



KENT COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

December 3, 2015

9:30 AM

**Kent County Administration
300 Monroe Ave
Room 311
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Vonk, VanderMolen Shroll, Morgan, Groenleer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bulkowski

OTHERS PRESENT: Darwin Baas, Director; Elissa Soto, Office Manager; Kimberly Williams, Finance Division Director; Chris Robinson, WTE Operations Manager; Dan Rose, Solid Waste Operations Manager; Cal Brinks, Purchasing Division

I. Call to Order

Chair Vonk called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner VanderMolen and supported by Commissioner Byl to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2015 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Administration

A. GBB Access

Staff presented the request to review, approve and authorize the Director to sign a professional services agreement with Gershman, Brickner & Bratton, Inc. (GBB) to provide GBB Access! for 2016. The DPW contracted with GBB Solid Waste Management Consultants to provide an Efficiency Review of our department and a Zero Waste to Landfill Study with partnering manufacturers that identified strategies for broader changes throughout the County so that higher levels of waste diversion and waste management sustainability can be achieved.

DPW and the Right Place are collaborating to develop sustainable materials management strategies to further sustainable business interests and practices to advance economic competitiveness of companies, foster economic development and jobs in West Michigan.

GBB brings a team with national expertise in the solid waste industry and will provide advisory and information services to the DPW as the department develops these strategies to create a comprehensive business plan that supports those initiatives – politically, financially, and technically.

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Morgan and seconded by Commissioner VanderMolen to approve and authorize the Director to sign a professional services agreement with Gershman, Brickner & Bratton, Inc. (GBB) to provide GBB Access! at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. Resource Recovery and Recycling Operations

A. Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Contract

Approval of the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Contract for 2016 and 2017 was requested. Staff, through the Purchasing Division, requested bids for the disposal of waste collected through the Household Hazardous Waste Program and is recommending EQ-The Environmental Quality Company d.b.a. US Ecology based in Livonia, Michigan, the low bidder at a cost of \$95,211.00 per year.

EQ has a good environmental compliance record and provides HHW disposal services to many programs in the Midwest. References were checked with several County HHW collection programs in Michigan.

Payment for services will be made for actual quantities processed.

A bid tabulation sheet was provided to Board members.

Commissioner Gronleer asked who performed the work last year and noted a major price difference. Staff stated that they will provide the Board with a list of those who have provided disposal services for the Department in the past along with the cost for comparison.

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Byl and seconded by Commissioner VanderMolen to award the contract to the low bidder, EQ-The Environmental Quality Company d.b.a. US Ecology, from Livonia, Michigan at a cost of \$95,211.00 per year and to authorize the Director to execute the prepared documents with US Ecology.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Approval of Monetary Outlays

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Byl and seconded by Commissioner Shroll to approve the monetary outlays for December 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Director's Report

- A. MPSC Complaint Update – The DPW continues to work with Varnum and fellow MIPPA members to pursue its concerns with how Consumers Energy is affecting Qualified Facilities under PURPA on power purchase agreements and avoided costs reimbursement.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.