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Please note there will be a meeting of the Hamilton County Solid Waste Board on Wednesday, December 26, 2001 at twelve noon. This meeting will be in the Hamilton County Commissioners Courtroom in the Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana.

AGENDA

Call to order

Approval of Minutes: 11/26/01

Public Comments

Unfinished Business

Household Hazardous Waste

New Business

Update

Adjourn

HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD
DECEMBER 26, 2001

President Jim Belden called the December 26, 2001 meeting of the Hamilton County Solid Waste Board to order. A quorum was declared present consisting of Dennis Redick, Steven C. Dillinger, Steven A. Holt, Norm Rundle and Jim Belden.

Approval of Minutes:

Norm Rundle motioned to approve the minutes of November 26, 2001. Steve Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Household Hazardous Waste Center Update:

Barry McNulty stated the building for the Household Hazardous Waste Center should be complete in 2 weeks.

Waste Management Jay County Landfill:

Barry McNulty stated Waste Management is expanding their landfill in Jay County and they have requested a letter of support from Hamilton County. Steve Holt motioned to send a letter of support to IDEM on behalf of the Waste Management expansion of the Jay County Landfill. Steve Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Noblesville Recycling Dumpsters:

Barry McNulty stated the City of Noblesville is requesting that when the Household Hazardous Waste Center is open that they be allowed to relocate their recycling dumpsters some where on the property. They have to open the gates each time someone has materials to recycle. They are finding that about 78% of the people coming to the dumpsters are not City of Noblesville residents, they are out of city residents. Noblesville is getting the numbers together. The service is paid for under Noblesville's contract for solid waste pick-up. This would be a convenience issue. Barry stated this might compliment our operation, people dropping off their recyclables might also bring their household hazardous waste to dispose of. Steve Holt motioned to approve the City of Noblesville's request to relocate the recyclable dumpsters on the County grounds with the understanding that they are available for any one's use. Dennis Redick seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Household Hazardous Waste:

Jim Belden asked Barry if there is a game plan for the operation of the Household Hazardous Waste Center, regarding personnel, hours, etc? Barry stated they have discussed hours. We do have some experience in how the waste is handled. There are some forms and details that need to be worked out. We have not signed any contracts for waste pick-up. Jim asked if Barry has heard anything about the grant? Barry stated no, he spoke with the State and they will not give him a number. He expects to hear something the first week of January. Norm Rundle asked how do we stand with the capital improvement budget for the facility? Barry stated we should be \$8,000 to \$10,000 under what we anticipated for the actual building. We have not purchased physical supplies for the building. The job has been posted, he has received a few inquiries. There are some questions he can not answer until the budget issue is resolved. Jim Belden stated he believes there are enough votes from the County Council to supplement the operational budget for approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000 from the County. The thought would be that this amount would be the maximum. If this is not sufficient money, as we begin to

progress through the year, then the Solid Waste Board would have to consider another way of financing through a tax rate. Jim stated he would be in favor of that. Mike Howard provided the Board with a memo regarding the household hazardous waste financing. Mike stated the minutes of the County Council meeting showed that there was a consensus that this employee would not be a County employee. The Solid Waste Board is a municipal corporation, you can have your own budget, your own health insurance plan, etc. Mike Howard stated the Auditor would have to maintain an entire separate set of records for this employee. Mike stated his memo suggests that this employee fall under the umbrella of county employee. We would spend half of the employee's salary keeping the records in the Auditor's office.

Mike stated the other memo item is that the census figures show that Fishers is the largest municipality in the County. That means that the Town Board of Fishers must appoint two people from their membership, to be Solid Waste Board members for 2002. The Carmel members are no longer statutorily on the Solid Waste Board. The Board also selects a representative of the executive from the balance of the County, which is the Mayor of Noblesville's position. Mayor Brainard and Norm Rundle's positions will be replaced by the Town of Fishers appointments.

Norm stated after reading the minutes of the last County Council meeting and hearing the comment of maxing the county contribution to the operating expense, Carmel's experience with the growth of the Carmel facility is out of site. Last year we collected 33 tons of material with 12% or 13% of households participating. In 2001 we will collect 60 tons of materials and approximately 20% of our households using the facility. Our budget started at \$35,000 is now \$100,000 which has been offset by the IDEM grant in the amount of \$20,000. This is growing leaps and bounds with no end in site. If you are going to cap this and the county's experience is anything like Carmel's you will exceed that cap in a couple of years. Norm suggested the Solid Waste Board find a way to include the unincorporated areas of Hamilton County to have access to this facility in 2002. It would behoove us to find a way to include, not include the municipalities who have not participated in any form, but include the unincorporated areas of the County who have participated. Jim Belden agreed. Steve Holt stated it is not a logical position to take, the idea of a cap makes no sense. We want as many people as possible to use it. Steve stated the Council has to understand why it is a illogical stance to take that we should agree that the county's portion should be capped. The only way that would make sense is if Fishers, Carmel and Noblesville continue with an aggressive annexation policy. The unincorporated portion would continue to dwindle and it has not. The County Council has to understand that they have a responsibility to participate just like the municipalities. Steve Holt motioned to direct the County Attorney and the Auditor to commence that process. Steve Holt asked Jim Belden to talk to the County Council members and let them know it will be a delayed opening because we are looking at 60-90 days to get a State Tax Board green light to move forward because they have taken this arbitrarily nonsensical position that they are not going to allow this person to be a county employee. Steve Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Holt asked that a letter be sent to the Town of Fishers regarding their appointments and asking them to get their names to us as soon as possible.

