

Mike Myszka explained that historically, the budgeted amount has always been more than what we have actually spent by approximately 20%, allowing for flexibility in the event of an emergency or special program.

2009 Budget: Cheryl Vosburg stated that she appreciates the time and efforts of the subcommittee for their work on the 2009 Budget.

Motion made by Cheryl Vosburg and supported by Steve Essling to recommend approval of the 2009 Solid Waste Management Fund Budget to the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners.

Ken Kohs noted that it is troubling to approve a budget that is not in line with actual costs and would like to see the budget be more reflective of actual spending. He added that the significant fund balance could be used for emergencies. Ken asked if there were specific line items in the budget that are consistently higher than actual costs. Tiffany responded that typically, personnel salaries, fringe benefits package, and printing and copying are budgeted at a higher amount than what is actually spent. Steve Essling added that the subcommittee reviewed line items that could be reduced. He added that the budget, as presented, allows for funding flexibility if needed at a later date. Tiffany noted that there is more paperwork, as well as a time lag at the county level when budget adjustments are requested. Discussion continued. Other alternatives could be to base future budgets on actual spending with an emergency contingency line item or setting a goal to reduce the 2010 budget by 20%.

The budget subcommittee noted that their recommendation took into consideration the Solid Waste Strategic Plan, as well as controlling spending by reducing line item amounts where possible and competitively bidding recycling services; increasing funds by realigning the certificate of deposits and soliciting donations; and ensuring operational flexibility for administering the budget.

Cheryl commented that the trend of the annual budget vs. actual spending has been consistent over the past several years. Discussion continued on specific line items and current programs being funded. Tiffany reminded the committee that information on household hazardous waste collections, the Community Compost Center, Albion recycling location, Sharps program and a general financial update was provided in the March agenda packet.

**Roll call vote: Cooper-YES; Essling-YES; Myszka-YES; Klisiak-YES; Arquette-NO; Hennon-YES; Kohs-YES; Obrinske-YES; Vosburg-YES; Cherney-YES.
Motion carried: 9-YES; 1-NO.**

Solid Waste Strategic Plan: Tiffany informed the committee that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approved the Solid Waste Strategic Plan. The minutes from the final meeting of the Strategic Planning Group were provided in the agenda packet. Mike asked how the Strategic Plan would become a living document. Tiffany replied that it would provide direction for the committee and staff. The final plan will be emailed/mailed to committee members.

Community Compost Center Report: Included in the agenda packet was a draft Community Compost Center Business Plan. Tiffany provided a handout from Tim Eggleston, City of Marshall, who was unable to attend the meeting. The report included information on usage and additional items. Tiffany noted that the proposed fee schedule would be implemented in 2009 for all Calhoun County residents. Lewis commented that the plan is still lacking detailed information on equipment (purchase vs. lease), labor costs, etc. Cheryl noted that the plan is a draft and a "work in progress". Discussion took place on the information being requested by the SWMPC. Mike suggested providing the City of Marshall with a template to follow for reporting information such as income, expenses, benefits, county vs. city usage, etc. Tiffany added that she would scan and email/mail the City of Marshall's budget for the Compost Center.

Albion Recycling Location: Information on Northwest Refuse, Inc. and the materials and quantities collected was provided in the agenda packet. Northwest Refuse, Inc. provides recycling services in the City of Albion at no cost.

Battle Creek Recycling Location: Tiffany informed the committee that the commingled bin at the Battle Creek site was contaminated with gas and oil recently. There have been other instances of contamination there, especially since the Road Commission does not staff the Battle Creek garage anymore. She noted that Cereal City Recycling is only a few miles from our current recycling site, so if closed, residents would still have recycling opportunities. The cost for the Raymond Road recycling center is \$400 per week. Discussion continued. The committee directed Tiffany to contact Emmett Township regarding their interest in housing the recycling center. If they are not interested, committee members suggested publishing an article in the Battle Creek Enquirer alerting the public to the contamination problem and the possibility of closing the site.

Pennfield Township Recycling: Tiffany informed the committee that Pennfield Township is interested in housing roll off recycling containers, at their cost, if we would handle the administrative paperwork. Committee members agreed.

Spring Tire, Appliance and Television Collection: Tiffany provided committee members with a Tire & Appliance Collection Comparison from Spring 1998 through Spring 2008 and noted that this past collection was quite slow.

Appointment of Brandy Cherney, Solid Waste Industry Representative: Included in the packet was the notification from the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners confirming the appointment of Brandy Cherney to the SWMPC. Members welcomed her to the committee.

Michigan Recycling Coalition Conference: Tiffany stated that she attended this conference in Traverse City last week and gave a brief report on items covered.

Roadside Clean Up: Tiffany referenced the correspondence included in the agenda packet from the Calhoun County Road Commission. Effective April 28, 2008, CCRC will no longer pick up garbage dumped along roads with the exception of items within the traveled portion of the road and large items that may pose a safety hazard. Discussion continued.

Thank You: Walt Obrinske, Clarence Township Trustee, thanked the committee for providing a roadside clean up bin for Clarence and Sheridan Township.

Challenge Grants: Arnold asked for information on the success/failure of past Challenge Grant recipients. Tiffany stated that she would email/mail reports from past recipients.

MEMBERS COMMENTS

Steve Essling updated members on options for proper disposal of fluorescent lights.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 14, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Chairman Marilyn P. Hennon

Mary Jo Crumpton