

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 14, 2021**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Scott Fabian, Mike Bianconi, Andrew Henry, Joe Luckino, Mitchell Morelli (by phone), Domenic Mucci, Robert Sproul, John Davies, Chuck Dawson, Jerry Echemann, Tony Kolanski, Robert Krajnyak

ABSENT: James Mavromatis, Mark McVey, George Irvin Jr.

OTHERS: Anita Petrella, Dave Hays, Alisha Teramana, Natalie Lysle, Tammy Shepherd, Brad Polaski

A quorum being present, Chair Scott Fabian called to order the regular meeting of the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority Board at the Belmont Building at 5:30PM on, Monday, June 14, 2021.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the May 10, 2021, regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mucci, seconded by Mr. Henry. **Vote: All said Aye. Motion passed. Mr. Dawson, Comm. Echemann, Mr. Fabian, Mr. Kolanski, & Mr. Krajnyak abstained.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

STAFF REPORTS:

DIRECTORS REPORT: Anita Petrella

Clean-up Update

Mrs. Petrella reported that Belmont County had their tire collection on Saturday with 170 vehicles dropping off tires. Two tire trailers were filled, and they had to turn the rest of the people away. They are now going to try to have another one in the Martins Ferry area as soon as possible. In Jefferson County, they had their Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday with 362 vehicles dropping off items. There are 3 more clean-ups left this year in Jefferson County. Belmont County has one left in the spring and three in the fall. All the drivers have routes that take them 5 days a week to complete. They have been cutting their routes down to 4 days so they can help at the cleanups. It has been rough on the employees because there has not been much community service help available. Deputy Polaski, the Jefferson County Litter Enforcement Officer, has been bringing three guys in orange from the Jefferson County Jail with him to all the collections. This has been a big help to us.

Education Grant

The Ohio EPA is offering an educational grant for up to \$50,000. JB Green Team would like to apply for it to create an education room in both counties where school-age kids can visit in conjunction with a day trip to Valley Converting. We would like to have touch screens and state of the art technology, like Cosi in Columbus or the Montgomery County Solid Waste District. This grant became available recently, so we are hoping to apply for it and ask the board to do a 50% match. The most available through the grant is \$50,000 but an amount that high is rarely given. The deadline for

the letter of intent is July 8 and from there we will have until July 15 to send in all info.

Mrs. Petrella then read a letter drafted on behalf of the board in anticipation of their support. In addition to the letter of support from the board, JB Green Team is gathering letters of support from commissioners, schools, libraries, and anyone that could benefit from this type of education in our Valley. In Belmont County, the classroom would be both upstairs and part of the ground level in the garage, separated by partitions. In Jefferson County, the board room would be converted to an educational room, and the board would continue to meet in the garage for their meeting every two months. Mr. Hayes asked what it would cost for the equipment? Mrs. Petrella stated that the equipment starts at \$3,500 for the table and the software goes between \$20,000-\$35,000. Mr. Hayes also added that the Ohio EPA is extremely high on education, so his opinion is that the Board should support the addition of these rooms regardless of receiving the grant or not. Mr. Mucci voiced his support as well, stating that he thought it was great that we are going to do that outreach but had a couple follow-up questions: Are any of our in-kind services such as our space and electric, able to be used as the match? Mrs. Petrella sought the advice of Mrs. Shepherd, who oversees grants, and she stated that the match needs to be in cash. Comm. Echemann, who was also in support, asked if we ever received a grant like this before to which Tammy replied we had not. He also asked when we would find out how much the grant was for if we did receive it. Mrs. Petrella stated that we would not find out for a few months.

Mr. Mucci made the motion to apply for the grant and authorize the board to sign the letter, seconded by Comm. Echemann. **Vote: All said Aye. Motion passed.**

Jefferson County Litter Enforcement Officer

The Board has asked for accountability in the past meetings so after the last meeting, the Sheriff in Jefferson County told Deputy Polaski to report to Mrs. Petrella. He reports to her at her office daily. He uses forms that show what time and where he is at, doing what, along with pictures of the trailer that he has been borrowing from the juvenile division to put the stuff in. He is working strictly with the JB Green Team on clean-ups and as we call him when somebody is dumping stuff. He is not doing any dilapidated structures anymore. Mrs. Petrella proposed that the board decide tonight whether they are going to fund him as the Commissioners have asked and we got a final price from Whiteside Chevrolet for the truck. The truck would be \$36,107.00 for a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab V8 with a Lamar 5X10 trailer for \$8595.00. To have the truck and trailer outfitted and marked for a police vehicle it would be an additional \$20,585.31, bringing a total to \$65,287.31 for the vehicle. This is just for Jefferson County. Should this be approved for Jefferson County we are going to move to Belmont County. Mrs. Petrella already talked to Comm. Echemann, and they are going to talk to the sheriff down here to see if he wants to participate the same way or keep his litter enforcement officer as we were using ours for resource road deputy. The same package would be offered to Belmont County. Mr. Luckino stated that he

thought Jefferson County has shown commitment to this project and he has seen them out in the field working and he feels like this has really picked up momentum. He proposed a motion to pay the salary on Deputy Polaski and pay for the truck and trailer with police package. Comm. Echemann asked if this was going to cover the benefits as well. Mrs. Petrella confirmed they are only asking for the \$60,000.00 for his salary. Mr. Luckino also stated that this was a yearly contract that could be reevaluated every year. Comm. Echemann also asked if the officer is pulled only in emergency then? Mrs. Petrella replied that he was correct, and that the office has only been pulled away once in the last month. It was a domestic in Wintersville and when he showed up, another officer was there, and he left. He was not there more than 15 minutes. She looked to Deputy Polaski for confirmation to which he replied that he did respond. Comm. Echemann then asked Deputy Polaski if he thought there was enough work to keep him busy to which Deputy Polaski responded that yes, he has had 3-4 illegal dumping charges from JB Green Team bins alone and that was without cameras.