Barry will meet with Robin to finalize the budget. Steve Holt asked if we can call a meeting when the budget is ready? Robin stated the budget will have to follow the publishing guidelines. Barry stated the grant will not be official until it goes through the signatory process

with the State, which could take up to six weeks.

Steve Dillinger motioned to adjourn. Dennis Redick seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Present:

Jim Belden, County Councilor

Dennis Redick, Mayor - City of Noblesville

Steven C. Dillinger, County Commissioner

Steven A. Holt, County Commissioner

Norm Rundle, Carmel City Councilor

Robin M. Mills, Auditor

Michael Howard, Attorney

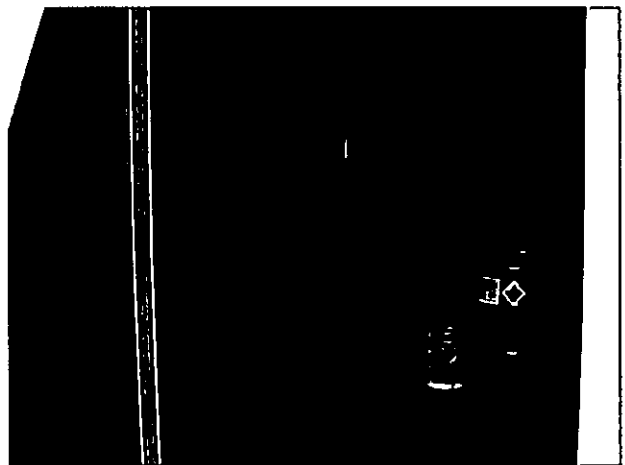
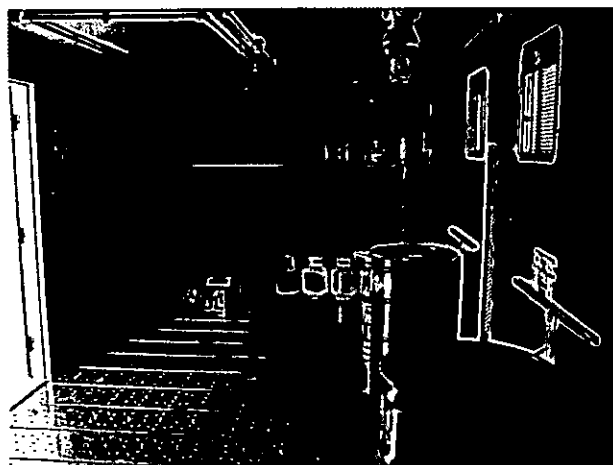
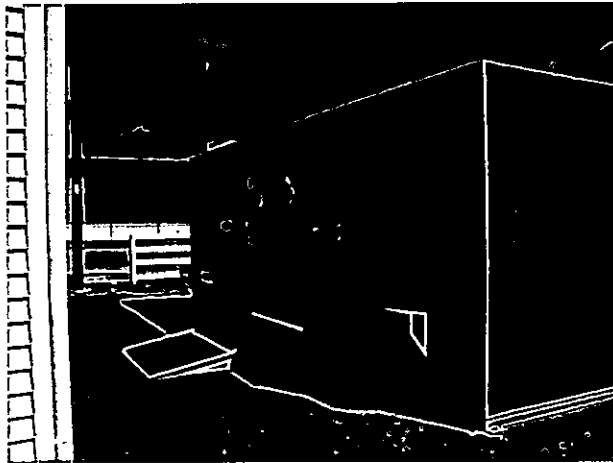
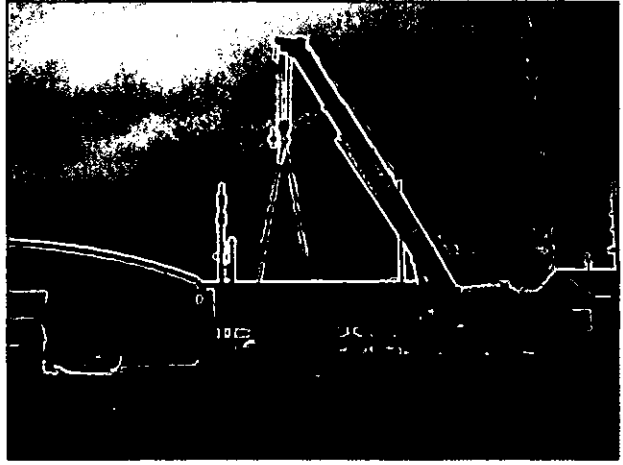
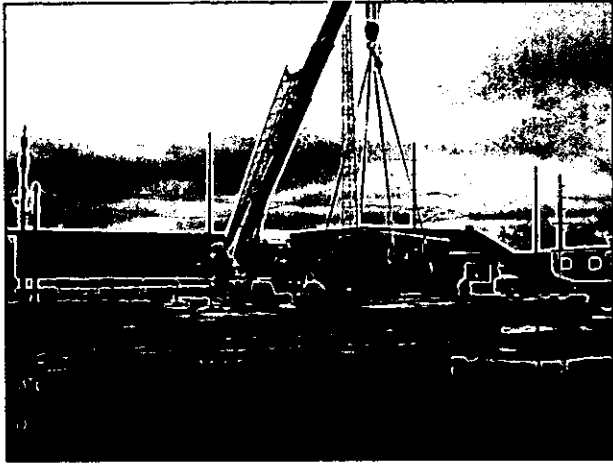
Fred Swift, Administrative Assistant to Commissioners

