

Jefferson County Solid Waste Committee

Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Ave., Room C2003
Jefferson, WI 53549

April 1, 2025 Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Callan at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)** – Committee Members: Joan Callan, Mark Groose, Dan Herbst, Bob Preuss and Matthew Tracy were present. Staff Present: Kim Buchholz and Trevor Quandt. Dave Schilling, Ixonia Transfer Site; Stacy Winkelman, Watertown Street Department; and Michael Luckey, County Administrator were present via Zoom.
3. **Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law** – In compliance per Buchholz.
4. **Approval of the Agenda** – Motion by Herbst, seconded by Groose. Approved as printed, 5-0.
5. **Public Comment** - None
6. **Approval of Minutes – February 4, 2025 Solid Waste Committee Meeting** – Motion by Herbst, seconded by Groose, to approve February 4, 2025 Solid Waste committee meeting minutes as printed. Motion approved, 5-0.
7. **Communications** – None
8. **Departmental Update** – Buchholz stated that the final reports for the 2024 Clean Sweep and Unused Prescription Drug grants have been submitted and final 2024 payments have been received. 2024 budget was able to be closed on time. Buchholz also introduced Trevor Quandt, new technician within the Zoning Department to the Committee.
9. **Discussion on Solid Waste Departmental 2024 Financial Report** – A copy of the final 2024 budget was distributed to the committee. Buchholz stated that all expenses and revenues for 2024 are accounted for and 2024 budget closed on time. Buchholz stated that if you look at the bottom line, we were \$5,619.75 over budget. The deficit will be covered through the carry forward balance.
10. **Discussion on Solid Waste Departmental 2025 Financial Report** – A copy of the 2025 to date budget was distributed to the committee. Buchholz stated that nothing to report at this time.
11. **Update from Waste Collection Partners** – No reports.
12. **Discussion and Possible Action on Reimbursements to Towns for the Disposal of Tires** – Buchholz reported that an electronic survey was sent to municipal clerks. We received 19 responses from towns/villages and 1 response from a city. See the results below:

Would you use a tire collection service provided by the County?

- No – 7
- Yes – Town of Concord; \$3,500 annually.
- Yes – Town of Farmington
- ?? – Town of Oakland
- Yes – Town of Palmyra
- Yes – Town of Sullivan; average 12 tires per year; recycled at Bert's Tires for \$4 per tire
- Yes – Town of Sumner; currently in contract and residents can be 2 per week.

- Yes – Town of Watertown; collect 143 tires annually; \$129.51 per year.
- Yes – Village of Cambridge
- Yes – Village of Johnson Creek; 500 per year; currently taken by LRS to Badger Materials Recycling (Delafield); exact cost unknown part of contract
- Yes – Village of Palmyra; currently part of John's contract
- Yes – Village of Sullivan; LRS currently picks up 2 tires per household per month

After discussion occurred, the committee decided to table this agenda item for now because there doesn't seem to be an issue at this time.

- 13. Discussion and Possible Action on Partnering with Dane County and Waukesha County to provide services to Jefferson County residents for disposal of Hazardous Waste items during non-event times** - Buchholz reported that Jefferson County does not have a permanent drop off site for hazardous chemicals. Buchholz receives a handful of calls throughout the year during non-event times, where individuals are needing a place to take hazardous chemicals for disposal. Buchholz as reached out to Waukesha County and Dane County. Waukesha County is agreeable to partner with Jefferson County. Residents would need to contact Buchholz and obtain a "ticket" and pay the required fee determined by the committee. The resident would then be able to take their "ticket" to Waukesha County and drop off their materials. Waukesha County would charge Jefferson County back at year end for the disposal of the items dropped off for Household Waste plus a 10% administrative fee. Waukesha is also willing to partner with Jefferson County for agriculture waste. The process would function the same, but agriculture waste would be invoiced to Jefferson County immediately.

Buchholz did not speak directly to Dane County. Dane County currently offers out of County residents the ability to drop items off by paying the out of county fee of \$75. Buchholz would see the agreement with Dane County working like Waukesha County. A Jefferson County resident would reach out to Buchholz and pay a \$15 fee. Dane County would then charge Jefferson County the difference, \$60, for each person.

City of Watertown (Stacy Winkelman) stated that they also have this issue. She would be willing for the County to charge the City of Watertown up to a certain amount for their residents, up to 10. Willing to work with us and cover a portion of the costs.

Discussion occurred. The committee asked that this agenda item be tabled and brought back to the next committee meeting so that members had some time to think it over. Buchholz will continue with research based on the committee's discussion.

- 15. Discussion on April 4 & 5 Clean Sweep Event** – Buchholz asked members of the committee if they would be available to work at the upcoming events this weekend. Preuss and Herbst were unavailable. Callan will be there both days. Tracy will be there on Saturday.
- 16. Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Supporting the Clean Sweep Program** – Committee members were provided with the draft resolution in their agenda packet. Buchholz stated that although a resolution is not required for the grant applications, it is recommended. Motion by Herbst, seconded by Preuss to approve the resolution with one minor change to take out "by" in last paragraph. Motion approved 5-0. Resolution to be forwarded to the County Board's April meeting.

17. **Discussion and Possible Action on future Meeting Dates and Possible Agenda Items** – Partnering with Waukesha and Dane County for Hazardous Waste Disposal, Spring Clean Sweep (April 4 & 5) recap, plus normal agenda items.
16. **Next Solid Waste Committee Meeting** – Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.
17. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.