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## **Rutherford County**

### **Board of Commissioners**

#### **Minutes of Special Meeting of October 23, 2024**

**Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
5:30 PM**

#### **I. Call to Order**

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Chairman King called the October 23, 2024 special meeting of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners to order.

**Present: Chairman Bryan King, Commissioner Michael Benfield, Commissioner David Hunt, and Commissioner Greg Lovelace.**

**By Phone: Vice Chairman Alan Toney.**

#### **A. Agenda Approval**

**Commissioner Benfield moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Lovelace seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:**

**Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt, and Commissioner Lovelace.**

#### **II. Old Business**

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#### **A. ID-24 3941 Brush Tipping Fee, Solid Waste Disposal at Rutherford County Landfill**

Solid Waste Director James Kilgo advised that the Commissioners approved a resolution at their regular meeting held on October 7, 2024 waiving the Brush Tipping Fee as set forth in Section 24 Rutherford County Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for a period of thirty days through the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 6, 2024. This action was taken because of the devastation and destruction in the County as a result of Hurricane Helene.

Southern Disaster Recovery who is ready to move forward with debris removal activities has advised that it would be in the county's best interest to resume charging tipping fees at the landfill. Much of the debris entering the site is from commercial businesses doing tree removal, and these items are not eligible for FEMA reimbursement since the homeowner has paid the contractor for a turnkey job that includes disposal at the landfill. Waived tipping fees are also not reimbursable. Going forward, it is

best for these items to be placed in the public right of way for pickup. The landowner should in turn receive a reduced rate from the contractor since they are not hauling away the debris.

Finance Director Paula Roach explained that FEMA processes require that the residential debris be picked up and placed at the temporary spill sites and monitored for volume daily. Southern Disaster Recovery (SDR) will then reduce the materials to either mulch or ash via air-curtain burn and transport to the landfill for final disposal. This paperwork/invoicing is then submitted to FEMA by County staff for reimbursement. Landfill fees are then charged to everyone including Southern Disaster Recovery consistently to cover the costs of operations at the landfill. It was the recommendation of staff that the brush tipping fee waiver be terminated immediately.

**Commissioner Hunt moved to amend the ending date of October 7, 2024 resolution regarding waiver of Brush Tipping Fee as set forth in Section 24 of the Rutherford County Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 224-2025 from November 6, 2024 to October 23, 2024. Commissioner Benfield seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:**

**Ayes:** Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

**Noes:** None

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### **III. Adjournment**

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**At 5:43 P.M. Commissioner Benfield made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Lovelace seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:**

**Ayes:** Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

**Noes:** None

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Chairman, Board of Commissioners

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Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Clerk, Board of Commissioners