

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY MEETING MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008**

Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*, called to order a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Thursday, September 25, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice President*, Kai Hagen, Charles Jenkins and John Thompson, Jr. Also present were Ron Hart, County Manager and Mary Baker, Recording Secretary.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

None.

**WORKSESSION**

**Solid Waste Discussion – Commissioner Jan Gardner**

Commissioner Gardner presented information to the Board to obtain input, solicit direction and obtain comments from the public regarding solid waste issues.

Commissioner Gardner passed the gavel to Commissioner Gray.

Regarding consideration of new technology; plasma arc, plasma gasification, waste to ethanol, Commissioner Gardner moved to confirm the previous decision to consider only proven technologies with three years of operational experience and large scale operational experience to minimize the financial and operational risk. Commissioner Jenkins seconded the motion that passed 4-0-1 with Commissioner Hagen abstaining.

Regarding cost analysis/professional review: resource recovery park, local material recovery facility (MRF), proposed alternate plan, Commissioner Hagen moved to table this issue. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Commissioner Thompson recommended soliciting indication of interest from entities willing to assume the risk to lawfully dispose of the trash. He was to draft a letter of solicitation by October 14, 2008.

Item #2, Sections A-D "Cost Analysis/professional review: Resource Recovery Park, Local Material Recovery Facility (MRF), proposed "alternate" plan" of the staff report passed by majority vote.

Regarding privatization, Commissioner Gardner moved to not privatize, and not to solicit for private sector bids for the landfill and transfer station. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Jenkins opposed.

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Regarding considerations of new landfill sites, Commissioner Gardner moved to solicit the public for ideas of a new landfill site and bring it back to the Board during a public hearing. Commissioner Thompson recommended the Board only consider public ideas from people willing to provide their names and addresses. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Hagen opposed.

Public comment was taken from:

- Belinda Teague-Levy, Frederick County
- Bob White, Frederick County
- Rolan Clark, Adamstown
- Karen Dowell, Frederick County
- Dylan Ubaldo, Frederick County Community College Student
- Erin Kline, Frederick County
- Steve Chafitz, Frederick County
- Ernest Mulie, Frederick County
- Kathleen Constable, Frederick County
- Ken Gregory, Sugar Loaf Conservancy Group
- Steve Cassis, Solid Waste Analysis Group
- Bob Robie, Frederick County
- Bruce Dean, Esquire, Frederick County

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**QUESTIONS – PRESS**

None.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Baker  
Recording Secretary