

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY
Health and Public Services (HAPS) Building
403 S. 7th Street, Room 111
Denton, MD 21629

MidShore II Regional Landfill Public Hearing
April 4, 2023

Present: President J. Travis Breeding, Vice President Larry C. Porter, Commissioner N. Franklin Bartz, III.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Ford presented an introduction to what the Maryland Environmental Service (MES) does and why it was created. Mr. Ford then presented the Commissioners and the public with a PowerPoint discussing the possibility of extending the current landfills lifetime from 2030 to 2042 (additional 12 years) within the current location and under the current permits.

Mr. Chip Winters of Ridgley: Mr. Winters stated that the 2030 is not early closure, it is the scheduled closure. He is okay with a few more years but does not want to be 90 with the noise pollution. Mr. Winters also mentioned the impact to County roads and residents.

Charles Cawley of Denton: Mr. Cawley (former County Administrator) stated he is disgusted that he is here this evening to discuss this. Mr. Cawley stated he was one of the people who had to work to get the landfill permitted on time, originally. Mr. Cawley stated he said has trust issues with MES as he caught them padding the numbers at Hobbs Road. Mr. Cawley stated he is disgusted that the Commissioners are even considering having the agreement extended.

Mr. John Saathoff of Ridgley: Mr. Saathoff stated he was under the impression that MES was going to be responsible for trash pick-up on the side of the roads that are blowing out of the trucks. Mr. Saathoff also stated he wants to have a financial benefit to the County if the Commissioners decide to extend the landfill.

Alex Marvel from Holesinger Lane: Mr. Marvel wanted to discuss how MES was supposed to pave specific roads that major haulers are using to access the landfill. Mr. Marvel stated MES has not. Mr. Marvel has some questions regarding the enforcement of roads.

Mr. C.O. Johnson of Ridley: Mr. Johnson stated in 2008, he had the pleasure of serving on the study group that created the routes for the landfill. Mr. Johnson stated he has not witnessed the abuse of the roads, low trash, low sound pollution, and no odor issues.

Lakia Pierce of Ridgley (oral & written): Ms. Pierce stated she is against the extension of the landfill. She is concerned about the health and wellbeing of the community in Ridgley. Ms. Pierce

is concerned about the wellbeing of everything and believes that cannabis is the best option for County revenue. She believes cannabis is a good agricultural product that better suits the history and future of this County.

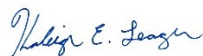
Ryan White of Henderson Road: Mr. White thanked the Commissioners for exploring all avenues and allowing public comment. Mr. White stated he believes the County should look into possibly have more discussions with the other Counties to extend the original agreements in the other Counties. If so, it will be 111 years before it will be Caroline Counties turn for the landfill again.

Wilbur Levengood, Jr. of Goldsboro: Former Commissioner Levengood stated before he was a Commissioner, he was a County employee. Mr. Levengood stated that he has seen years of the lack of promises kept by Maryland Environmental Service and that he does not support extending the landfill past its intended end date.

Dawn Chase of Ridgley: Ms. Chase stated she has been a county resident all her life. Ms. Chase stated that the Commissioners for considering ways to keep the taxes and cost of living for County residents to a minimum.

Commissioner Breeding stated he received 4 letters in favor of keeping the landfill for the proposed extended amount of time from the Kent County Commissioners, Queen Anne's County Commissioners, Mr. Rick Barton, and Ms. Sara Visintainer.

Commissioner Breeding stated he received 3 letters of opposition for keeping the landfill for the proposed extended amount of time from Mr. David Burroughs, Ms. Lisa Orendorf, and Ms. Lokia Pierce.



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