



Rome-Floyd County Solid Waste Commission



Tuesday, October 25, 2016
9:30 AM
Sam King Room, 601 Broad Street

PRESENT: Commissioner Bill Collins, Chairman and Rome City Commission
Commissioner Scotty Hancock, Vice Chairman and Floyd County Commission
Commissioner Milton Slack, Rome City Commission
Mr. Sammy Rich, City Manager
Mr. Jamie McCord, Floyd County Manager
Mr. Kirk Milam, Rome Public Services Manager
Mr. Gary Burkhalter, Assistant County Manager
Mr. Chris Jenkins, Rome Public Works Director
Mr. Michael Skeen, Floyd County Public Works Director
Ms. Sheree Shore, Rome Finance Director
Mr. Mike Gattis, Rome Solid Waste Processing and Disposal Director

GUESTS: Mr. Ira Levy, Paper Recovery
Mr. Charles Love, North Rome Community Action Committee
Mr. Bernie Ott, North Rome Community Action Committee

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Collins called the meeting to order. The minutes of the September meeting were approved by common consent.

OLD BUSINESS

Recycling Center RFP Update

Mr. McCord distributed an expense detail for relocating the Recycling Center to a former Zartic building belonging to Mr. Levy on Lavender Drive. Mr. McCord stated that because this 25,000 sq. ft. facility would be a great improvement over the current site his staff has worked with Mr. Levy and his previous proposal to develop a public-private partnership. The Recycling Center would be responsible for the cost, using SPLOST funds, of the needed improvements to the building which includes equipment, offices, concrete drive, dock doors and fire suppression for a total of \$325,000. Costs to clean up the Watters Street site are budgeted at \$150,000 with another \$38,000 budgeted for a full time staff position to man the Watters Street site. He added that we may determine that a full time staff position may not be necessary.

Mr. McCord noted he has discussed the use of SPLOST funds for a building we don't own with the County attorney who confirmed that it would be acceptable under a lease agreement. Mr. Levy would like a ten year lease agreement with a provision that would allow the County to terminate the lease when needed.

The projected financial statement shows both revenue and expenses lower after the relocation. Mr. McCord noted the Center would send its larger customers and commercial cardboard customers to Mr. Levy, who would also be providing shredding services. Commissioner Hancock noted that this proposal would not eliminate any of the recycling services currently available. Anyone with City garbage collection would still have recycling service as they do now. Mr. Skeen noted the household hazardous waste and electronics events could take place at the Lavender Drive location. The Watters Street site would remain a remote drop-off site and educational facility.

Mr. Milam stated that the Recycling Center is funded according to an agreement between the City and County executed in 1988. Operationally, the Recycling Center was folded into the Joint Commission agreement later and an agreement concerning joint funding of the Recycling Center probably needs to be updated. As part of the Joint Agreement of the Solid Waste Commission, we are required to prepare a five year financial plan where we evaluate our projected costs year to year. He noted that we have a responsibility for closure and post closure expenses that can't be ignored.

Commissioner Hancock noted that he does not want to see landfill fees or taxes increased to cover any of these Recycling Center proposal costs. Commissioner Collins agreed. He noted that the Lavender Drive location is zoned heavy industrial, which would be more appropriate than Watters Street for this type of facility.

McCord stated there is no action needed today but he was looking for direction to proceed. Staff will continue to iron out the contract and will plan to bring back a draft at the next meeting. Commissioner Hancock noted that this was a great effort on the part of staff and they should be commended for their hard work.

Mr. Love thanked the Commission for taking on this challenge and responding in this way. He feels this process is going to move along, noting this is a good service for the community and will make an improvement in North Rome.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The monthly reports were distributed for review.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Hollingsworth

Margaret W. Hollingsworth, Secretary