

Solid Waste and Recycling
Tuesday, March 28, 2023 @ 9:00 AM
Chambers

MINUTES

9:00 AM Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Cunningham called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Those attending were Solid Waste Committee Chairman J. Cunningham, Solid Waste Committee Members M. Roberts, E.A. Schwartz, T.J. Stokes and M. During, Solid Waste Director A. Miller, County Administrator M. Scimone, County Attorney T. Wayland-Smith, Assistant Director of Finance K. Lummis, Confidential Secretary to the Board K. Guinto, Town of Lenox Supervisor John Pinard, Deputy Director G. Gelewski, Recycling Coordinator K. Welch, Public Information Officer S. Field and Clerk to the Board E. Burns

Approval of Minutes

- February 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Motion by Matt Roberts to approve the February 21, 2023 meeting minutes. Second by Melissa During. The motion was Passed.
- March 14, 2023 Work Session Minutes
Motion by Matt Roberts to approve the March 14, 2023 meeting minutes. Second by Melissa During. The motion was Passed.

Solid Waste and Recycling:

1. Draft RFP Update
The committee agreed to send the draft RFP to an engineering firm for review after committee members make their comments.
2. 2022 Financial Overview (handouts at meeting)
A. Miller reviewed the 2022 financial overview with committee members which showed transfer stations still struggling to break even. The committee discussed the financials of the transfer stations and A. Miller will provide further analysis. T.J. Stokes moved to bring this discussion to the Board, seconded by Melissa During.

On the recycling side of operations, the recycling center tonnage went down while expenses went up. At this time with current markets, A. Miller recommends continuing our recycling center operations as there is limited capacity in nearby recycling facilities and transferring recyclables elsewhere would be costly.

A. Miller highlighted the importance of exploring the RFP for a public-private partnership to help keep rates down.

3. MRF Discussion

The agreement with the Arc Madison Cortland to operate the recycling center ends June 14, 2023. A. Miller recommended extending the partnership another 2 years with an amended 120 day exit written into the agreement. E.A. Schwartz made a motion for a 2 year extension on the existing agreement with the Arc Madison Cortland, seconded by Melissa During. The committee approved. A. Miller will put together the agreement and will bring back to the committee.

Other Committee Business

1. Designating Disposal of Obsolete and/or Surplus County Personal Property (Solid Waste Dept.)

Motion by Matt Roberts to approve the resolution for the Government Ops Committee. Second by Eve Ann Schwartz. The motion was Passed.

Motion by Matt Roberts to enter into executive session at 9:39 AM to discuss potential contractual arrangements. Second by Eve Ann Schwartz. The motion was Passed.

Motion by Matt Roberts to exit executive session at 10:19 AM. Second by T.J. Stokes. The motion was Passed.

Next Meeting:

1. April 25, 2023 at 9am

Adjourn

Motion by Matt Roberts to adjourn at 10:19 AM. Second by T.J. Stokes. The motion was Passed.