

WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
3rd Floor Courthouse
201 N. Main Street – Sylvester, GA 31791

Scheduled Work Session
January 22, 2009
6:00 P. M.

The Worth County Board of Commissioners met in a Scheduled Work Session on Thursday, January 22, 2009 in the Commission Board Room, 3rd Floor Courthouse.

Chairman Medders called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Commissioners Fred Dent, Bettye Bozeman and Jerry Childree. Chairman Matt Medders, County Administrator Robert Zellner and County Clerk Deborah Robinson.

Commissioner Hall was not present. Attorney Clarence Miller was not present

There was two items on the agenda.

1. EDA SPLOST IV Application for Renovation of Old Post Office.
2. Advance disposal Services contract discussion.

Daniel Nesbit Chairman of the EDA Board approached the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Bozeman asked Mr. Nesbit to explain exactly what they were planning on doing in regards to renovations on the Old Post Office. Mr. Nesbit expressed how he wished he had been asked this question before they had hired a contractor because work has already started.

Mr. Nesbit continued to explain the reason this project is so costly is because the roof was never fixed and during the long period of time that building was not being used each time it rained the condition got worse and worse. He explained the whole floor had to be replaced as it was totally ruined through to the bottom side. Mr. Nesbit had a piece of the floor with him to show the Commissioners.

There was a discussion on what kind of floor to replace the old one with: Carpet or tile was mentioned which would be cheaper than wood.

Mr. Nesbit explained the bathrooms had to be completely gutted and re-done, air conditioning system had to be replaced and stated the only other thing they were doing is partitioning off for office space and a conference room. Mr. Nesbit did say they intend to

drop the ceiling to cover up all the pipes and close in the old loading dock and make a storage room.

Commissioner Dent commented that he would rather have a wooden floor instead of carpet or tile.

Commissioner Dent explained the procedure that needed to be followed in regards to SPLOST Applications, he stated the spending of SPLOST Funds has to be approved before it is spent, not afterwards. Mr. Nesbit commented he thought there had been a breakdown of communication between the EDA and the Commissioners and thought that quarterly meetings together would help keeps things in better perspective. He also stated the EDA had no problem following what ever procedure is necessary but some one has to tell them what it is in order for them to be able to do so.

There was a discussion about the Industrial Park that the EDA is working on. Donnie Ford stated so far that only \$5000.00 had been spent. In order to proceed, bank loans were going to necessary be and asked if the Board would write letters of guarantee in regards to the funding the EDA receives from the County each year. The Commissioners agreed to do what ever they can to help the EDA.

The Commissioners praised the EDA for everything they are doing for Worth County.

With nothing further for discussion at this time with the EDA Chairman Medders called for a recess before moving to the next agenda item.

Recess 6:35 P.M.

Reconvene 7:05 P.M.

Susan Greene addressed the Board on behalf of Advance disposal services.

Susan informed the Commissioners that Advance Disposal was looking forward to a long relationship with Worth County and that they wanted to discuss a few things that had not turned out exactly as they had expected.

Susan Greene introduced Bobby Williams, District Manager of Advance Disposal Services.

There was a discussion on the price increase by Crisp County Solid Waste. It was decided that from today forward Worth County would pay Crisp County directly for the garbage delivered to Crisp County.

Worth County asked Advance to submit scale tickets by truck numbers?

Advance asked to see scale tickets going out at the Worth County Transfer Station and in at Crisp County.

It was mentioned from both sides that it always appears there is more weight going out than coming in no matter how hard we try to keep up with weight sheets. There were several different explanations offered for this but nothing that was 100% certain in regards to that problem.

Commissioner Bozeman suggested when residents come to the landfill with garbage they should only have one type at a time on their vehicles for disposal.

Bobby Williams suggested tabling this particular issue until some later time when he would get together with Mr. Zellner and go over the procedures they use at their landfills.

Mr. Williams mentioned the difference in the tonnage they were getting and what they originally were under the impression they were going to get.

Advance explained the contract with their hauler, stating Advance Disposal was responsible for paying a surcharge to the hauler because he was not getting the loads they had guaranteed him and this surcharge was part of his contract.

Mr. Dent commented he did not understand where the number of 83 tons came from in the first place. He stated if you look back over the billing from Veolia there was an average of 40 tons a day. Ms. Greene commented the County gave that figure to them at the pre-bid meeting and that was what they based their bid on.

Mr. Dent commented he did not think there would be a great difference in hauling cost between one load a day or two loads a day.

Commissioner Dent stated he wanted to be as fair as possible with Advance Disposal and if there was a reasonable number that could be agreed upon then he did not have a problem trying to work this issue out. He also told Mr. Williams just how close the bids were between Advance Disposal and Veolia; he explained how Advance had just a slight edge over Veolia in the pickup price.

Mr. Williams stated that over the last couple of weeks the numbers had increased a little and as long as it did not drop any lower than where it was presently Advance would absorb the loss for now. Mr. Dent stated he would be very happy if the County could break even on this because so far they had always lost money.

There was further discussion about how many cans Advance put out and how many the County is billing.

There was also discussion about the "route sheets" the driver keeps. This was explained as a list that will only contain addresses of houses that did not put out their can that day and not a list of every address that was picked up from.

Mr. Dent suggested Advance submit a proposal in order to rectify the difference in the tonnage. Mr. Dent expressed he wanted this to work for everyone concerned.

The Commissioners informed Advance they could bring in garbage from other counties if they wanted to. Worth County would charge them a dollar a ton.

Advance asked if Worth County is working toward getting out of the contract with Crisp County.

Commissioner Dent addressed this explaining the contract they were under with Crisp County and stated if we could get some of the other Counties and Cities that are unhappy under the same contract to come together and challenge Crisp County this may help.

There was a discussion back and forth about Sub – Title D landfills.

Conclusion:

Advance Disposal is going to work up a proposal to adjust the original calculations that were based on 83 tons of garbage a day. Once this proposal is complete it will be submitted to Mr. Zellner to present to the Board.

With no further business for discussion meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Deborah Robinson

Matt Medders

County Clerk

Chairman