

**WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON APRIL 22, 2014
IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM
ROOM 103, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
ARCADIA, FLORIDA**

The Board of County Commissioners held an Environmental Services Workshop on April 22, 2014 with the following persons present:

Commissioner, Buddy Mansfield, Dist#1	County Engineer, Mike Giardullo
Commissioner, Jim Selph, Dist#2	Admin. Office Manager, Lauri Terry
Commissioner, Gabriel Quave, Dist#3	Env. Svcs Director, Henry Grimes
Chairman, Elton Langford, Dist#4	Transportation Director, Shawn Edwards
Commissioner Bob Miller, Dist#5	H.R. Director, Don Kesterson
County Administrator, Guy Maxcy	Compliance Director, Jorge Hernandez
County Attorney, Don Conn	Transcribing Secretary, Jill Thompson
Administrative Services Director, Linda Nipper	Env. Svc Office Manager, Cindy Stepp
Facilities Director, Richard Metzger	Sheriff Will Wise
Purchasing Manager, Cindy Talamantez	Compliance Director, Jorge Hernandez

CALL TO ORDER

REVIEW/DISCUSSION

Cindy Talamantez stated the purpose of the Workshop is to update the Board regarding Environmental Services. The County has owned the landfill since 1981. The current site is approximately 70 acres. Countywide collection with Womack's Sanitation has been in action for 10 years.

Henry (Dub) Grimes commented that the "old" cells that are closed are in the back. The current cell is #4 and has been in use since 2007 with 6.5-7 yrs of use remaining.

Ms. Talamantez stated Division 1 is solid waste with an annual receipt of 24,885 tons. Yard waste receives 629 tons annually and tire disposal receives 92 tons annually. The recycling division will become more important due to the environment. This division generates some revenue and prolongs cell life. Currently 23% of solid waste collected is recycled at the landfill. Commissioner Selph questioned that if the recycling was increased to 50%; how much would cell life be extended? Mr. Grimes was not sure of the exact advantage the increase would have on cell life. Commissioner Miller question what type of materials are being recycled. Mr. Grimes replied that metal, tires, plastics and cans are recycled. Mr. Grimes stated to start door-to-door recycling would be very expensive. Ms. Talamantez commented that miscellaneous glass, cans and aluminum are collected and transported to Hardee County. Florida Statute put into place in 2008 states that by the year 2020, 75% is a statewide goal for recycling. DeSoto County is exempt from that goal due to population and financial classification. Roll off recycling bins have been placed at various locations within the County which include Turner Center, Road & Bridge, DeSoto County Landfill and Craig's RV Park.

An annual grant funds a household hazardous waste collection program. Two collection events are held each year.

Ms. Talamantez commented that a few recent projects include restoration of new concrete, a new down chute and slope mowing.

Ms. Talamantez spoke regarding the 2010 Master plan. If we go through to Zone 8, we have 34 years

left of our footprint. A new cell takes 3-4 years to prepare.

Commissioner Mansfield questioned the length of time that the first cell can be reused. Mr. Grimes commented there are no time limit restrictions. Cindy Talamantez stated an option for this cell would be to recycle what we can and use some of the material for cover and the remaining material would be put in the current operating zone. A negative result would be the current zone would fill up quicker. A positive result would be revenue from recycling and extra space. If the area was mined 6 days a week, the cell would be ready for use in 2.5 years. If the area was mined 5 days a week, the cell would be ready for use in 5 years.

Commissioner Selph commented there is a possibility of toxic material and could possibly cost the County more money. The landfill is funded by tipping fees (\$42 in-county/\$84 out-of-county) and MSBUs, which pays for long term care and construction. In 2001 there was so much money, Mr. Chisolm lowered the MSBU as an effort to help the taxpayers. In the Resolution, it was stated that it would be re-evaluated each year but was not evaluated again until 2007.

Mr. Maxcy questioned WCA landfill tipping fee and would like further discussion at a later date. Mr. Grimes commented WCA is only receiving Womack's roll offs. Robert Womack stated he only uses WCA 1-2 times per week. Further discussion ensued.

Commissioner Quave suggested putting the burden of proving where the garbage comes from on the people bringing it into the landfill. Discussion ensued regarding out-of-county waste.

Ms. Talamantez stated that rates from other counties were gathered and it was discovered that no two places follow the same process.

Don Conn stated he would like to discuss this matter further to find out if any record as to why the fee was lowered. He feels the burden is on the individuals and companies that are transporting materials to our landfill to establish they are in-county. He does not feel this would require further Board action.

Commissioner Quave would like to retroactively recoup the money that was not received.

Ms. Talamantez reminded the Board that this year is the contract renewal with Womack Sanitation.

Robert Womack commented that the present franchise agreement is an automatic 10 year renewal if he has not been in default.

Ms. Talamantez gave a summary of the workshop; something will need to be done soon with cell construction, funding, long-term care and tipping fees for operations. Mr. Grimes commented that \$268,000.00 in revenue is being lost due to the decrease in 2001.

Mr. Conn stated that the agreement with Womack's Sanitation does state that it will be extended for an additional 10 years if there is no default. In section 11 it states the agreement will terminate on October 22, 2014. The agreement was drafted in 2005.

Ed Johnson stated that tons do not equal yards and the County needs to watch the cubic yards; consumption is more than tons. He stated there was an automatic increase that was \$1.00 every six months. He commented that some material being compacted should be shredded in order lessen the consumption of space.

Mr. Womack stated his trucks are 25 cubic yards and approximately 10-12 tons.

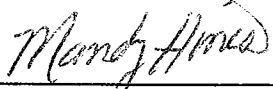
Commissioner Miller questioned the recycling cost to the County. Mr. Grimes stated the cost is nominal.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Langford adjourned the workshop at 2:28 PM.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**



**MANDY HINES
INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR**



**ELTON A. LANGFORD
CHAIRMAN**