

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: May 19, 2009

Date Submitted: May 1, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
Cleve Fleming, Public Works Project Director

Subject: Request Board Approval of the Industrial Waste Services & Disposal Agreement with Waste Management of Leon County, Inc.

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Industrial Waste Services & Disposal Agreement with Waste Management, Inc. for disposal of Solid Waste.

Background:

In March 2004, the Board signed a Disposal Agreement with Waste Management, Inc. to dispose of Class I Waste (House Waste), Wastewater Sludge, and Euthanized animals. This Agreement was for a five (5) year period with four (4) additional one (1) year renewable terms upon mutual agreement each year between Waste Management, Inc. and the Board of County Commissioners.

Currently the bulk of Class I Waste generated in Wakulla County is being transferred to Leon County's Transfer Station through an Agreement signed in February of 2009. However, the Agreement does not allow for the transfer of sludge or euthanized animals through the facility.

Analysis:

In 2004, the BOCC stopped all land application of municipal sludge inside the County, which required the County to find a disposal site for sludge. The Waste Management facility at Spring Hill in Campbellton Florida was already taking the carcasses from the Animal Shelter and it was the only regional landfill that would receive both carcasses and waste water sludge. Presently, Spring Hill is still the nearest option for both of these waste streams.

Wakulla County currently disposes an average of 112 tons of municipal wastewater sludge each month from the Otter Creek Wastewater Plant and approximately 15 tons of euthanized animals annually from the Wakulla County Animal Shelter. These waste streams require Special Waste Manifest and handling procedures at the landfill, therefore the waste generator (Wakulla County) must direct haul the waste to the disposal site.

This Agreement is part of the one (1) year renewable term. Wakulla County still requires an Agreement with Waste Management, Inc. for disposal for the Special Waste generated in the County and therefore is requesting approval of the Agreement (Attachment #1).

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Options:

1. Approve the Industrial Waste Services & Disposal Agreement with Waste Management of Leon County, Inc.
2. Do not approve the Industrial Waste Services & Disposal Agreement with Waste Management of Leon County, Inc.
3. Board direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachments:

1. Waste Management Agreement.