

The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee of the County of Calhoun was held on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. at the Calhoun County Road Commission, 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan 49068.

Committee Members Present: Lewis Cooper Steve Essling
 Mike Myszka Marilyn Hennon
 Ken Kohs Walt Obrinske
 Cheryl Vosburg

Committee Members Absent: Arnold Arquette John Bomba
 John LaForge Terris Todd
 Brandy Cherney

Also Present: Bob Overley, Calhoun County Health Department
 Tim Eggleston, City of Marshall
 Justin Hinkley, Battle Creek Enquirer
 Tiffany Eichorst, Solid Waste Director
 Mary Jo Crumpton, Calhoun County Road Commission

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. and members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Ken Kohs and supported by Mike Myszka to approve the March 9, 2009 meeting agenda. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Motion made by Walt Obrinske and supported by Ken Kohs to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 12, 2009. Voice vote: Motion carried.

BUDGET/BYLAWS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Budget/Bylaws Subcommittee comprised of Lewis Cooper, John LaForge, Mike Myszka, Marilyn Hennon and Steve Essling met on February 9, 2009. The notes from this meeting were provided to committee members.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND (SWMF)

Calhoun County Environmental Health Department: Tiffany noted that the budget for the household hazardous waste collections was included in the agenda packet. Bob Overley, Environmental Health Department, provided committee members with the 2008 year-end report on the amount of material collected. Bob asked about the 2010 SWMF budget item for household hazardous waste and if we were outsourcing to Kalamazoo. Tiffany explained that in 2010 we have budgeted an additional \$6,000-\$8,000 and will be entering into an agreement with the Kalamazoo County HHW Center so that residents have the option for year-round disposal. She added that we receive many calls from residents regarding disposal. Bob stated that he is concerned with the contractual agreement with Kalamazoo and commented that he would rather add another collection in Calhoun County. Tiffany responded that this is a trial period for 2010. She will be providing Kalamazoo with a list of all roads in Calhoun County so that they can check residency and provide us with a report on usage by Calhoun County residents.

2010 Compost Center Budget: The budget was included in the agenda packet. Tim Eggleston, City of Marshall provided members with a report on usage. Discussion took place on the plan to implement a fee schedule for drop-off this year. Tiffany noted that Marengo Township has claimed that this is against their zoning ordinance and the County Board may not approve the fee schedule. She added that implementation of a fee schedule is part of the Solid Waste Strategic Plan to help support the Center and offset operating costs.

Sharps Program Update: Tiffany provided committee members with a spreadsheet on participation in the Sharps Program during 2007-2008 and noted that the 2010 Budget reflects a decrease in this line item, due to actual costs reported. She is planning to do another public service announcement on this program.

2010 Budget: The 2010 Budget was included in the agenda packet. Tiffany commented that the budget is based on the subcommittee's recommendation. Mike Myszka noted that the subcommittee is working to set the budget closer to actual costs. The budget is similar to past year's budgets, but has decreased from 2009. Discussion continued on increases and decreases to specific line items. Steve Essling noted that the largest item is recycling and asked if there were issues with storing recyclables outside. Tiffany noted that she would check with Michigan Recycling Industries regarding any violations. Is there a clause in the contract stating that items "must be recycled"? Tiffany stated that she did not believe that clause was included; however, she will review the bid documents.

Motion made by Mike Myszka and supported by Steve Essling to recommend approval of the 2010 Budget, as presented, to the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Cooper-Yes; Essling-Yes; Myszka-Yes; Hennon-Yes; Kohs-Yes; Obrinske-Yes; Vosburg-Yes. Motion carried.

County and Landfill Contract: As requested at a previous meeting, the "Terms of Agreement" from the County/Landfill Contract was provided.

Television Collection/Digital Switch: Tiffany reported that the electronics collection held this past Saturday was very successful with 1 ½ semi loads collected. It was noted that we are considering holding another collection in the Fall, as the only costs incurred are for advertising. Mike Myszka asked for a breakdown from Valley City on the amount collected and positive impact on the environment.

Spring Tire & Appliance Collection: This collection is scheduled for March 30 – April 3, 2009 and Saturday, April 4, 2009 by appointment. A flyer was included in the agenda packets.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tiffany informed the committee that she would be on maternity leave beginning in late April/early May. Since the 2010 Budget has been approved, it was the consensus of the committee to cancel the May meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2009. An update on events will be sent mid-Summer.

Calhoun County Commissioner Jim Haadsma introduced himself to the committee and added that he met with Tiffany last week. He commented that with the current difficult economic times, we should not be charging our residents fees to drop off material at the Community Compost Center. Also, the fees could be a disincentive which may cause more material to be dumped along the roadside resulting in drainage issues. He also commented that he was highly impressed with the electronic collection that was held last Saturday.

MEMBERS COMMENTS

Marilyn Hennon wished Tiffany well.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Submitted by:

Mary Jo Crumpton

Marilyn P. Hennon, Chairman