Kim Rauch, Executive Secretary to Auditor

Barry McNulty, Health Department

Jim Vaughn, Fiscal and Grant Analyst

Kate Lewis, Ledger





Hamilton County Solid Waste District
1717 Pleasant Street
Noblesville, In 46060
317 776-4005

HHW Collection Inventory

<i>Hazard Class</i>	<i>DOT Class</i>	<i>Label</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Container</i>	<i>Sealed</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Shipped</i>	<i>AIS#</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Non-Hazardous	10	NO-03-02-2	55 gallon	Drum	3/8/02	390		0	
Non-Hazardous	10	NO-03-03-1	55 gallon	Drum	3/8/02	400		0	
ORM	9	NO-030-02-3	55 gallon	Drum	3/9/02	410		0	
Gas	2	F2-03-02-1	55 gallon	Drum	3/12/02	115		0	
Flammables Liquid	3	F3P-03-02-1	55 gallon	Drum	3/14/02	380		0	
Non-Hazardous	10	NO-03-02-4	55 gallon	Drum	3/18/02	400		0	
Non-Hazardous	10	NO-03-02-5	55 gallon	Drum	3/19/02	380		0	
Gas	2	F2-03-02-2	55 gallon	Drum	3/21/02	120		0	
Non-Hazardous	10	NO-03-02-6	55 gallon	Drum	3/23/02	390		0	
Non-Hazardous	10	NA-03-02-1	55 gallon	Drum	3/23/02	440		0	



What to Do With Old Paint!

The best way to dispose of leftover paint is to use it up – Apply an extra coat, paint a sign or doghouse, use as a prime coat, if appropriate. (Do not use exterior paints indoors.) Give it to a relative, friend, or neighbor to use. You can mix leftover latex interior paints together. The colors should blend off to an ecru or putty color, depending on what colors are mixed. The finish will be a semi, glossy, and matte? This method works when the paint is still usable but if it looks like cottage cheese do not use the above suggestions.

DO NOT SET PAINT CANS OUT FOR TRASH COLLECTION, IF THE PAINT IS STILL IN A LIQUID STATE. TRASH COLLECTORS WILL NOT COLLECT IT.

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If Paint is not usable or if no one wants it.

Dried up latex paint can be disposed of in the trash. Place the cans in a trash bag for disposal.

The following procedures can be used to air dry latex paint:

- 1) Remove the lid from the latex paint can.
 - 2) To speed up solidification, add absorbent materials such as cat litter, plaster of paris, vermiculite or charcoal.
 - 3) Place can in an area with adequate airflow and protected from rain, such as a well- ventilated garage or shed. This should be out of reach of children and pets.
 - 4) When latex paint is completely dry, put the cans with lids off, into trash bags. They are then safe to dispose of in your regular trash.
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NEVER THROW AWAY PAINT THAT IS STILL IN A LIQUID STATE.

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For more information
Please call
Hamilton County Solid Waste
District
(317) 776-4005
www.co.hamilton.in.us





Household Hazardous Waste Safe Disposal Guide

Hamilton County Solid Waste District
1717 Pleasant Street
Noblesville, In. 46060
(317) 776-4005



ALTERNATIVE DISPOSAL METHODS

AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS:

Used motor oil, brake/transmission fluid

RECYCLE: take to local auto service center

Batteries

RECYCLE: take to battery retailer

Antifreeze

RECYCLE: take to local auto service center

Gasoline

Use up, if possible, Allow very small quantities to evaporate outdoors, safely away from children

PESTICIDES:

Toxic pesticides

FOLLOW ALL LABEL INSTRUCTIONS
Avoid use, if it is unavoidable, **NEVER DISCARD BY DUMPING DOWN THE DRAIN OR GROUND.**

Insecticides, Herbicides, Rodenticides

Use up; follow container disposal instructions or rinse container 3 times and use rinse water as a pesticide. Wrap empty container in newspaper, discard in trash.

