

APRIL 29, 2013

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

WORKSHOP

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in workshop session with the following members present: Chairman Tynalin Smiley, Vice Chairman Ward McDaniel, and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore and Johanna Bryan <Commissioner Warren J. Yeager, Jr. was absent>.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Central Services Director Denise Manuel, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Preble-Rish/County Engineer Clay Smallwood, III, and Public Works Director Joe Danford.

Acting Chairman McDaniel called the workshop to order at 9:00 a.m., E.T.

LANDFILL

Public Works Director Danford presented a handout to the Board for review and then discussed the history of the Five Points Landfill. He discussed the present figures of (1) direct labor and (2) other fixed costs, in the amount of \$96,000.00, stating that this expenditure will increase next year to \$120,000.00. Upon inquiry by Acting Chairman McDaniel, Public Works Director Danford discussed the escrow that is paid annually for the closure of Five Points Landfill. After discussion, Public Works Director Danford discussed the options of expanding Five Points Landfill or closing the site. Upon inquiry by Acting Chairman McDaniel, Public Works Director Danford reported that there are three landfills that are currently being monitored. He discussed tipping fees and the cost to operate Five Points Landfill. <Chairman Smiley entered the meeting at 9:07 a.m. E.T.> Acting Chairman McDaniel passed the Chair to Commissioner Smiley. Public Works Director Danford discussed the proposed 2018 Landfill Expansion Project for Five Points Landfill, stating that the expansion will last approximately ten years. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Public Works Director Danford discussed the ground water issues at the Wetappo Landfill and the 80 acres in the Wetappo area. He also discussed the proposed site near Kate Glass Road. After discussion, Assistant Administrator Hammond discussed extending the life of the current landfill and eventually going to a transfer station system. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Public Works Director Danford reported that there are no more modifications, stating that the last modification started in 2006 and that the buildup of the Five Points Landfill is as high as it can go. Chief Administrator Butler discussed the slope at Five Points Landfill. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Public Works Director Danford reported that approximately 3,800 tons is deposited into the Five Points Landfill annually. Upon inquiry by Chairman Smiley, Public Works Director Danford recommended that the Board go in the direction of a 2018 transfer station. He discussed hauling debris out of the County, stating that the County currently hauls

approximately three hundred (300) tons to Panama City and seven (7) tons worth of electronics to Marianna. Public Works Director Danford discussed the direct labor cost and other fixed costs for a transfer station. He then discussed items; (3) other variable costs, (4) depreciation on equipment, (5) fuel costs, (6) total expenditures, and (7) recycling. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Bryan, Public Works Director Danford stated that the proposed transfer station would handle debris on a daily basis. Upon further inquiry by Commissioner Bryan, Public Works Director Danford reported that the proposed transfer station would be ongoing; stating that based on County growth, a second transfer station may need to be established in the future at the North end of the County. He discussed the proposed transfer station site. After further discussion regarding the proposed transfer station and the proposed landfill expansion, Public Works Director Danford discussed future technology regarding plasma stations. He discussed his concerns regarding adding Solid Waste Director to Mark Cothran instead of hiring a replacement for this position. Chief Administrator Butler discussed the cost associated with the landfill monitoring once closed and the proposed transfer station. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Public Works Director Danford reported that the landfill is recycling batteries and paying for the disposal of tires. Public Works Director Danford recommended that the Board stop the yard debris pickup and to increase the tipping fees to \$40.00 per ton, and then increase this rate yearly.

RECYCLING

Public Works Director Danford reported that the County is required to offer recycling to citizens, stating that from the list there are to be four options. He recommended that the Board offer an incentive to citizens that bring recyclables to the proposed transfer station. Chairman Smiley discussed his concerns regarding the incentive option for the citizens of Gulf County. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Public Works Director Danford stated that landscape companies are not bringing green debris to the landfill; they are placing the debris on the right-of-way for the County to pick up. He discussed his concerns regarding the County picking up green debris and the County's cost versus hiring a company to collect the green debris. Assistant Administrator Hammond reported that the County is losing \$125,000.00 annually in tipping fees due to the County picking up yard debris. Commissioner McLemore discussed his concerns regarding yard debris pickup.

MANDATORY HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

Public Works Director Danford reported that pictures have been taken of citizens dumping household trash in company (business) dumpsters. He stated that the County needs mandatory garbage pickup. Public Works Director Danford discussed his concerns regarding the cost for senior citizens; suggesting a cost reduction for those cases. Commissioner Bryan stated that picking up yard debris is a cost to the County which comes from the tax payers; noting that the County needs to search for the most efficient way to handle this matter. Commissioner McLemore discussed his concerns regarding mandatory household garbage pickup. Public Works Director Danford discussed his concerns regarding burning household garbage. Commissioner McLemore discussed his concerns regarding visitors coming to Gulf County and dumping their garbage illegally.

RECYCLING

Public Works Director Danford reported that they are going to progress with recycling at Five Points Landfill, offering the opportunity for people to recycle. Commissioner McLemore discussed assigning a couple of inmates to assist with the recycling project at the landfill.

MANDATORY HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

Commissioner McDaniel reported that he stopped by the White City Park to review the dumpsters, stating that there was no illegal household garbage in the containers. Chairman Smiley discussed the need to start enforcing illegal dumping.

Chairman Smiley called for public comment. There was no public comment.

LANDFILL

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the recommendation by Public Works Director Danford to go forward with the 2018 Transfer Station and not expand Five Points Landfill. He reported that Public Works Director Danford is also recommending that the Board approve mandatory garbage pickup. Chief Administrator Butler discussed his concerns regarding mandatory household garbage pickup.

There being no further business the meeting did then adjourn at 10:29 a.m., E.T.

**TYNALIN SMILEY
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**