



KENT COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

December 1, 2016

9:30 a.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Koorndyk, Groenleer, Shroll, Bulkowski, VanderMolen, Byl

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vonk

OTHERS PRESENT: Darwin Baas, Director; Elissa Soto, Office Manager; Nic VanderVinne, Resource Recovery & Recycling Manager; Kim Williams, Financial Supervisor; Dan Rose, Solid Waste Operations Manager; Joni Laming, Kent County Purchasing Division; Commissioner Emily Brieve

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Shroll called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner VanderMolen and seconded by Commissioner Groenleer to approve the November 3, 2016 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Resource Recovery and Recycling Operations

A. Property Acquisition – Closed Session

Commissioner Shroll moved to go into closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Section 15.268(d), to consider the purchase of real property by the County. Closed session began at 9:40 a.m.

The motion carried with the following vote.

YEAS: Commissioners Byl, VanderMolen, Koorndyk, Groenleer, Shroll,
Bulkowski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Vonk

Commissioner Shroll moved that the Board terminate the closed session and return to the public meeting.

The motion carried with the following vote.

YEAS: Commissioners Byl, VanderMolen, Koorndyk, Groenleer, Shroll,
Bulkowski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Vonk

Closed session was concluded at 10:09 a.m.

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Koorndyk and seconded by Commissioner VanderMolen to use Jakems Appraisal Company to negotiate an option to purchase three parcels (PP# 41-13-26-456-009, 010, 011) with property addresses of 336, 342, and 348 Marion, Grand Rapids, Michigan at an acquisition cost not to exceed \$86,700 plus moving expenses as defined by MCL 213.351 and 213.352, brokerage and due diligence fees.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. Waste-to-Energy Facility Operations

A. GBB WTE O&M Consulting Services

Staff requested approval to use Gershman, Brickner and Bratton (GBB) to provide WTE operations and maintenance consulting services in 2017. In November 2016, at the request of the Director, GBB completed a comprehensive facility assessment of the Kent County Waste-to-Energy plant to determine the material condition of the 26 year old plant, evaluate the effectiveness of Covanta Energy's planned maintenance program and provide recommendations for plant improvements. The executive summary is attached.

Additionally, the WTE Operations Manager announced his retirement for January 2017. DPW through the Human Resources department is actively recruiting for a new manager.

Given the specialization of Waste to Energy operations and to provide necessary training for the new manager, the Director recommends utilizing GBB to assist with O&M consultations, facility inspections, monitoring of planned maintenance outages as well as provide transitional support and assistance to the new manager in 2017.

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner VanderMolen and seconded by Commissioner Byl to approve using GBB for WTE operations and maintenance consulting services for 2017 in the amount of \$75,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Solid Waste Operations

A. South Kent Landfill – Letter of Consistency – AR

Staff proposed a request to recommend to the Kent County Board of Commissioners the South Kent Landfill expansion be determined consistent with the Kent County Solid Waste Management Plan – May 1999, Amended 2009 and 2013 and authorize the Director to prepare a Letter of Consistency for submittal to the MDEQ.

The South Kent Landfill was established pursuant to the Kent County Solid Waste Management Plan and is consistent with the Kent County Solid Waste Management Plan – May 1999, Amended 2009 and 2013.

The Department of Public Works is preparing a permit modification for vertical and lateral expansions of the South Kent Landfill to maximize available airspace for municipal solid waste and Waste to Energy combustion ash. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality requires a “Determination of Consistency” with the Kent County Solid Waste Management Plan as part of the permit modification application.

As stated in Section III.16.B Disposal and Non Disposal Areas That Are Consistent With This Plan, *“Expansion of the South Kent Landfill shall be considered consistent with this Plan and is not subject the consistency criteria”*.

The expansion maximizes the existing footprint and provides approximately 2 million cubic yards of additional disposal capacity for Kent County municipal solid waste and WTE combustion ash.

Commissioners asked whether the Solid Waste Plan Committee needed to be assembled to review the modification. The Director did not feel it was necessary; once approved by the BPW it will go to the full Board of Commissioners for approval.

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Byl and seconded by Commissioner to recommend to the Kent County Board of Commissioners the South Kent Landfill expansion be determined consistent with the Kent County Solid Waste Management Plan – May 1999, Amended 2009 and 2013 and authorize the Director to prepare a Letter of Consistency for submittal to the MDEQ.

Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Approval of Monetary Outlays

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Byl and seconded by Commissioner Bulkowski to approve the monetary outlays

Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Miscellaneous

None

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.