CLEANERS:

Bleach, disinfectant, Drain & Toilet cleaners

Use up, if possible; if not, dilute with large amounts of water and flush down drain.

Polish and powdered cleaners

Discard in regular trash

Oven Cleaner

Mix with absorbent material, Discard in trash

Spot Remover

Allow to evaporate outdoors safely away from children and pets. Discard empty container in trash.

PAINTS & SOLVENTS:

Paint & Varnish

Use up; if not, evaporate outdoors away from children and pets, in original container until solidified. Discard.

Turpentine, Thinner & Stripper

Allow particles to settle in closed container, strain off liquid for re-use. Wrap sludge in newspaper and discard.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Photographic chemicals

Mix with adsorbent material, discard in trash.

Smoke Detectors

Return to manufacturer

Gas Cylinders

Return to retailer

Old Medicines

Flush down drain

Household Materials may be disposed of at the Hamilton County HHW Facility
For More Information call, 317 776-4005.

Hamilton County Solid Waste District

Waste Saving Tips

You can help by reducing this the amount of trash we set at the curb by 10% to 20%.

Just follow the three "R's".

Reduce--first

Reuse--what you can't reduce

Recycle--what you can't reuse

It is as easy to be part of the solution as it is to be part of the problem. Try some of the following waste saving tips:

- Return unneeded hangers to the dry cleaners. Some cleaners take money off your cleaning bill for hangers you bring in.
- Avoid disposable items. There are long lasting durable substitutes for items such as these: razors, flashlights, lighters, etc.
- Save lids to fabric softener and detergent bottles. Use them for "booties" for furniture legs, or they can be used to sort nuts and bolts at the workbench or to mix small amounts of paint.
- Make rags out of old clothing. Use them in the kitchen, garage or bathroom instead of disposal paper towels.
- Buy refillable items. Less material equals less landfill space.
- Donate unwanted magazines and books. Hospitals, nursing homes and libraries may be glad to have something to read.
- Buy items in bulk to reduce the amount of packaging.
- Carry a reusable cloth bag. Good for lunches groceries, library books or homework assignments.
- Use rechargeable batteries. They may cost more but initially they can be recharged and reused up to 100 times.
- Hold a yard sale. Most of your household furnishings can be recycled through yard sales, garage sales or donate them to a charity.
- Compost & Recycle yard waste into an excellent soil amendment.
- Encourage recycling where you work. Offer to start up or join a recycling committee.

Hamilton County Household Hazardous Waste Center

1717 Pleasant Street
Suite 200
Noblesville, IN 46060
317-776-4005

Hours of Operation

Monday – Wednesday	8:00am to 4:30pm
Thursday	11:30am to 8:00pm
Friday	7:00am to 3:30pm
2 nd and 4 th Saturday	8:00am to 12:00pm

Location

Immediately west of the Hamilton County Extension and 4-H Fair Grounds on Pleasant Street.

If you have any questions about a drop off item, please call. We can only accept material from Hamilton County Households. We cannot accept material from businesses. Materials that can be collected include the following items:

Plant and Yard Care

- Herbicides/weed killers
- Insecticides
- Fertilizer
- Fungicides
- Pesticides

Motor and Vehicle Care

- Waste Motor Oil
- Gasoline
- Old antifreeze
- Used Brake or transmission fluid
- Old Car Batteries
- Degreasing Chemicals
- Car Wax
- Other leftover fuels

Home Repair

- Old Paint
- Stains
- Wood preservatives
- Solvents, thinners, turpentine
- Paint or finish removers

Mercury (Hg) containing Products

- Hg batteries
- Thermometers
- Thermostats
- Hg lamps
- Elemental Mercury
- Mercichrome and Merthiolate

House Care

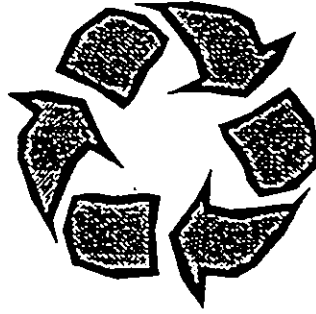
- 4' Fluorescent tubes
- Chlorinated Products
- Rat or Mouse Poison
- Drain Cleaner
- Disinfectants
- Silver/copper polish
- Floor Cleaner
- Bleach
- Ammonia based cleaner
- Aerosol cans
- Oven Cleaner
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Window Cleaner
- Tub and tile cleaner
- Septic tank degreaser

