

At a recessed meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of January 2006 at the Cumberland County Elementary School Cafeteria, Cumberland, Virginia:

Present: William F. Osl, Jr., Chairman, District 1
Clifton C. White, District 2
Van H. Petty, Vice-Chairman, District 3
Elbert R. Womack, District 4
Jeremiah D. Heaton, District 5
Darvin E. Satterwhite, County Attorney
Judy Ownby, County Administrator
Sherry Swinson, Asst. County Administrator
Sandra K. Sullivan, Deputy Clerk

The Chairman called the meeting to order and the Deputy Clerk called the roll.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public meeting for the purpose of discussing the viability of a landfill project within the County. Representatives from SCS Engineers and DEQ were present to discuss landfill design, construction and operation, and the permitting process.

Board Presentation

Chairman Osl gave a presentation of the Economic Development Strategy for Cumberland County (attached to the minutes), and summarized the process followed by the Board of Supervisors in accepting proposals for a possible landfill in Cumberland County.

SCS Presentation

Representatives from the engineering firm of SCS Engineers, Inc., gave a power point presentation of how landfills are built, materials used, permitting process, etc.

Public Comments

Some citizens were in favor of a landfill noting that a landfill could provide financial benefits for schools and other County services.

Other citizens were not in favor of a landfill stating that new schools could be built in the County without having a landfill to produce revenue for the County. It was suggested that tax levies be left at their current rate, but use the new assessment values, which would generate sufficient tax dollars to pay for new schools and projects.

Mr. White stated that the County would not legally be allowed to use this process. Localities are not permitted to do this by the state and that the tax rate would have to be adjusted to equalize tax rates so that the County could not collect a windfall from a reassessment.

The question was asked by a citizen how remediation procedures would be handled in the event of any environmental problems with the landfill.

SCS engineers stated that it would be difficult to discuss remediation steps without a specific problem being addressed because different methods are applied for different specific concerns.

Other questions were raised by citizens regarding the stability of a landfill in the event of an earthquake.

Engineers stated that landfills currently are constructed to account for such events.

David Smith, Cumberland Extension Agent stated that his department does not take sides on issues, however, he reported that farms in the County has decreased since 1992 and that agriculture, including poultry and beef, account for 61 percent of the revenue in the County. Mr. Smith also noted that if avian flu, Mad Cow disease or bio-terrorism struck the County or if Tyson were to leave, the County would face a severe hardship.

Mr. Jim Thornton, School Superintendent, stated that he feels it is the citizen's responsibility to provide education for the children of the County and that trailers would have to be added to the existing school campus to accommodate students next year unless new facilities become available.

After the public comments, a panel of the Board members, SCS representatives, and DEQ representative, answered questions and received additional comments from the public.

Following the end of the public meeting, the Board reconvened at the Old Clerk's Office for further discussions on the selection of the landfill company with which to continue negotiations.

On a motion by Mr. Petty and carried, based on the Board's analysis of the financial impact to the County, and other selected criteria as outlined in the RFP, Allied Waste was the firm selected with which to continue negotiations and develop an agreement.

Vote:	Mr. Osl – aye	Mr. White- aye
	Mr. Petty – aye	Mr. Womack – aye
	Mr. Heaton – aye	

The County Attorney was directed to draft an agreement.

The Chairman recessed the meeting until February 6, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. with Allied Waste representatives, for a closed session contract negotiation.

Chairman

County Administrator