

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Cabarrus met for the 4th Quarter Cabarrus Summit 2020 at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center in Concord, North Carolina at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

Present - Chairman: Stephen M. Morris
Vice Chairman: Diane R. Honeycutt
Commissioners: F. Blake Kiger
Lynn W. Shue (virtually)

Also present were Mike Downs, County Manager; Rich Koch, County Attorney; Dominique Clark Digital Strategist & Outreach Coordinator; Todd Shanley, Information Technology Systems Chief Information Officer; and Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board. Wayne Sasser, District 67, House Representative.

The following municipal representatives were also present:

Town of Midland: John Crump, Mayor; Doug Paris, Town Manager; and Council Members Mike Tallent and Rich Wise.

Town of Harrisburg: Steve Sciascia, Mayor; Council Members Diamond Staton-Williams and Troy Selberg.

City of Concord: Bill Dusch, Mayor; Lloyd Payne, City Manager; and Council Member Andy Langford and Robin Barham, Solid Waste Director.

City of Kannapolis: Darrell Hinnant, Mayor.

Chairman Morris called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Dinner

The Board took a dinner break at 6:23 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:46 p.m.

Introductions/Updates

Chairman Morris welcomed municipal elected officials, city managers and other guests. Representatives from Cabarrus County, City of Concord, Kannapolis, Midland and Harrisburg all gave updates from their jurisdictions.

Presentations

Cabarrus County and Covid

Cabarrus Health Alliance's Public Health Director, Dr. Bonnie Coyle and Chief Operating Officer, Erin Shoe gave a timeline and brief update concerning the current climate of Covid within Cabarrus County.

Landfill Capacity

Jonathan Marshall, Cabarrus County's Deputy County Manager introduced the topic of landfill capacity in Cabarrus County. Kevin Grant, Cabarrus County's Environmental Management Director introduced Rob LaTourette, General Manager for Republic Services' North Facility (speedway landfill). His presentation gave a brief overview of what goes on at a landfill and then focused on the limited capacity and the long-term issues it could create once the capacity has been reached.

Questions /Answers

Kevin Grant asked about the usage of a transfer station for Cabarrus County after the Speedway Facility is full. Rob LaTourette said he felt one would be enough for Cabarrus County, but it could depend how Mecklenburg County responds.

Lloyd Payne, Concord City Manager asked about recyclable contaminants and the impact on the landfill. Rob LaTourette answered that it would be a net natural impact to the landfill usage.

Mike Downs, Cabarrus County Manager asked what percentage of waste coming into the landfill is Cabarrus County versus Mecklenburg County. Rob LaTourette said probably less than fifty percent maybe as little as thirty percent from Cabarrus because most comes from Mecklenburg with some coming up from York.

Kevin Grant asked if there was any restrictions or capping on the amount that a county or municipality can send to the landfill. Rob LaTourette responded, no.

Kevin also asked Rob if he felt like the state would approve another landfill. Rob LaTourette said he felt it very unlikely.

Adjourn

Chairman Morris thanked the speakers for the presentation and everyone for joining. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board