Hobbies

- Artist paints/solvents
- Photographic chemicals
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Pet chemicals-flea sprays
- Household batteries

UNACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS

- Explosives
- Radioactive Materials
- Ammunition
- Biological Wastes
- Biohazards



Recycling Program Acceptable Materials

Glass Bottles and Jars

- Green, clear and brown food and beverage glass
- Please NO ceramic glass, NO Pyrex, NO kitchenware or ovenware. No windowpanes.
- Please rinse and remove lids (lids may be discarded)

Steel, Bi-Metal, Aluminum and Tin Food and Beverage Cans

- Labels do not need to be removed – please rinse
- Please NO foil or food trays, pie pans, gas cans, paint cans, aerosol cans or scrap metal

Paper

- Examples include:
 - Office paper
 - Magazines
 - Catalogs
 - Junk Mail
 - Newspapers plus contents (inserts)
 - Phone books
- NO carbon paper

Cardboard and Food Packaging

- Food packaging includes:
 - Cereal boxes (please remove foil/wax liner)
 - Pasta boxes, etc.
- Please, corrugated cardboard MUST be broken down
- Cardboard includes anything that is not contaminated with food or coated with wax

Plastics (#1 through #7)

- Examples include plastic water/milk jugs, 2-liter pop bottles, detergent/bleach bottles
- Please remove and discard caps and rinse container
- Please NO motor oil, antifreeze, household hazardous materials or plastic bags in recycle bins

HAMILTON COUNTY
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
RECYCLING FORM

Date: _____

PHONE: (317) 776-4005

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED SO WE CAN
ACCURATELY PROCESS MATERIALS.

Participants are responsible for unloading your vehicle onto the unloading cart. Please
complete the bottom portion of this form as accurately as possible. We can take materials
from HAMILTON COUNTY HOMES ONLY!!!

MATERIALS MUST BE LISTED ON THIS FORM ...

QTY - GALLONS/LBS.

TYPE OF CHEMICAL/MATERIAL

QTY - GALLONS/LBS.	TYPE OF CHEMICAL/MATERIAL

You may attach additional lists.

To the best of my knowledge the items I wish to dispose of are **NOT** radioactive. _____(initial here)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: Indiana County: Hamilton

Zip Code: _____ Township: _____

Please return to: The Hamilton County Solid Waste District
1717 Pleasant St., Suite 200
Noblesville, IN 46060
Phone: 317-776-4005
Fax: 317-776-4007

<http://www.co.hamilton.in.us>

MEMO

To: Hamilton County Solid Waste Board
From: Robin M. Mills
Subject: December 5th Council Meeting
Date: December 10, 2001

Attached is a draft copy of minutes from the Hamilton County Council meeting of December 5th. I am forwarding these minutes to you so that you will know the stand that is being taken by the Hamilton County Council.

As County Auditor I have several legal questions that need to be answered as far as operations of the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. I would like to address these at your next meeting.

MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, DECEMBER 5, 2001, 7:00 P.M.

GENERALIZED SUMMARY

VERBATIM DISCUSSION ON TAPE ON FILE IN AUDITOR'S OFFICE

The Hamilton County Council held a work session at 5:30 p.m. in the ISS Training Room for a hands on demonstration of the County Web Page. Those attending this work session were Judy Levine, Christine Altman, Brad Beaver, John Hiatt, Meredith Carter.

President McKinney called the meeting to order. Auditor Mills called the roll: Brad Beaver, John Hiatt, Christine Altman, Rick McKinney, Judy Levine, Meredith Carter. Jim Belden was not in attendance. Auditor Mills declared a quorum.

Everyone stood for the invocation by Councilor Hiatt and remained standing for the pledge of allegiance.

Councilor Beaver moved to approve the minutes of November 7th, 2001. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilor Beaver moved to approve the minutes of November 26, 2001 meeting with the Hamilton County Convention & Visitor's Bureau as amended. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dick Frost

- Commentary on Conflict of Interest Forms
- Veterans Burial Benefits

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Sharon Clark/ Solid Waste Board

- Requesting consideration of the Council to fund the county's portion of the Household Hazardous Waste operating budget for 2002.

Sharon Clark - You are well aware that we spent over \$100,000 retrofitting the Highway garage to be ready for household hazardous waste in January. I'm here tonight to tell you that I agree with your decision, you requested that we simply add a half cent to the county tax rate and make this service available to everybody in the county. I agree with you, I have tried to lobby three more votes on the Solid Waste Board but we didn't have much time. I promise I will start that immediately again because I think that's the way to fund this operation. In the meantime, what you see before you shows that we have a third of the citizens in this county who live outside jurisdictional lines of cities and towns. Those are the people who will be unable to utilize our facility. I understand you've asked us to get everyone on board. We only have so much influence with the elected officials of those towns and cities. However, what I've done tonight is bring a map and what I will ask our employee out there to do is ask citizens where they live and if they live anywhere other than inside a yellow line which shows the cities and towns, you will see that they won't be allowed to participate in the facility if they live in Fishers for instance. Sheridan is participating as is Westfield and Noblesville and of course Carmel has their own facility. In that way maybe they then can go back to their own elected officials and request that they participate for next year. We don't know exactly how much it's going to be yet because we've not heard about the grant we've applied for. If we do not get the grant, Hamilton County's share would be a little over \$40,000, \$40,106. I'm here to plead with you to participate, resolve tonight that you will appropriate that money in January.

