



**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**JUNE 26, 2023**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Higdon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance. All Board Members, County Manager Derek Roland, Deputy Clerk Tammy Keezer, and Finance Director Lori Carpenter were present, as were a number of county employees, media, and citizens. County Attorney Eric Ridenour was not present.

**ENTERPRISE FUND (SOLID WASTE) DISCUSSION:** Mr. Roland gave an overview of the adoption of the general fund budget that was passed at the June 19, 2023 meeting and informed members that Commissioners Young's motion did not include the issues that were brought up by Commissioner Shearl in regard to the Macon County Landfill. He said this left to question whether the Solid Waste and Enterprise Fund budget was approved. Solid Waste Director Chris Stahl reviewed the proposed budget that had been presented. He indicated it included an increase in the transfer fee from the Highlands Transfer Station from \$8.75 per ton to \$12.50 per ton with the fee charged for bringing trash down the mountain. Mr. Stahl indicated the fee is passed on to commercial users of the Highlands Transfer Station for commercial and demolition waste (C&D) and municipal solid waste (MSW). He said we need to add the proposed fee of \$20 per ton to stumps and brush debris which is not creating a new fee, but applying the transfer fee to those wastes. Mr. Stahl said his final addition is a tipping fee for brush piles for all locations and proposed a change from \$30 per ton to \$35 per ton. He said he is paying \$22 and this takes a lot of man-hours and he trying to get close to covering the full cost. Mr. Stahl stated the combined revenue from these three changes is estimated at \$82,750. He said another option would be to increase the availability fee by \$3 for all residents which would get close to the requested amount at around \$81,000. Commissioner Shearl asked questions about the previous landfill which was located in Highlands and closed in 2008 when it became a transfer station. After discussion about the history and reasons for closure of the Highlands Landfill, Commissioner Young made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shields to include the Solid Waste fee increases as requested by Mr. Stahl in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget. The

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vote was 4-1 with Commissioner Higdon, Commissioner Young, Commissioner shields, and Commissioner Antoine voting in favor of the motion and Commissioner Shearl voting in opposition.

**ADJOURN:** With no other business, at 10:03 a.m., upon a motion from Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Young, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.



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Derek Roland  
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board



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Paul Higdon  
Board Chair