



# *Rome-Floyd County Solid Waste Commission*



Tuesday, July 28, 2015  
9:30 AM  
Sam King Room, 601 Broad Street

## PRESENT:

Commissioner Bill Collins, City of Rome Commission, Chairman  
Commissioner Rhonda Wallace, Floyd County Commission  
Commissioner Kim Canada, Rome City Commission  
Mr. Sammy Rich, City Manager  
Mr. Jamie McCord, Floyd County Manager  
Mr. Kirk Milam, Rome Public Services Manager  
Mr. Steven Foy, Rome Assistant Public Works Director  
Mr. Gary Burkhalter, Floyd County Finance Director & Comptroller  
Ms. Sheree Shore, Rome Finance Director  
Mr. Michael Skeen, Floyd County Public Works Director  
Mr. Mike Gattis, Rome Solid Waste Processing and Disposal Director

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Collins.

## REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Collins asked for corrections to the February minutes. Commissioner Wallace moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Canada seconded. The motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Leachate Pump Station Design Update

Mr. Foy reported that since the last meeting there have been two rounds of plan reviews and once they are complete they will be forwarded to EPD for review and approval after which the bid documents can be prepared.

### Above Ground Diesel Fuel Tank Bid

Mr. Foy reported that five bids were received for the above ground diesel fuel tank. He noted that the project engineering firm, Golder and Associates, evaluated the bids as part of their engineering services and recommended C&M Equipment.

Commissioner Collins asked if this is the first time we had an above ground tank and what benefits we will have from it. Mr. Milam replied that there are more EPD requirements to monitor in-ground tanks for leakages. Mr. Foy added this tank is double walled with included safety features. It comes with a dispenser that provides a faster fueling rate. Mr. Milam the above ground tank is the best option for us. It will only hold off road diesel fuel for the landfill equipment. All other vehicles will come downtown to our facility to refuel. Commissioner Wallace asked if we had ever used this company before. Mr. Milam replied that we have not used them before.

Mr. Milam added this tank is part of the capital budget and does not require approval, but we would welcome the Commission's endorsement of the recommendation.

Commissioner Canada moved to endorse awarding the above ground storage tank bid to C&M equipment as recommended by Golder Associates. Commissioner Wallace seconded. The motion carried.

Mr. Skeen asked how big the tank will be. Mr. Foy replied that it will be a 10,000 gallon tank.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### EPD Landfill Inspection Report

Mr. Gattis reported the landfill received a score 100 on the quarterly inspections for the C&D and MSW landfills. Mr. Milam noted it is remarkable that they didn't find anything at all to count off.

### Minor Modification to Use Water Treatment By-Product Solids

Mr. Milam presented a copy of a letter from EPD approving a minor modification to our permit for the landfill. We requested approval to use the material that comes out of the lagoons at the Water Treatment Plant as cover material. The solids that result after drying in the lagoons is more impermeable than the soil at the landfill. An impermeable cover layer is important divert rainwater from the landfill to prevent the creation of leachate. We have tested this material at a lab and have found that although it isn't as good as the material we placed at the bottom of the landfill, it is nearly as good and preferable to the cover material we have been using. EPD has given us provisional permission to use this material giving us the opportunity to demonstrate its viability as cover material. This solution not only provides good quality intermediate cover but also gives us a disposal solution for the lagoon material. Mr. Milam anticipates this will be a permanent solution that should be approved as a permanent option at the end of the year.

### Recycling Center 2014 Fire Damage Update

Mr. Skeen gave an update on the April 2014 fire inside the Recycling Center. The damage to the building and loss of material totaled \$100,837 which precipitated an insurance claim. The insurance company paid \$71,014 which has been applied to painting inside and out, and cleaning out areas damaged from this and previous fires. He presented photos of the damage and recent improvements. He noted that there is still some SPLOST funding available to continue with improvements to the warehouse. The outside wall needs to be secured and painting and some work need to be done on the roof for less than \$5000. He asked for approval to move forward with these improvements.

Commissioner Canada moved to authorize Mr. Skeen to move forward with improvements as requested. Commissioner Wallace seconded. The motion carried.

## MONTHLY REPORTS

### Recycling Center

#### Operations Report

Mr. Skeen presented the Recycling Center Operations Report. He noted that the year- to-date volumes are in keeping with previous years. Last year's co-mingled material is inflated because of the fire, which lost us several weeks of sorting. To encourage recycling we will begin a new sticker program. The cost of the stickers was \$1900 and the program will be coordinated jointly between the Recycling Center, City of Rome Solid Waste Collections and Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful. He will be working on the distribution process to get these out with Solid Waste collections and Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful. Commissioner Canada suggested that staff should be designated to help place the stickers to make sure they are placed properly. Mr. Skeen said that staff will be working. Mr. Milam noted that as with most marketing efforts no campaign is 100% effective and a combination of approaches will likely be most effective.

#### Financial Report

Mr. Burkhalter reviewed the June Recycling Center financial report. He noted that through the first six months of the year, revenues are about \$19,000 over last year. Material sales are down by \$9000. The first quarterly billing to the Solid Waste Commission was about \$29,000 more than last year. On the expense side, the salary and benefits are up about \$21,000 due to increased salary costs and overtime along with an increase in health insurance costs. Supplies are down \$30,000 and utilities are up \$12,000. The change in net position is down \$187,000 which is \$16,000 less than this time last year.

On the cash basis, the cash balance year-to- date through June is \$522,000 which is an increase of \$22,000 from the first of the year.

#### Walker Mountain Landfill

Mr. Gattis gave the Walker Mountain Landfill operations report. Tipping fees are up \$227,000 over last year at this time. He noted that garbage tonnage is up at 3,368 tons, which is about 3,000 tons more than last year. C&D is 4,737 ton over

this time last year. Overall we are up 9,017 tons over this period last year. Commercial tonnage is up 3,089 over last year.

### Financial Report

Ms. Shore reviewed the landfill financial report. She noted that commercial and industrial material received is up 25% over last year and commercial and industrial C&D is up substantially over last year, while *Individual Residents* is up slightly. Overall revenues were up over last year without a weather event.

On the expense side, she noted that *Personal Services* is tracking about the same as last year. *Repairs & Maintenance* is up slightly for the year and *Other Services and Charges* are down. Revenues are substantially up and expenditures are down. On the Cash Basis side she noted the cash balance is up for the year. Capital equipment is up a little over projections, which is due to some planned expenditures for the pump station and some capital equipment that will be purchased.

### OTHER

Commissioner Canada asked Mr. Rich if the City curbside service might include electronics in advance of a Recycling Center electronics event. Mr. Rich replied that he is currently working with Mary Hardin on this and does not have a report at this time.

### ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Margaret Hollingsworth*

Margaret W. Hollingsworth, Secretary