



Rome-Floyd County Solid Waste Commission



Tuesday April 22, 2025 8:30 AM
Sam King Room

PRESENT: Chairman Scotty Hancock
Vice-Chair Randy Quick
Commissioner Bill Collins
Mr. Sammy Rich, Rome City Manager
Mr. Jamie McCord, Floyd County Manager
Mr. Chris Jenkins, Rome Public Works Director
Mr. Aaron Carroll, Rome Engineering Services Director
Mr. Michael Skeen, Floyd County Public Works Director
Ms. Toni Rhinehart, Rome Finance Director
Mr. Tim Garret, Solid Waste Processing & Disposal
Mr. Eric Bagley, Environmental Compliance Superintendent
Ms. Emma Wells, Floyd County Solid Waste Director
Ms. Hannah Bagley, Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful Program Coordinator

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Scotty Hancock called the meeting to order and noted this Commission will be chaired by the County this year. Commissioner Quick moved nominated Commissioner Hancock for Chairman of this Commission. The motion was approved by common consent. Commissioner Hancock nominated Commissioner Quick as Vice-Chair. The motion was approved by common consent.

CONFIRMATION OF 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

Commissioner Hancock asked if everyone was happy with the current schedule, which is the first month of each quarter, on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 8:30. Ms. Wells pointed out that the fourth quarter meeting is in October, which is a little early for Departments to have their budgets ready to present. It was agreed that a budget meeting will be held in November.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by common consent.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Rich noted at a recent caucus commissioners expressed a desire to learn more about the actual costs associated with recycling. Mr. Jenkins noted that in a year's time, the Recycling Center only diverts about six days' worth of material from the landfill. With extending the life of the landfill being the primary objective, we have to consider how much the cost of running the Center and having curbside collection weighs against so little space reclaimed. If we want to provide recycling as a service, he suggested we recycle all materials.

Commissioner Hancock stated that staff should set a meeting to discuss this further before presenting information to the City and County Commissions.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Recycling Center

February Event Recap

Ms. Wells noted that 420 people signed up for February event. We have 200 people signed up for the May 10th event.

Upcoming Events

The upcoming events will be held on August 9th and November 8th.

Tire Event Recommendations

Ms. Wells reported she has been doing a tire event every year for the past three years. The landfill is seeing less tire tonnage, so we now feel it isn't worth the time and effort to do the event each year. She recommended we go to one event every other year going forward with the next one being in April 2026.

YTD Recycling Totals

Ms. Wells reported that curbside is up at 252.33 tons so far this year. Remote sites are up a well and we have shipped out 350 tons more material.

Commissioner Hancock asked if there is a local company recycling material. Ms. Wells said that Paper Recovery is still in business, but it was purchased by a company in Ohio.

They mostly do fiber, but the Recycling Center is the only place that does single stream. Commissioner Quick asked if there was still a private business that takes glass. Ms. Wells replied he is correct. If we did not have the Center, we would have to send material to WestRock in Chattanooga or Marietta. In order to ship that material out we would have to send it in bulk to be cost effective, which would require a baler.

Financial Reports

Ms. Wells presented the December and February financial reports. She noted Repairs and Maintenance has increased \$30,250 due to repairs to two skid steers (\$8,900), emergency sewage back up cleaning (\$8,700), repairs to the main recycling belt (\$3,800), and changes to the sewage lines to prevent further issues (\$4,500). We have SPLOST funding allocated to help us work with vendors to find ways to be more efficient in processing more product. She added that they just sold a \$40,000 load of aluminum that will go out next week. Operating expenses are down slightly currently.

Walker Mountain Landfill

Operations Report

Mr. Bagley presented the March operations report. March Garbage totaled 8,297 tons which is up 147 tons month to date but down 714 tons year to date. There were 786 tons of inert material taken in, which is up 483 tons for the month and up 998 tons for the year. There were 7.69 tons of tires taken, which is up by 5.71 tons for the month and 2.5 for the year. CD material was at 2891 tons which is up 379 tons for the month and up 167 for the year. Overall, 11,983 tons were taken in which is up by 1,015 tons for the month and up 451 tons for the year.

Financial Report

Ms. Rhinehart presented the February financial report. Most of the increase in revenue in 2025 is in the Commercial and Industrial section. Everything else is pretty much in line with last year. We are earning over 4% on our money right now, which is very good. Expenditures are pretty much in line with last year. We are up \$4.4 million on cash from last year, which is what we need to do in preparation for construction of the next phase.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret W. Hollingsworth, Recording Secretary
Solid Waste Commission