



Rome-Floyd County Solid Waste Commission



Tuesday May 23, 2023 8:30 AM
Sam King Room

PRESENT: Commissioner Larry Maxey
Mr. Sammy Rich, Rome City Manager
Ms. Meredith Ulmer, Rome Assistant City Manager
Mr. Jamie McCord, Floyd County Manager
Mr. Chris Jenkins, Rome Public Works Director
Mr. Michael Skeen, Floyd County Public Works Director
Mr. Bruce Ivey, Floyd County Special Projects Manager
Mr. Lee Stone, Walker Mountain Landfill Director
Ms. Emma Wells, Floyd County Solid Waste Director
Mr. Doug Walker, Public Information Officer
Ms. Hannah Bagley, KRFB Program Coordinator

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March meeting were approved by common consent.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Tire Amnesty Program

Ms. Wells reported she has submitted a proposal for the Tire Amnesty program. She plans to apply for two grants for a 2-day event on a Friday afternoon going into a Saturday. Both City and County employees will be invited to work the event for overtime pay. They would like to use the GE plant for the event since there is plenty of space for managing traffic. They will have locked trailers so there shouldn't be a big security issue. She added they will probably use Liberty Tire again, who will bring trailers for the event. She noted that 18-wheeler tires will not be accepted but will accept tractor tires. She can't submit the grant requests until all the details of the event have been settled so she requested the Commission to approve her going forward with this plan. Mr. Jenkins asked how the cost will be handled. Ms. Wells said it will be handled within the Recycling Center budget and then invoiced quarterly.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Recycling Center

Operations Report

Ms. Wells presented the April year-to-date operations report for the Recycling Center. She reported that remote sites are up co-mingled material is up by 15.51 tons from this time last year. Curbside is up by 97.37 tons.

She noted baled corrugated material shipped out has increased by 43.63 tons, and co-mingled material has increased by 108.74 tons.

Financial Report

Ms. Wells presented the Center's budget noting that we are good with everything but *dues and subscriptions*, and *uniforms* which are at 76% and 80% of their budgets.

Walker Mountain Landfill

Operations Report

Mr. Stone presented the April landfill operations report. He noted that garbage tonnage was 7964 for the month, which is 815 less than April of last year. Year to date we are down by 1551 tons of garbage. We took in 200 tons of inert material by 78 tons for the month and down 33 tons for the year. He added that 1.91 tons of tires were taken in. We took in 2600 tons of C&D material for the month up from 2141.98 last year.

Total tonnage in all categories for the for the month was 10,767, down from 11,534 last year but up we were up by 889.94 for the year. Daily tonnage Monday through Friday we were averaging 550 tons up from 536 last year.

The bid process has gone out for the second scale and was awarded to Wingfield Scales, who put in the previous scale. Total project cost is \$125,200 to dig the pit, put in a 60 ft scale with ramps, as well as to move the existing scale station. IT is taking on another \$10,000 to \$12,000 that cost to run fiber optics and connect equipment at the new location. We will stay under \$150,000 to complete the project.

The contractor will break down and start digging the hole for the pit on May 29th. They will be working on it for the next 3 to 4 weeks. The scale should be dropped in on June 23rd. We will shut down half a day Friday June 23rd and all-day Saturday the 24th.

Mr. McCord noted that we have a SPLOST project to improve the entrance and exit but we will hold off on that until this project is complete.

Financial Report

The financial report was distributed for review. Mr. Jenkins noted that year to date, C&D is up at \$842,000 as compared to \$600,08 last year. Total revenues are up to \$1,877,422 as compared to \$1,439,760 last year.

Mr. Jenkins noted expenses were pretty much in line with last year, increasing by \$30,000 overall. The cash balance year to date was \$14,212,471 year to date, which is designated for post closure expenses.

OTHER

Commissioner Maxey asked about the remote sites. Mr. Skeen said they are working vey hard noting the change in height in the hopper has presented some issues they are working through. Ms. Wells noted the equipment was purchased from Wastequip and Georgia Baler and Compactor installed it, who follows ANSI standard for height which has the hopper opening too high for the elderly and shorter people. Mr. Ivey is working on a project to install a door at a lower height on one side of the hopper.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret W. Hollingsworth, Secretary