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PIKE COUNTY RECYCLING

Documents listed chronologically:

1. July 2012 – Pike County Solid Waste/Recycling Budget
2. August 15, 2012 – Press Release/Packet
3. November 30, 2012 – Letter to waste haulers discontinuing collecting $7.00 per ton recycling sustainability fee.
4. February 28, 2013 – Minutes from meeting with Mike Bedrin – Northeast Regional Director DEP
5. March 1, 2013 – Pocono Record newspaper article quoting Mike Bedrin
6. August 13, 2013 – Letter to DEP from Pike County Commissioners – Pike County MSW Plan Revision
7. February 4, 2014 – Letter to Pike County from DEP regarding the Pike County Municipal Solid Waste Plan Revision

PIKE COUNTY SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING BUDGET

Line Item	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Salary/Coordinator	21,038.54	21,918.94	22,840.71	1,891.31	0
Salary/Clerial	1,151.02	522.35			
Salary/Driver	100,348.86	123,879.40	114,098.00	46,103.34	52,891.00
Travel/Meals	223.34				112.20
Public Education					
Due/Bonds					
Seminars/Conferences					
Phone	1,411.22	1,494.93	1,357.90	738.15	761.00
Postage	332.8		68.72	156.19	17.00
Supplies/Forms	726.57	533.83	475.00	515.63	435
Advertisement		235.32	1,368.74	365.14	374.55
Subscriptions					
Capital Improvements					
Professional Service					
Contract Termporary Driver					
Consultant			67,638.05	7,054.01	0
Gen. Aut. Mtg Fee/Due					
Truck Expense	46,103.23	85,865.19	56,276.36	21,310.30	24,187.00
Fuel Expense	47,994.93	37,147.07	26,873.76	14,952.82	23,193.00
Recycling Expense	1,069.64	2,400.89	33,802.14	745,845.96	718,312.00
Waste Hauling Service	2,068.00	2,415.00	2,207.59		
Uniforms	2,250.46	2,013.52	1,820.67	1,202.89	1,043.00
Insurance					
Solid Waste Grant					
Miscellaneous	162.00	216.00	262.77	410.00	0
Life Insurance	229.68	204.74	174.00	77.20	72.00
Medical Benefits	43,013.59	38,670.03	36,819.84	16,319.68	15,502.00
Workers Comp	14,517.99	13,144.64	13,701.30	4,346.23	5,363.00
Pension Benefits	6,162.91	6,462.34	6,687.27	2,409.47	3,021.00
Unemployment Benefits	1,026.32	1,112.24	563.90	386.98	347.00
FICA	9,374.27	10,978.85	10,475.87	3,671.62	4,046.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	**299,205.37**	**349,215.28**	**397,512.59**	**867,756.92**	**849,676.75**
REVENUE INCOME					
Act 101 901 Plan Updates		225.00			
Act 101 902 Equipment					
Act 101 903 Coordinator	24,408.18		15,433.74	21,247.01	3,614.40
Act 101 904 Performance	31,748.00	66,684.66	39,596.00		69,750.00
SW Admin(Recycling Fee)	266,446.81	254,577.03	212,429.25	178,246.88	190,784.00
Hauler Licensing	906.00				
Monroe Cty Reimbursement	92,240.81	224,579.94	0.50	14,397.67	
Fuel Tax Rebate				2,292.46	
Miscellaneous				18,830.98	
TOTAL REVENUE	**415,749.80**	**546,066.63**	**267,459.49**	**235,015.00**	**264,148.40**
Revenue/Expenses Surplus	**116,544.43**	**196,851.35**			
Revenue/Expenses Deficit			**130,053.10**	**632,741.92**	**585,528.35**
2011 COMPLEX - MSW					**9,127.00**

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PRESS RELEASE

August 15, 2012

The Pike County Commissioners, after considerable discussion, have reluctantly made a decision to cease operating the countywide recycling program effective October 1, 2012. All containers at recycling sites throughout the County will be removed by that date.

Even though the program was initially successful, over the past four (4) years it has become cost prohibitive to operate due to the economic market downturn, reduction in state funding and reduction in administrative fees, increased program expenses and illegal dumping removal expenses.

The County will be installing signs at the sites informing all residents of the closing date. Moreover, after closure, we will monitor the sites for one (1) month to assist with the removal of any illegal dumping.

Lastly, a major change has occurred in the industry with private haulers now providing curbside, single stream recycling to their customers at no additional charge.

