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MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Work Session Summary Minutes

Solid Waste

April 24, 2025. 1:30 PM

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Board Room

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Kevin Cameron, Colm Willis, and Danielle Bethell.

Board's Office: Trevor Lane, Heather Inyama, Alvin Klausen, Matt Lawyer, and Toni Whitler.

Legal Counsel: Steve Elzinga.

Public Works: Andrew Johnson, Brian May, Dennis Mansfield, Brian Nicholas, and Cory Swartwout.

Commissioner Danielle Bethell called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Bio Clean Franchise

- Citing Process:
 - Bio Clean submitted franchise application for medical waste processing.
 - Verified \$250 fee and obtained conditional use permit.
 - Seeking solid waste permit from Marion County.
 - The facility capacity is 1200 tons annually.
 - Currently processing 600 tons from Marion County.
 - Proposed ozone treatment method for medical waste decontamination.
- Marion County Franchise Process:
 - Proposed 10-year franchise agreement with potential 5-year extension.
 - Franchise fee structure:
 - Zero fee for in-county waste.
 - Potential fee for out-of-county waste.
 - Types of medical waste to be processed:
 - Infectious waste (sharps, surgical tubing, medical garments).
 - Potential future expansion to pathological waste.
 - Monitoring and accountability measures to be included in franchise agreement.

Reworld Update

- Decommission Process:
 - Majority of staff is laid off.
 - Potential sale to interested party (Joseph) failed.
 - Reasons for sale failure:
 - Disagreement over financial terms.
 - Liability concerns.

- Potential broader corporate strategy.
- Next Steps:
 - Explore legal action to ensure property returned to Exclusive Farm Use (EFU).
 - Investigate condemning water rights.
 - Potential interest in purchasing water rights or property.
 - Confirm decommissioning and demolition timeline.

Discussion of Future Meetings

- Scheduled deep dive into cost process on June 26.
- Continued monitoring solid waste legislative issues.
- Review of Clayton Ward closure impact.
- Monitoring Senate Bill 1067 and 3794.

Next Steps

- Review water quality report for Covanta facility.
- Contact potential buyer about facility acquisition.
- Assess environmental and financial implications of property.
- Develop strategy for water rights acquisition.
- Continue legislative advocacy.
- Explore alternative medical waste processing options.

Adjourned – time: 2:40 p.m.

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Reviewed by: Gary L. White