

Agenda Item: Solid Waste Franchises
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Agenda Category: New Business

Subject: Solid Waste Franchises

Background Information:

Providing quality waste collection throughout the County is a key element of the County's solid waste disposal and recovery system. Because of overriding public health, safety and welfare concerns associated with providing this service, it is necessary to regulate the collection and hauling of nonresidential solid waste through franchising of these services. The Clay County Solid Waste Franchising and Collection Ordinance 90-24 regulates solid waste services in order to protect the environment and the citizens and businesses of Clay County. Franchising ensures that services are performed in an environmentally responsible manner, that waste is disposed of properly at the Rosemary Hill Solid Waste Management Facility, that customer complaints are responded to, and that public streets and right-of-way property is protected.

All of the existing franchise agreements expire September 30, 2021. The option to extend the term is available for 13 agreements. The other 12 agreements, representing the longest held franchises, were extended previously and cannot be extended further per the terms of their agreements. These 12 franchisees must re-apply for a franchise.

On July 12, 2021, the Board authorized staff to solicit applications for solid waste franchises and to develop a franchise agreement with qualified applicants. Current and prospective companies were notified and invited to apply. Six (6) new applicants responded, 11 of 12 franchisees re-applied, and 12 of 13 wish to extend their franchise agreement. Not included is a franchisee who sold their company to another franchisee, and a franchisee who did not submit an application to renew the franchise.