

June 17, 2008

## **SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT**

The Board of Commissioners of the Solid Waste Disposal District met at the County Commission Chambers, 1801 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida, on Tuesday, June 17, 2008. Present were Chairman Sandra L. Bowden, Vice Chairman Wesley S. Davis, and Commissioners Joseph E. Flescher, Peter D. O'Bryan and Gary C. Wheeler. Also present were County Administrator Joseph A. Baird, Assistant County Attorney Marian Fell, and Deputy Clerk Maureen Gelfo.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:22 a.m.

### **15.B.1. CUSTOMER CONVENIENCE CENTERS - SUMMARY REPORT ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Utilities Director Erik Olson and SWDD Managing Director Himanshu Mehta presented this item.

Director Olson recalled that in January 2008, staff had been asked to consider privatization of the Customer Convenience Centers (CCCs) to see if operating costs could be reduced. Through a recap of the memorandum of June 9, 2008, Director Olson provided the details of the County's Requests for Bids (RFBs) and the subsequent bid responses. He then asked for Board approval of staff's recommendation to not go to privatization, but to maintain

the current operations (with the retention of existing staff and equipment) as per staff's analysis on pages 237 and 238 of the backup.

MOTION WAS MADE by Vice Chairman Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Wheeler, to approve staff's recommendation and to not privatize the Customer Convenience Centers.

Under discussion, the Commissioners expressed their satisfaction that the employees would be keeping their jobs, and agreed that while the study had been difficult on the employees, it proved to be a positive experience, in confirming that the County operation is running efficiently. Kudos were extended to Erik Olson, Himanshu Mehta, Cindy Corrente, and Administrator Baird for using due diligence in this matter, and the Customer Convenience Center employees were commended for coming up with many good suggestions for cost saving measures.

The Chairman CALLED THE QUESTION and the Motion carried unanimously. The Board approved: (1) rejection of all proposals received pursuant to RFP#2008053, and (2) to maintain current operation and associated duties with the existing personnel and equipment, as recommended in the memorandum of June 9, 2008.

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**16. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Jeffrey K. Barton, Clerk

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Sandra L. Bowden, Chairman

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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