



Rome-Floyd County Solid Waste Commission



Wednesday, November 19, 2025 8:30 AM
Sam King Room

PRESENT: Chair Scotty Hancock
Vice-Chair Randy Quick
Commissioner Elaina Beeman
Commissioner David Thornton
Mr. Sammy Rich, Rome City Manager
Ms. Meridith Ulmer, Rome Assistant City Manager
Mr. Jamie McCord, Floyd County Manager
Mr. Chris Jenkins, Rome Public Works Director
Mr. Aaron Carroll, Rome Engineering Services Director
Mr. Michael Skeen, Floyd County Public Works Director
Ms. Toni Rhinehart, Rome Finance Director
Mr. Tim Garrett, Solid Waste Processing & Disposal
Mr. Eric Bagley, Environmental Compliance Superintendent
Ms. Hannah Bagley, Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful Program Coordinator
Ms. new commissioner

GUEST: Jonathan Kilgo, Rhino Waste & Recycling

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the April meeting were approved by common consent.

OLD BUSINESS

Phase 9 Construction

Mr. Carroll reported the last capacity analysis report indicates Phase 8 will be full in the fall of 2028, so it is time to move forward getting Phase 9 out for bid. The Consultant is getting the plans ready, and we are getting the contract documents ready to be out for bid, hopefully by the end of September. The construction cost is just under \$ 8 million. Their estimate is for the construction for a cell is typically about a year, so we should be ready to accept waste by the time Phase 8 meets capacity.

Commissioner Hancock moved to get it out for bid, Commissioner Thornton seconded. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2026 Capital Budget

Mr. Jenkins presented the 2026 capital budget for Walker Mountain Landfill. Equipment purchases he noted included a mini excavator for \$150,000, and a CAT 735 Dump Truck for \$500,000. He wanted to add on a new motor grader which he proposed could be shared with both the City and Floyd County Public Works on an as needed basis. He added the City would only use it for a day or so once or twice a year. Mr. McCord noted the County would use it more often, but it would not be overused by the City or County departments. Mr. Garrett noted it would be used quite a bit at the landfill where they get frequent rutting in the roads and rainwater erosion.

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the 2026 budget with the motor grader included to be shared with the City and County. Commissioner Thornton seconded. The motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Recycling Center

Mr. Skeen reported the aluminum increase of \$40,700 was because a load was sold earlier this year and we did not sell any last year. Paper increased by \$7,000 and #1 plastic increased by \$7,300. Corrugated materials are down \$40,500 which is due to the market price is down by \$60 per ton. Mixed plastics have decreased by \$19,000 and steel has decreased \$6,750. Miscellaneous materials have decreased \$1,300. Intergovernmental revenue is 80,400 more than 2024. Total operating expenses are .9% over the YTD budget and \$28,900 more than 2024. The facility rental is \$35,050 more than 2024 due to an accounting change. Depreciation is \$11,350 over 2024 due to the Allegheny shredder added in December 2024.

Financial Report

Mr. McCord noted that because we rent the Recycling Center and do not own the building, we cannot get it insured. There was a fire last year and insurance continues to increase. We need to have discussions about whether or not we want to finish out the 13 years we have left to lease the building, adding that Mr. Levy would like to sell the building although he will maintain the contract through the end of the term. The funding for the Center is divided into thirds with one third coming from each of the Solid Waste Commission fund, and a third from the both City and County governments.

Walker Mountain Landfill

Operations Report

Mr. Garrett expressed his appreciation for the new motor grader being included in the capital budget as they need to repair significant ruts and asphalt surface cracking that needs to be repaired. The rutting has caused standing water and erosion that continues to degrade the road. Once Phase 9 is complete we will be looking at paving.

Mr. Bagley reported in September garbage was at 8,282 tons, which was up by 485 tons for the month but down by 2,592 tons for the year. Inert was 280.53 tons for the month which was down from 357.52 but was up for the year at 3,702 this year as compared to 2689.65. tons last year but was up from 2689.65 at this time last year. Tires totaled 1.33 tons for the month, up from 1.13 at this time last yar. Total tires year to date were 35.75 which was down from 52.29 at this time last year. C&D was 2,629,56 tons for the month, up from 2,5285 last year and 25,285.37 for the year, down from 25,958.56 last year.

Financial Report

Ms. Rhinehart presented the September financial report. She noted total revenues for the year were \$5,021,191, which was up from \$4,785,531 which is due to an increase in Commercial and Residential collections as well as interest income. We are up about 235,000 over last year. Under expenses she noted that personal services category is up across the board and health insurance has had the biggest impact. The cash balance is at about \$22 million, which is up from 19,211,008 last year.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioner Thornton moved to adjourn. Commissioner Beeman seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret W. Hollingsworth, Recording Secretary
Solid Waste Commission