With economic pressures at all levels of government to become more efficient, we as Commissioners are attempting to operate county government by containing costs and permitting private industry to provide a continued recycling service and reduce the tax obligation by our constituents.

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November 30, 2012

Dear County Waste Hauler:

Effective October 1, 2012, Pike County has elected to discontinue the countywide recycling program.

The Commissioners have decided to discontinue collecting the $7.00 per ton Recycling Sustainability Fee from the following landfills:

Beach Lake Transfer Station
Alliance Landfill
Grand Central Sanitation Landfill
Keystone Landfill

Notification has been sent to all of the above landfills requesting that they reduce the present tipping fee charge to all Pike County waste haulers by an amount equivalent to the $7.00 per ton Recycling Sustainability Fee which is no longer being remitted to the county.

Kindly contact your contracted landfill to ascertain if it abides by the County's request.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pike County Commissioners

Richard A. Caridi, Chairman

Matthew M. Osterberg, Commissioner

Karl A. Wagner, Jr., Commissioner

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EXHIBIT 3

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MUNICIPAL WASTE DISPOSAL CAPACITY AGREEMENT

COUNTY OF PIKE

AND NOW this 28 day of November, 2012 by and between the County of Pike, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (County), and WM-Beach Lake Transfer Station (Operator).

WHEREAS, the parties entered into an agreement on the 24th day of February, 2010, and;

WHEREAS, the parties wish to amend the agreement, and;

WHEREAS, the parties intend to amend Article 6.2 Recycling Sustainability Fee.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties intending to be legally bound, Article 6.2 is amended to the following:

"The County, from October 1, 2012, shall no longer collect a Recycling Sustainability Fee of $7.00 on each ton of municipal waste delivered to the operator's facility from Pike County sources. Further, the County requests a reduction in the Tipping Fee under Article 6.1 be reduced by $7.00 which is equivalent to the Recycling Sustainably Fee during the term of this contract.

Except as set forth in this amendment, the Agreement remains in full force and effect in accordance with all other terms and conditions."

PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

Gary R. Orben, Chief Clerk

Richard A. Caridi, Chairman

Matthew M. Osterberg, Vice-Chairman

Karl A. Wagner Jr., Commissioner

Attest:

Jeffrey M. Viola

BEACH LAKE TRANSFER STATION

By: Tara J. Hemmer

Title: President

Commissioners' Conference
Thursday, February 28, 2013

PRESENT: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.
NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Osterberg.

The Commissioners, along with Christine Kerstetter, Recycling Coordinator, met with Bill Tomayko, Berit Case, Bob Pitcavage and Mike Bedrin of DEP to review the Recycling Program. The following was noted:

- Curbside pickup is being provided by most, if not all, of the local haulers providing solid waste pickup throughout Pike County.
- Pike County Solid Waste Plan includes localized pick up centers at various locations in Pike County.
- DEP (Mike Bedrin) to review the current tonnage being picked up by private haulers is equal to or greater than the previous tonnage picked up by Pike. (See attached)
- The Commissioners directed Christine Kerstetter to send a letter to DEP outlining the changes in the Pike County Solid Waste Plan concerning recycling services that are now being provided by curbside pick up throughout the County by most if not all private haulers servicing the residents of Pike County. Information regarding the equipment still maintained by the County and also the disposition of the two recycling trucks that were sold also needs to be sent to DEP.

Commissioner Osterberg present at this time.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the Agreements between Milford Computer Center and the County of Pike, for the Commissioners and 9-1-1 Center.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the letter to Congressman Tom Marino regarding ICE prisoners and the utilization of the Pike County Correctional Facility.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

The Commissioners' Conference was adjourned.

EXHIBIT 4

CHANGES THAT HAVE FINANCIALLY AFFECTED THE PIKE COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM

- 2008 Loss of Hauler Licensing revenue due to DEP changes in licensing requirements.
- 2009 Loss of Monroe County recyclable revenue due to the reduction and downturn of the recycling markets.
- 2009 Loss of DEP grant funding due to the shortage of state funds and due to the increase in priority funding for communities mandated by law to initiate a recycling program.
- 2009 Decrease in Administrative Fees paid by landfills to the county due to less municipal solid waste going to landfills.
- 2010 The privatization of the county recycling program has resulted in increased expenses.
- Introduction of numerous private haulers providing curbside single-stream recycling services to county residents.
- Two of Pike County's municipalities (Dingman & Lehman) are now mandated by law to initiate their own recycling program resulting in less county residents to use the county program.
- Household waste (Trash) and other non-recyclable items are being disposed of at county sites which, necessitates additional county cleanup expenses.
- Palmyra Twp voluntarily collecting single stream recycling material.
- Tonnage for 2012 Annual Report:
    - Shields – 30.21
    - WM – 47.70 Residential 577.40 Commercial
    - County Waste – 2210 Residential 2236 Commercial
    - M&S Sanitation
    - Palmyra Twp
    - Hemlock Farms – 275 SS

