

## EvMS CITIZENS ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

The EvMS Citizens Advisory Subcommittee met at 5:00pm Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at the Courthouse Annex in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Meeting Room. Those present were: Rick Foote, Amanda Ayres, Ken Rearden, Lisa Signorile, Cary Lawler, Tim Wilbanks, Mark Pettit, Tommy Sandoval, Douglas Aiken, Barbara Griffeth, Fred Richards, Frank Armstrong, Terry Kuehn, Ashley Bell and Becky Taylor.

**Call to Order**- Rick called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and then he asked for introductions.

**Agenda**-The agenda was presented and Rick asked if there were any corrections or additions. There were none. Terry made the motion to accept the agenda and Douglas gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Agenda approved unanimously.

**Minutes**- Rick presented the minutes. A motion was made by Terry and a second by Lisa to approve the minutes. This motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business**

**Electing Chairman and Vice-Chairman**-Rick passed out an excerpt from the By-Laws explaining the duties of the only 2 officers of this committee, which are Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Chairman would preside at all meetings, would attend and report on behalf of the Citizens' Advisory Committee at EnviroShare Steering Committee meetings, and appoint committees. The Vice-Chairman would preside in absence of the Chairman and serve as Secretary, taking minutes and handling official correspondence. Rick would be the staff resource person. Rick asked for nominations for these 2 positions. Frank made the motion that Rick recommend persons for these 2 positions, talk with persons to see if they would be willing to serve and bring this to the next meeting. Tim made the 2<sup>nd</sup> on the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Paint Recycling Proposal**-Amanda discussed the proposal and what was involved, along with the charges associated with this program. She passed around a copy of the outline of the proposal she sent to Cary. This would be typical household latex and oil-based paint, not mixed with anything else, either with each other or different colors (even similar colors) or other products such as drying agents. Fees would be based on the container size, not the amount of paint left in the container. She explained that latex brings the most profit. She explained that there would be no local area competition. Their website includes a map that would show Hall County. There were some questions concerning if the paint were mixed, would they accept the paint and would the fee be different. Amanda stated that they would accept it even if it were mixed, and the fee would be the same. She said their fees were firm, but the County could change their fee amounts. She stated that most people want to dispose of paint properly, and she talked about getting that information out to the public. She suggested that information could be publicized through the water bills or word of mouth would serve as a good way to let others know about the program. Ken stated that part of the publicity would involve a press release. Frank said it would be good to get both sides of what happens when paint is not recycled and how the paint recycling process works. Local paint businesses are more willing than corporations to be collector sites for this program. Amanda said they would respond within 24 hours to pick up paint, and they would invoice it out within a 30 day period. Doug asked if there was a minimum amount before they would pick up the paint and Amanda replied only for events do they require a minimum amount. Rick spoke of possibly waiving the \$12.50 minimum charge if citizens were only recycling paint, and said the details would have to be worked out. Cary said it would take the county, the community and industry all working together for an effective program. Rick suggested that we appoint a work group since there are several issues that need to be worked out. Then they could have a more formal proposal to bring to the next meeting. Lisa made that as a motion, and Fred gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> on her motion. Rick called for discussion and Tommy suggested that we move forward with the program and work the details out as we go. Cary said he agreed with Tommy. Lisa withdrew her motion and Tommy made his suggestion into a motion stating it be done on a 12 month trial period basis. Frank gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> on Tommy's motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Lisa would be the representative to speak at the Commissioner's meeting.

### **New Business**

**Presentation on Solid Waste Management**-Ken Rearden presented with the following as an outline: Hall County Solid Waste System Update, Brief overview of Landfill, Funding and Financing, Location of Compactor Sites, Resource Recovery Overview, Resource Recovery Funding and Finance, Landfill comparison to other counties, Compactor Site comparison to other counties, FY12 Budget, Cost Savings/Revenue Increase Requests, More options, Increase Solid Waste Assessment Fee, Increase Minimum Fees at Landfill, Decrease Operations, Current Revised Operations (10/9/11) and Next Actions. Ken explained that capital needs such as landfill cell construction and repairs were needed to the leachate treatment system and that SPLOST money had funded those previously. There were several comments from attendees. Lisa suggested 3 RFP's as opposed to just one to open it up to those who may just be interested in only part of the proposal. Commissioner Bell talked about the money being put into a fund for Hall County Solid Waste and then the money was taken out and used for another purpose (retirement). The question was asked if there was anything to fix the municipality loophole with respect to their using but not contributing funding to compactors. Also, Cary spoke of implementing a hanging tag permit system, perhaps using color coding and/or the person's tag number to verify legitimacy of having

paid the SW Assessment. Commissioner Bell suggested getting the idea of dividing the RFP for the Landfill into 3 RFP's onto the agenda for the next Commissioner's Meeting. He asked that staff check with Heather in taking care of this. Commissioner Bell also suggested emailing the RFP with exhibits to the committee to have time to read it before the next meeting.

**Member Announcements-** There were none.

**Public Comments-** There were none.

**Proposed future topics and presentations-**October Presentation on Focus the Nation-Tom Torres'

**Set Date/Location of Next Meeting-**Meet at Resource Recovery Hall County Recycling Center (Rick's office) on Tuesday, October 25 at 5 p.m.

**The Motion to adjourn** came from Commissioner Bell and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Richards. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.