

**June 23rd, 2014
Special Called Meeting**

At 8:00am, on Monday, June 23rd, 2014, in the Board Room of the Landis Municipal Building, Mayor James Furr called to order the Town of Landis Special Called Meeting. Those present along with the Mayor were Aldermen Roger Safrit, Dennis Brown, Dorland Abernathy and Tony Hilton, Public Works Director Steve Rowland, Finance Officer Ginger Gibson, and Administrative Assistant Heather Wood.

A quorum was met.

Mayor James Furr opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor James Furr.

The Board was meeting to consider awarding the contract for the Town's Solid Waste and Recycling Collection. Finance Officer Ginger Gibson explained that they had advertised for bids, as well as sending out packets directly to six local companies, and they had only received two bid packages back. The two companies who had submitted bids were Waste Pro and Waste Management.

The Town had 1400 households as the base amount of customers.

Public Works Director Steve Rowland recapped the last eight months for the Board. He stated that in September, Rick Jackson from Crash Morrison had contacted him the day of solid waste pickup and informed him that Crash Morrison would not be collecting that day and would likely never be collecting again. Town crews staffed by various departments had collected all of the solid waste and then the next day had gone out to do the same for recycling. The Town had immediately looked for a firm that could finish out the budget year. Waste Pro had been willing to step in and collect for the Town for the same price.

The bids received were as follows:

\$10.20 per household from Waste Management

\$8.75 per household from Waste Pro

Staff's recommendation was to go with Waste Pro – the Town had a good record with them and very few complaints, and they were the low bid.

Alderman Hilton wanted to clarify that the Town had not received any favors or gratuities from either company. Director Rowland confirmed that the Town had not. Alderman Hilton also inquired if both companies had bid on the same RFP for the same job. Director Rowland stated that Waste Pro had, but that Waste Management had deviated from the RFP, submitting proposals for immediate replacement of collection containers. One of their bids had been to replace the recycling bins immediately; their other

bid had been to replace both immediately. Alderman Hilton inquired if both bids were more than Waste Pro's and Director Rowland confirmed that was accurate.

Alderman Hilton inquired that the contract was for five years and was to the exact specifications that the Town wanted. Director Rowland confirmed both things.

Mayor Furr's one concern was that some companies operate at 3:00 or 4:00 in the morning and he wanted to know if Waste Pro would be agreeable with not starting any earlier than 7:00am and not operating any later than 9:00pm. Representatives from Waste Pro assured the Mayor that would be just fine, as that was basically the schedule they already ran. Mayor Furr requested that the hours of collection be included in the contract.

Alderman Abernathy inquired if the collection days would be the same (currently Monday for solid waste and Tuesday for recycling). Director Rowland confirmed the days would not be changing. There was some discussion and it was stated that at some point Waste Pro would like to collect solid waste and recycling in the same day, but this could be discussed at a later time. For now the days would not change. Ms. Gibson suggested sending a survey out via the monthly newsletter to see what opinion citizens had concerning collection days. It was simply something they could consider at a later date. It was also confirmed that Waste Pro still had the list of backyard pickup for those unable to roll their cans to the curb. There was some discussion.

Mayor Furr stated that he was glad to see Waste Pro as the low bidder, that he had some past experience with Waste Management.

Alderman Hilton motioned, seconded by Alderman Safrit, to accept the contract from Waste Pro for solid waste and recycling collection, which would be for a five year period at a cost of \$8.75 per household. All voted aye.

Alderman Safrit motioned, seconded by Alderman Brown, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09am on Wednesday, June 23rd, 2014.

Heather Wood
Administrative Assistant