

Garland County, Arkansas  
Environmental Services, Public Works, and Buildings Committee Meeting  
September 16, 2019  
Minutes

Members: Chairman Horner, Vice Chairman Faulkner, Justices Hunter, McGrew, Dixon, and Reagan.

Absent: Justice Sorrells

Also Present: Citizens, Elected Officials, Staff, and Media

Chairman Horner called the meeting to order and introduced an ordinance to increase the Class 1 hauling fee from \$34.00 to \$37.40 effective Jan 1, 2020, and tie the rate to CPI from here forward in the Solid Waste fee schedule. Judge Mahoney explained that there had not been a rate increase since 2008. He also, explained that this is only on Class 1 and the haulers have increased the cost. A motion for do pass was made by Justice Faulkner and seconded by Justice McGrew. Justice Raney stated that he liked the fact that this will tie to the CPI. Justice Reagan asked if this will affect our residence and Judge Mahoney said it would not unless they haul their trash to the Landfill. There was some further discussion on how well the Landfill is operated. Chairman Horner asked for any other discussion or questions, with none the motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Horner asked the Environmental Inspectors to come forward. Judge Mahoney and Environmental Inspections Division Manager Shelly Tucker presented Paul Calcagno, Anthony Halpin, and Michael Hibbard with a certificate of Environmental Officer Update, which is the highest certification in this field. Judge Mahoney indicated that Garland County is the only county in Arkansas where all of the Environmental Inspectors have this level of certification. He commended each of them for a job well done, including the Division Manager. Shelly explained that the Governor had asked that they receive certification at this level and they will go to Little Rock to be sworn in. There was some discussion.

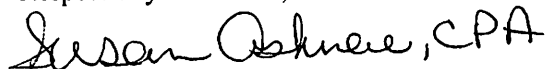
Chairman Horner asked the Landfill Operators to come forward. Judge Mahoney and the Assistant Landfill Director, Billy Sawyer presented Barry McBroom and Chris Kolash with their Class-A Solid Waste Operators Apprentice license. Judge Mahoney thanked them for stepping up and being leaders in our Landfill. Billy spoke to the committee and explained the importance of having license operators said he could not say enough nice things about them.

Chairman Horner asked the Judge to talk about the building projects.

1. Elevator- complete except for a small punch list. Judge Mahoney thanked Joel Rush for the flooring.
2. Armory- Roof is complete; the county went out for bids on interior demolition and mold mitigation and Nabholz was the low bidder and should start next week.
3. Courthouse exterior – completed the tuck-pointing and waterproofing; the terracotta that was removed has been sealed and should be in the second week of October. We are in the process of replacing broken windowpanes and painting the window frames. There was some discussion on the water intrusion in Judge Wright's courtroom, which has been sealed and the county will apply for a grant next year.
4. Gov't Building – Backup generator the Collector is putting in the 2020 budget.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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