Councilor Beaver- Sharon, You are fully aware that we voted on this issue twice and voted it down. Are you sharing any new information that we did not have at our previous votes?

Sharon- I don't think you had the number of people, 55,000 residents will not be able to participate, that's a third of the people of the county that are our direct responsibility. Now I have to switch from Solid Waste to Commissioner to say that Brad. Councilor Beaver- I will

make a suggestion here in a couple minutes but let me point out to you that we have went to the county coffers for well over a \$100,000 doesn't that more than pay our share. Sharon Clark - It is a county operation, it is appropriate for us to make the facility available. Councilor Beaver - And we have. Sharon Clark - I appreciate that. Councilor Beaver - But we need to go again. Sharon Clark - We need to participate in the operational cost. Councilor Hiatt - If we could do this it would only be for one year. Sharon Clark - I would not want you to do it any other way. You will make yourselves abundantly clear to everyone in the county on your position. I'm asking only that you fund it for one year and make that part of your motion. Councilor Levine - If any county funds are expended on this, it's for everyone in the county and Carmel Clay should get their money back. You're going to go back in January and maybe we'll change who we appoint to the Solid Waste Board so you will have your votes. The State created the Solid Waste Board so that you could appropriately do this and fund it. What's this money you're asking for to be used for? Is it for an employee, electricity? Sharon Clark - It's for the operational cost Judy that includes staff. Councilor Levine - You've sat in this seat, we need to see that line by line what is this going for. Nobody's going to write you a blank check. You can't exclude anybody in this county if I vote for this because you're not going to blackmail Fisher's into participating. I think everyone should pay this tax, Carmel should get it back and then everyone can use the facility. Sharon Clark - I agree totally. Councilor Beaver - Where would Carmel get money back. Councilor Levine - Everyone would pay the half cent. Councilor Beaver - They've already refused to implement the tax so that monies off the table. That's why they're here. Councilor Altman - If Solid Waste would implement the countywide tax we could treat it identically with the paramedic program that we did before. Councilor Beaver - If we've changed the discussion and they implement the tax I will vote for that. Councilor McKinney - We've had this information before, Jim or Barry gave us those numbers. Most of the money goes to pay the recycling companies to accept this material. Sharon Clark - I didn't get to finish but that is definitely part of it. It is disposal of the hazardous waste. Councilor Altman - Well that was only \$54,000 of that whole budget. The major cost, to be honest with everyone is personnel. The county has contributed over \$100,000 plus the actual facility. If we put a load with our residents on that facility I think we should at most pay our fractional share of the disposal cost. We have come to the plate, we've put money into the coffers. Solid Waste Board has taken their position and sometimes you just have to dig in your heels to make people do the reasonable thing and I don't think they did the reasonable thing in applying a flat tax over the entire county, everyone participates, we don't waste the employees time using maps saying who can participate. Sharon Clark - I fully appreciate. Councilor Altman - And I'm not arguing with you, I know you pushed that position. Sharon Clark - You know where I'm coming from. Councilor Beaver - We do and I don't want to be argumentative with you. I know you have tried to convince the Solid Waste Board members. Let me make this suggestion to the other council members. Barry did come and show us some vague operating numbers then we heard rumors that there were interlocal agreements but we've never seen these agreements, why don't we have Jim look into this for us. We want copies of the interlocal agreement, what the operating budget is, what we've already paid in? If we're going to have an employee, how much? Who's employee is this going to be? Is this another county employee? Is that the general idea? I'm not in favor of any of this unless, we'd give them \$50,000 out of the County General Fund and there was a guarantee that it would never go over or above \$50,000 and if it did they would implement their own tax. I suggested this to one of the Solid Waste Board members that if they would guarantee that this wasn't going to be a black hole of County General Fund and then if it ever went over a certain amount of money they would implement their own tax. They won't make those guarantees, the only guarantee they will make is give us some money. We don't know what the operating cost are going to be, we don't know if we're getting a grant, just give us the money. Councilor Levine - We don't want to hire two more county employees for the Solid Waste Board because there are departments out there that need personnel that we're denying right now. We are in a tenuous fiscal situation because the State is broke and I don't want to tie anything to income tax that's not already being funded by income tax. We're going through tax restructuring, reassessment that may be challenged. Councilor Meredith - We gave them money to do the remodeling of the building out there, If we don't give them operating money what are we going to do just let the building sit there? Councilor Altman - They have several options and I think they need to explore the several options. Maybe they can cut back the hours and make it available Saturday only. There are a multitude of options. All we have seen is one view of how this should operate. If you don't have the money, people need to start being creative in government to make it work. Councilor Beaver - Who do you have on board? You've got Noblesville, Sheridan & Westfield and they're willing to front their money. So they've got x amount of operating money, maybe Christine's correct and

