Comments on Agenda Items**

None were offered.

### **Approval of Minutes from SWMA Regular Meeting on 5/20/21**

BOC Chairman Banes moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Linda Hanna seconded the motion. All voted in favor except Vice Chairman Cowan who abstained from the vote because he was not present at the meeting on 5/20/21.

### **May Landfill Tonnage Report**

Mr. Walter explained the report. (See attached.) He said that paid volume coming into the landfill has averaged 317.30 tons per day for the month of April. Unpaid tonnage from

Convenience Centers averaged 39.72 tons per day. The 2022 budget is based on 275 (paid) tons per day. Mr. Walter said that tonnage is still over projected amounts, but lower than the last several months. He said he believes tonnage will remain higher than projected despite landfill fee increases in July.

Mr. Morgan asked about mattresses. Mr. Walter said that the landfill continues to receive 700-800 mattresses per month.

#### **Financial Status Report for Solid Waste for Month 11 of FY2021**

Mr. Walter referred members to the attached report. Net income is at \$3,121,566. Expenses are still below budget projections with landfill expenses at 73.5% and Convenience Center expenses at 73.7% (when expected to be at 91.66%). Equity in pooled cash is \$5,276,077.99.

Vice Chairman Cowan asked about the possibility of opening another Convenience Center. Mr. Walter said the possibility was still under consideration. He is reviewing hang tag sales and revenue. He hopes to propose opening the Cook Road Convenience Center with some level of automation in the fall, possibly in September.

BOC Chairman Banes asked whether Mr. Walter planned to have the Cook Road Center fully operational. Mr. Walter said yes, that he planned to have the Cook Road Center accepting everything that all the other Centers accept but with some automation. He said it would require cameras and would operate similarly to Centers in Morgan County.

#### **Fiscal Year end projection for Task Budget Total Expenditures for Professional Engineering Services—FY 2021**

Mr. Curtis Reynolds of Harbin Engineering gave a report stating that Harbin had billed approximately \$618,000 as of June 9 and would not go over the originally approved not to exceed amount of \$687,500. Mr. Walter added that each task was limited to a certain budget and that each task will stay within its budget for the year.

#### **Extension of Acceptance of FY 2021 Hang Tags at Convenience Centers to July 13, 2021**

Mr. Walter proposed extending the acceptance of 2021 hang tags to July 13 to give a grace period for people who need to purchase new hang tags. He said he expecting brisk hang tag sales in July.

Mr. Phillip Wise agreed that a grace period would be a good idea. Commissioner Stan Edwards moved to extend acceptance of FY 2021 hang tags at Convenience Centers through July 12, 2021. Mr. Wise seconded the motion. Mr. Morgan asked Commissioner Edwards to amend the motion to add a requirement for signage at Convenience Centers reminding people to get new hang tags. Commissioner Edwards amended his motion to extend acceptance of FY 2021 hang tags at Convenience Centers through July 12, 2021 and to require appropriate signage at the Centers. Mr. Wise seconded the amended motion. All voted in favor.

#### **Citizen Comments**

None were offered.

#### **Executive Session**

Executive Session was not necessary.

**Remarks from Authority Members**

BOC Chairman Banes thanked Mr. VanVolkenburgh again for his service to the Authority and wished him well in future endeavors.

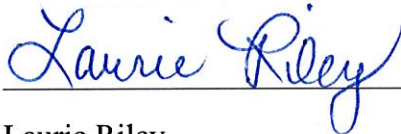
**Adjourn**

With a motion to adjourn from BOC Chairman Banes and a second from Mr. Wise, all voted to approve, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

**Attachments:**

- May 2021 Daily Tonnage Report
- May 2021 Financial Reports

Attest:



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Laurie Riley,  
Secretary



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Kent Campbell,  
Chairman