

## OCTOBER 14, 2014 – WORKSHOP

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a special meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner W.N. “Bill” Chapman, Chairman; Commissioner Sara Comander; and Commissioner Bill Imfeld. Mr. Mark Davis, County Attorney; Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator; Mr. Stan Sunday, Deputy County Administrator; and Ms. Dede Hinote, Deputy County Administrator, were also present.

Mr. Jeff Massey, Solid Waste Manager, presented information on the current Solid Waste and Recycling Facility. He discussed the permitted facilities, consisting of the Class I unused, Closed Class I, Class III, and the Transfer Station in detail. He stated that there is evidence that the Landfill is growing and will continue to grow, and the County needs to be prepared to accommodate the future growth. Recycling drop-off locations are provided to the residents, the facility tries to recycle as much as possible, and staff is working with GIS to map the drop-off locations for the residents/visitors. Other services such as Haz-Mat and Community Clean-up days are also provided for the community.

Mr. Massey provided several options in the “Looking Ahead” and “Future Innovations” section of the information for review, including mining of the Landfill. He explained that reclaiming the airspace is the cleanest form of recycling and that a properly managed Landfill is an asset in many ways. He recommended working with the TDC to enhance the solid waste programs in the south end of the County to better service that area.

Commissioner Comander expressed her appreciation to the Landfill workers. She felt that the three cells need to be combined, and remove the metals, for a Class III garbage site which would be sufficient for the next 100 years. This would prevent expansion of the Landfill which

would reduce the affects to surrounding property owners. She felt that this would also help with their remediation and monitoring. She felt that staff should seek grant funding for a transfer station and would like to see a first class transfer station to enhance recycling. She recommended hiring a Solid Waste engineering company to review the facility to determine the best avenue for the County to take and that would save the citizens money. She also discussed the collection areas at Blue Mountain and at the South Walton Mosquito Control yard. She felt that a policy is needed to limit collection of vehicle tires per household to reduce the amounts that are dropped off at the recycling centers and along the roadside.

Mr. Massey agreed and stated that a solution is needed for the tire collection issue.

Chairman Chapman felt that a long term goal is needed to determine how this will be affecting the County in the future. He felt that the transfer station needs to be replaced and expanded to consider how the waste can be managed better. He also felt that mining the Class I unused facility was a great option.


Commissioner Imfeld felt that the information provided should be reviewed before making recommendations to staff.

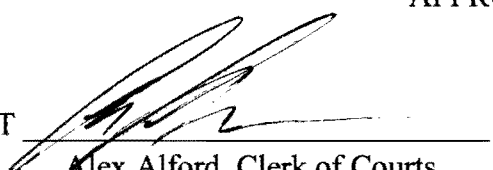
Mr. Jones felt that there are many options for the facility and stated that staff could start working on the long term goals for the Landfill until further recommendations can be made.

Chairman Chapman asked for public comment.

There were no public comments made.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

APPROVED   
W.N. "Bill" Chapman, Chairman

ATTEST   
Alex Alford, Clerk of Courts  
and County Comptroller