you go on a part time basis instead of full time. Whose employee are they? These questions have not been answered. Councilor Carter - Well we did too, we answered that questions early on. If this goes into business they will be Solid Waste employees. We said that. Councilor Beaver - No, we did but did the Solid Waste Board answer that question. Councilor Carter - I don't want to get stuck with a building out there that we're not using and if we have to do some quick start, I'm willing to do a little bit. Councilor Altman - Let's come up with some scenarios, figure out what works and go from there. Small steps to get a program going, I don't think anyone disagrees that this isn't a good program. Let's just figure out how to do it within our statutory constraints. Councilor Beaver - Whose job is it to come up with it though? Councilor Altman - It's the Solid Waste Board. I want to see several options on level of service. Councilor McKinney - What Sharon's presented to us is that they plan to open their doors January 1 but one third of the county will not be eligible to go there.

Sharon Clark - And half of the people I represent, 45% of the people of Clay Township live outside the city limits. Councilor Altman - Again I feel the county is a participant in this program given that we up fronted \$100,000 for the facility. Sharon Clark - I think you did that on good faith. I think we were attempting to move forward together and I admit the Solid Waste Board has not done it's part as far as I'm concerned but I just came. I've heard all your comments and I will take those back to the Solid Waste Board. I did tell them at the last meeting because the building is almost ready that I would make one final plea to get you to consider making an appropriation in January. That's why I was here and that's all I'm going to say. Councilor McKinney - I want to clarify, Are you saying the Board has said that they would instruct people be denied using the facility. Sharon Clark - Absolutely, We have no choice. Councilor Altman - County people would be denied or the non participating municipalities? Sharon Clark - Something that hasn't been determined specifically because we we're hoping positively that everyone would participate and we would never have to adopt that kind of position but at this point and time if you are not participating then you do not bring your hazardous waste to this facility. Councilor Levine - We have given you \$100,000, the County is participating. Councilor Altman - Right now we're the biggest participant. Councilor Levine - Everybody in this county pays county taxes and nobody should be denied an opportunity to drop their old paint cans off on Saturday morning. I think that would be ridiculous. Auditor Mills - But they're looking at that as you give them the capital cost and if you're not participating in the operations, then myself, as a White River resident, will not be able to use that facility. Councilor Beaver - I understand that and I disagree with Meredith on the idea of the building. The Highway didn't get out of their office for two days before emergency management moved in and I am unconcerned about the reuse of that building out there. If you have a building that's indoors and heated and it doesn't go to Solid Waste it will go to good use. The plan we've seen in the past we've denied twice and if we vote again I will deny it again. If you come up with a new plan or some kind of future resolutions as to it won't go over "x" amount, we need to have those in written form. Councilor Altman - Let's find out if we've got a grant or not. I am amazed you would even consider opening until you know what your revenues are. Councilor McKinney - Or hire a service or contractor to do it rather than our employee. Councilor Beaver - Who has the interlocals with all the towns? Auditor Mills - The Auditor.

- Councilor Beaver - Instructed Jim Vaughn to get all the information the Council has received that is written so when we receive another plan we know what was turned down the first time.

Sharon Clark - In other words what you're asking, When we find out on December 15th whether or not we'll have the grant then you want some hard cold numbers. I will not support a position that says we will not go over a certain amount of county general money. I think that is the same situation you are in now. What I want is a half cent tax rate so the Solid Waste Board is self served. Councilor Beaver - We're responsible for the county budget as you well know. If you say we need \$50,000 - \$60,000 for this particular project and we come up with \$50,000 then we can go along with that. I feel like we're going down a path where we don't know what the final number is. Sharon Clark - I'm glad I came tonight. I think I've had the opportunity to communicate with you which I had not had before. I have marching orders as far as the Solid Waste Board goes and I will go back and share this with them. I have three things: 1. Level of Service, 2. Interlocal Agreements; 3. Actual Budget. Councilor Hiatt - Who did we finally decide would hire this employee? Councilor Levine - We do not have room right now for more employees. Councilor Beaver - Are you hearing that also? Auditor Mills - That needs to be discussed, it's my understanding the Solid Waste Board would have to have their own Federal ID

