

WORKSHOP – JUNE 28, 2011

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Workshop on June 28, 2011, at 8:00 a.m., at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs, Florida to discuss Solid Waste.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Scott Brannon, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen; Commissioner Cecilia Jones; and Commissioner Sara Comander. Mr. Greg Kisela, County Administrator; and Attorney Lynn Hoshihara, County Attorney; were also present.

Commissioner Pridgen assumed the Chair position in the absence of Chairman L. Jones, and Vice-Chairman Scott Brannon and called the meeting to order. He stated that Commissioner Brannon would be joining the meeting at a later time.

Mr. Cliff Knauer, Preble-Rish, gave a brief Solid Waste update. The update included a timeline of key components and accomplishments; current status of landfill and solid waste operations; proposed use of funds from Memorandum of Understanding (Waste Management Contract); revenue and fee collection issues; anticipated costs for budget related issues; and Walton County recycling efforts and options.

Commissioner Brannon joined the meeting during Mr. Knauer's presentation, and assumed the Chair position.

Commissioner Pridgen asked if the area was being utilized to its maximum benefit. Mr. Knauer stated that it was not, but there were some options that would extend the life of the

landfill. Commissioner Pridgen questioned if an analysis had been done to determine the percentage of Class III that were recyclable and the effects it would have on the life of the landfill. Mr. Knauer reported that there were many ways to recycle Class III material and that any recycling attempts would benefit and prolong the life of the landfill. Commissioner Brannon asked to clarify which types of materials were classified as Class III. Mr. Knauer stated that an example of Class III would be the items thrown out when cleaning out a residential garage. He stated that materials from Construction and Demolition (C&D) could also be recycled. Mr. Knauer briefly discussed the different methods of recycling Class III materials.

Commissioner Comander asked if there were recycle trailers at all of the schools. Mr. Greg Graham, Engineer, stated not at this time. He reported that concerns had been voiced regarding the safety of the students with public access to the trailers.

Commissioner Brannon requested clarification on cardboard recycling. Mr. Knauer stated that there have been numerous people asking about cardboard recycling; however, the county is not equipped to recycle that particular material.

Commissioner C. Jones questioned how effective curbside recycling would be. Mr. Knauer stated that with curbside recycling in areas such as San Destin, the number of part time residents exceed the number of full time residents. He felt that the data would be insufficient.

Commissioner Brannon discussed the fee structure. Mr. Gregory Kisela, County Administrator, stated that a reasonable fee amount had to be determined to deter illegal dumping. He requested to work with Public Works, Preble-Rish and Trinity Analysis to bring back recommendations. Discussion continued on fee determinations.

Commissioner Comander voiced concern that some residents are unable to get their larger items to the landfill and suggested that a service should be created to help dispose of those items.

There being no further items to present, the workshop adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Larry Jones, Chairman

Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts