

**ENVIRONMENTAL, ZONING, WELFARE AND LEGISLATIVE**

January 25, 2011

Present:        Laura Wilkinson, Chairman  
                  Marilyn Vogetzer                                Tony Woods  
                  Carol Foli    Greg Hager  
Absent:         none  
Others present:        Joe Stepping, Bev Merano and Jan Bland.

The meeting of the Environmental/Zoning/Welfare/Legislative Committee was called to order with a quorum in attendance on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 6:30 pm at the Christian County Courthouse to discuss legislation for tipping fees and any other matters properly brought before the committee.

Chairwoman Wilkinson presented to the Committee a sample letter of support to Senator Link. The purpose of the letter is to support legislation to eliminate the exemptions for tipping fees. The County would see some increase from the tipping fees if the exemptions are removed. The County receives \$1.27/ton surcharge. A motion was made by Tony Woods and seconded by Carol Foli to direct the States Attorney to write a letter of support for Chairman Curtin to sign and forward to Senator Link and the local representatives. The motion carried.

Joe Stepping reported that since the Midstate Recycling cardboard receptacle has been put in place, there has already been a reduction in the number of recycling roll-off container pulls. In December there were 44 pulls county wide and as of January 25 there had only been 16 pulls. At the Franklin Street location in December there were 16 pulls and to date in January only four pulls. The Committee stated how pleased they were that Midstate Recycling is assisting to recycle the cardboard.

It was also noted that Edinburg still has some cardboard being deposited in the county's roll off containers. The Solid Waste Office will continue to educate the public on the recycling change.

Joe Stepping reported that the Enforcement Grant which had been eliminated in 2009 has been partially reinstated for state reimbursement. Hopefully, in 2011, we will receive full funding for the year in the amount of \$75,000.

A motion was made by Marilyn Vogetzer and seconded by Greg Hager to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Wilkinson, Chairwoman  
Environmental Committee