

The Honorable Board of Lyon County Commissioners met this day with the following present: Comm. Vida Keller, Comm. Dave Hockaday, Comm. Ken Gray, and Comm. Wes Henderson. Absent: Comm. Rob Jacobson. Also present: Deputy District Attorney Yuliya Davidzenka and County Manager Jeff Page.

1. Roll Call

Present: Vida Keller, Wes Henderson, Dave Hockaday, Ken Gray
Absent: Rob Jacobson

Comm. Keller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Participation

There were none given.

3. For Possible Action: Workshop to discuss the solid waste franchise, to receive community input, and to provide staff with direction to develop a Request for Proposals for a solid waste franchise which will include the services to be provided, mandated, or eliminated as part of the franchise.

County Manager Jeff Page gave a presentation of the background of the franchise and the purpose. He reported of the challenges given to him and asked the Board what they wanted.

Comm. Gray stated to have an additional cart, a landfill to be established, non-exclusive services for construction debris, more pick up days, local customer service, once a quarter vouchers that are transferable, charging fees to be evaluated to circumstances, types of containers and how many residents can use.

Comm. Hockaday requested better service with a contact person so the Board can contact with issues. He is not in favor of mandatory trash pickup. He is in agreement with the use of vouchers. He stated the fees are reasonable for a 3 month billing period.

Comm. Henderson requested to explore more than one franchise agreement in place. He is against mandatory trash pickup. He is in favor of recycling if it's eligible. He requested more vouchers, hours of operations to be increased, and competition for franchisees.

Comm. Keller commented the cart system needs to be addressed with an additional cart. She agrees with an additional landfill. She is not in favor of a non-exclusive construction debris. She requested clean up days to be included, and for vouchers to be included at a competitive rate without raising fees too high, standardize fees, equal services and capacity. She expressed the use of the transfer station in her area is not efficient or customer service. She is not for trash mandates unless it is a rental property. Multiple franchise agreements are not a good idea. She is not in favor of mandatory recycling, the market dictates recycling fees and should be evaluated by the company. It could raise the rates to the community.

Comm. Gray commented on the issue with pickup service last year, and he is not in favor of mandatory pickup or recycling. It is a rural franchise and the property owner's trash should be picked up regardless of their location. He stated a penalty for non-performance. Lastly, no more automatic renewals with the contract.

Comm. Henderson recommended to consider single stream recycling and a proposal for the re-use of green waste.

Jeff Page commented the Board desired no mandatory anything, additional vouchers and clean up days. He stated that two of the fire districts will give aid to clean vegetation for wild fire prevention or loan a trailer to haul debris. He recommended including household hazardous materials or subcontracting the service. He will review the capability of mandatory trash pick-up for rentals.

Comm. Keller opened the meeting for public comment.

Public Comment:

Lonnie Betrick gave a report of her experience and costs with Waste Management since moving from Washoe County. She reported the service for her is cheaper in Carson and will not use their service.

Mandy Brinnand requested better customer service in the future. She agreed with the mandatory trash pick up for rental properties. She gave her account on green waste and should be disposed appropriately. She questioned if additional vouchers would be needed and is not in favor of increased fees.

Janna Rager, with Empire Waste Systems, stated her account of the current usage of the construction debris within the County.