Mrs. Petrella added that they are still trying to figure out the camera situation because it is kind of tricky as far as what cameras to use, and which ones would be easier, and better for what we are trying to do with them. She contacted Steve Tharp, the Litter Enforcement Officer in Tuscarawas County, because they ran into an issue because whoever is watching the cameras on the app from their phone is getting charged a monthly fee. She sought his advice on working with Staley Communications and she is now working with a salesman who is outfitting us with a more cost-effective solution. Comm. Echemann then asked in the event the deputy may separate from the County would we expect the Sheriff to then name somebody right away? Mrs. Petrella responded yes, it has happened in the past before, and they have been replaced. Mr. Hays suggested they have Mr. Bauer write up an agreement to specify what would happen with separation of duties, the vehicle titling and so forth. Mrs. Petrella stated that the last contract the last vehicle was titled to the Sheriff's Department so that they could pay the insurance, maintenance, and fuel. Mr. Dawson asked who the contract was between, the commissioners or the sheriff's department to which Mrs. Petrella replied that both parties were involved. Mr. Bianconi seemed to think it could only be signed by a Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Hays agreed and reconfirmed that it would be a contract between JB Green Team and the Sheriff's Department, signed off by the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bianconi also voiced his support and was delighted to see all the work has been done. Mr. Mucci asked for a summary of the financials once more and Mrs. Petrella passed around paperwork that showed the estimate from Whiteside Chevrolet. She also reported that they did get a quote from Team Toyota, but they did not match Whiteside's prices. Mr. Fabian then asked if we were going to need to bid the vehicle out to which Mr. Hays replied that this entity is not subject to competitive bidding. Mr. Fabian asked what the vehicle color was going to be to which Mrs. Petrella replied that it would be black with the sheriff's logos but also have the JB Green logo on it as well. Mr. Fabian disagreed with the idea of having the new truck outfitted to look like a Sheriff's vehicle and believed that it should be white with the JB Green logo on the

door. He then stated that if they wanted to put Sheriff on the front of the hood and Sheriff on back of the tailgate that would be okay. He pushed for it to be distinctive as a litter enforcement vehicle and not a sheriff's vehicle. Mrs. Petrella sought the advice of Deputy Polaski as to if this were something that could be done, and Deputy Polaski stated that the Sheriff's Association has strict rules on outfitting and striping the vehicle unless it is an unmarked vehicle. Mr. Hays then proposed the question of the board needing to decide since JB Green Team is buying the vehicle who is going to hold title?

Mr. Dawson inquire about the possible timeline for Belmont County. Mrs. Petrella stated that it would be immediately, if this one's approved, then Comm. Echemann is going to talk to the sheriff and then will come back next month with what the Sheriff of Belmont said. All agreed that both Counties be offered the same package. Mr. Hays wanted to double check that the program with the judges in Belmont County was not too repetitive. Mr. Bianconi confirmed that the program with the judges is a community service program in which they go and clean litter from the roadways and should be considered separate from the agreement with the sheriff's department.

A motion to approve \$60,000.00 salary + vehicle and equipment purchase for the Litter Enforcement Officer in Jefferson County was made by Mr. Luckino, seconded by Mr. Henry. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Mrs. Petrella left the meeting.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Dave Hays

Operating Statement & Fund Cash Balance

The May operating statement reflects the total revenues for the month of \$258,123.37. Total expenditures were for a total of \$180,121.19 for a net cash income of \$78,002.18. The next couple pages are the non-payroll related expenditures.

APEX Revenue/Tonnage Report

April activity in-district tonnage 9,810.41, out of district but within Ohio 18,053.85, out of state 89,390.62, which yielded a total of 180,004.04.

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Mr. Krajnyak, seconded by Mr. Dawson. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Appropriations

Mr. Hays asked to transfer \$200,000.00 from the contract fee fund to the capital reserve fund and if that is granted then an increase in appropriations in the capital reserve fund by \$334,000.00. This is for a rear packer truck and the Jefferson County Litter Enforcement Officer.

A motion to approve the changes is made by Mr. Luckino, seconded by Comm. Echemann. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Mr. Hays then asked to increase appropriations in the contract fee fund by \$60,000.00 for the Jefferson County Litter Enforcement Officer. He asked the opinion of the board regarding transferring for both Belmont and Jefferson County Litter Enforcement Officers, but it was decided to wait on Belmont County until they spoke to the Sheriff. He asked the board whether he should take it out of the contract services rather than salaries since it was going to be given in a lump sum. Mr. Mucci suggested it be taken out of salaries. A motion to approve the changes is made by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Kolanski. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian

None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul

None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Mark McVey

None.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim Mavromatis

None.

GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike Bianconi

None.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: Joe Luckino

None.

APEX REPORT: JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Andrew Henry

For the month of May, the solid waste at Apex was 124,665. The odor patrol did not have much activity, with two odors and no violations. The odor complaint trends report shows a breakdown from 2016 's of apex violations through present day 2021. May of this year had 10 complaints, the biggest complaint month of the year. The complaints have decreased over the past few years.

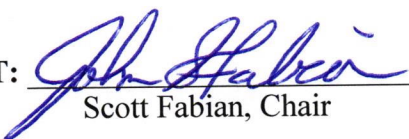
OLD BUSINESS:


None.

NEW BUSINESS: The next meeting is set for Monday, July 12, 2021, at the JBGT Jefferson County Building in Steubenville.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm with a motion from Comm. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Sproul. **VOTE: All Said Aye.**

ATTEST:


Scott Fabian, Chair


Mike Bianconi, Secretary