Number, write their own checks etc. Councilor Hiatt - I'm hearing up here that they want this employee to be a Solid Waste employee. Councilor Altman - Either that or you go a reduced level of service, contracted out the first year. There are a lot of options out there that I think people need to explore and take some of the level off the Auditor's office and County's back if you're going to have a reduced level of service which I'm hearing very strongly is probably going to be funded, and have a contract personnel come in one or two times a week. Councilor Beaver - As a Solid Waste member, If we would of given you the money you asked for tonight, January of next year, whose employee would that of been? Sharon Clark - I thought the employee would be employed and contracted with the Solid Waste Board. Councilor Beaver - That's what you envisioned? Sharon Clark - That's how I thought it would operate. We would be in charge of that employee and operation and that's why of course I wanted it funded with it's own private tax rate. Councilor Beaver - Would you double check on that? Councilor Hiatt - The reason I brought that up is because Barry's been doing a lot of the work and he's part of the county program. Councilor Altman - The other option is if Noblesville can share an employee we contract the Solid Waste Board contracts with the City of Noblesville. Councilor Beaver - You expect to have this discussion at the next Solid Waste Board meeting. Sharon Clark - Actually I won't be at the next meeting so it will be January.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President

Councilor McKinney updated the Council on the following:

- Thanked Highway for the new bridge on Ditch Road between 131st Street & 136th Street.
- Thanked fellow Councilors for allowing him to be President this year.

Vice President

Councilor Levine reported on the following:

- Congratulated the Health Department for their efforts in notifying residents on the availability of the flu shot vaccines.
- Soil & Water Conservation District is to be congratulated on their efforts for 2001.
- All Council has been invited to the Soil & Water Annual Dinner on December 20, 2001 at Lutz's Steakhouse from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Highway Committee:

Councilor Beaver:

- Discussed bond summary and progress on 146th Street.

Councilor Altman:

- Public Hearing and brief review will be held for SR 431 at 6:30 p.m. on December 6, 2001 at Clay Junior High.

Councilor McKinney:

- Four lanes of Springmill will be open this Friday to US 31 and stoplights operational at the intersections of Oak Ridge Road and Springmill and 146th Street.

Councilor Carter:

- He and Councilor McKinney attended a public hearing on 106th Street & College Avenue on November 26, 2001. Several people in attendance and consensus of that meeting was people didn't want what had been designed.

Waste center searches for funds

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NOBLESVILLE — Some Hamilton County residents won't be able to dispose of their old paint, aerosol cans, antifreeze and motor oil if the Hamilton County Solid Waste Board cannot come up with the funding to operate the household hazardous materials center.

The latest board issue is the county council's unwillingness to fund one full-time employee for the site. Without the council's approval to take the new employee under the county's umbrella, the Solid Waste Board will have to file a budget with the State Board of Tax Commissioners and pay for that one employee out of pocket.

The Hamilton County Council agreed to fund the construction and renovation of the facility, located at 1717 E. Pleasant St. at Noblesville. The council stopped short of funding the county's portion of the operating costs for the first year, saying it had contributed more than \$100,000 to the project and that was more than its share.

"We understood and the county understood there were capital and operational expenses for this project," said commissioner and board member Steve Holt. "I can't understand why the county council agreed to build the building and not pay for the operation."

Noblesville, Westfield and Sheridan are the only municipalities which have signed on for the site. Holt said he felt if the county would come on board, the other municipalities — including Fishers, the county's largest municipality — would come on board.

Carmel is currently the only municipality with a household hazardous waste site. According to Norm Rundle, Carmel's representative, 11 to 13 percent of Carmel residents used the facility last year, generating 33 tons of waste. This year, Rundle said the facility expects 20 percent household participation, generating 60 tons of waste.

"It's growing by leaps and bounds with no end in sight," he said. "If this thing is going to open, you are going to have to look for the council's change of heart or a different funding mechanism."

The board agreed unanimously it did not want to raise taxes for the site.

"There is money in the surplus with the county and they want us to raise taxes," said Commissioner President Steve Dillinger, one of the board members.

In fact, the county will have a \$23 million budget surplus for 2002. The Solid Waste Board wants \$40,000 of that money for the plant's operational costs.

But County Councilor Christine Altman said the commissioners are looking at more projects than the surplus can handle.

"They have identified \$50 million in highway projects," she said. "I question why the commissioners and the council are involved. It all comes back to that issue."

Altman said the county council could only become involved in the operational costs for the household hazardous materials site if it usurps the Solid Waste Board's powers. The board has the power to levy taxes, contract an employee or hire an employee under the guidelines created by the state.

"They have to figure out the funding on their own. It is confusing to me why they are upset," she said. "They can elect to tax the people to the extent they feel that service is necessary."

Holt disagreed.

"Just because you have taxing authority does not mean you should impose a tax," he said. "That is bad government. The county looks idiotic. It is absurd to raise property taxes when you sit on a \$23 million surplus."

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