August 26, 2012 meeting with DEP regarding the county's recycling program.

At that time informed non-substantial plan revision in order due to fact that Pike County has waste haulers already providing the service.

Contacted waste haulers for recycling info.

Collect all information & documentation and forward to the department.

September 6, 2012 contact DEP via email with the remaining recycling equipment.
Contacted Carbon, Monroe & Schuylkill regarding equipment-no interest.

All equipment went through the bid process.

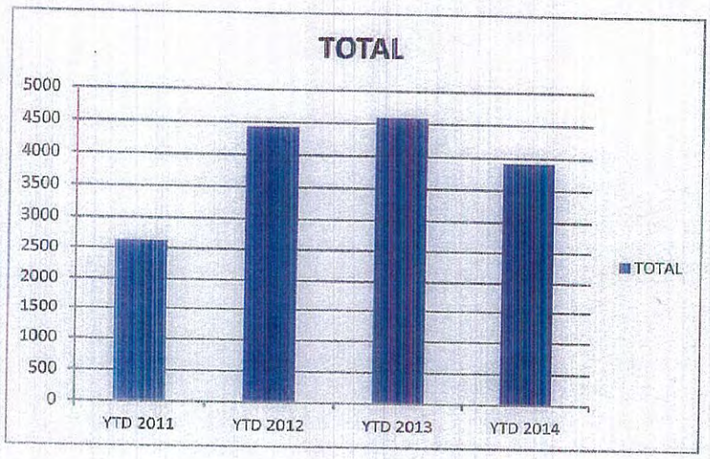
No contact from DEP.

County moved forward under guideline from August 26th meeting.

RESIDENTIAL	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	YTD AR 2013	YTD AR 2014
	County Prg	County Prg	County Wide	County Wide
January	190.88	193.42		
February	164.55	155.68		
March	193.86	190.47		
April	205.20	187.59		
May	234.82	207.20		
June	236.47	214.25		
July	262.59	224.19		
August	252.12	228.68		
September	229.79	256.36		
October	217.29	852.87		
November	215.98	852.87		
December	217.18	852.87		
	YTD 2011	YTD 2012	YTD 2013	YTD 2014
TOTAL	2620.73	4416.45	4580.86	3914.47

NOTE:

YTD 2013 & 2014 ARE REPORTED TONNAGE NUMBERS FROM THE PRIVATE WASTE HAULERS. ACCORDING TO DEP ACT 101 TONNAGE NUMBERS ARE ONLY REPORTED ON A YEARLY BASIS NOT MONTHLY.



Pike County recycling dispute with DEP settled

New plan calls for curbside pickup by private trash haulers

By Beth Brelje
Pocono Record Writer
March 01, 2013 12:00 AM

Pike County and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection have come to an agreement over the way Pike ended its recycling program.

Commissioners removed public recycling bins in October, saying the program, once funded through state grants, became too expensive for the county to support on its own.

The new recycling plan is to have citizen-hired private trash haulers pick up recyclables at curbside.

Pennsylvania mandates that counties work toward a goal of 33 percent of all solid waste collected be recycled and that counties have a "municipal waste management plan," including a plan for recycling approved by the DEP.

When commissioners changed recycling, the DEP said the county was required to make a "substantial plan revision," which would require public hearings and agreement from municipalities.

Commissioners said they needed only a non-substantial revision to the plan which would simply require a written report.

In a meeting this week with DEP representatives, Pike commissioners said curbside recycling, so far, has been about steady with the 11 recycling bins once placed around the county.

In 2011, with the drop-off bin system, Pike collected 2,620 tons of recycling. Accounting for nine months of bin drop-off recycling and the last three months of 2012 with curbside pick-up, 2,562 tons of recyclables were collected, a difference of 58 tons.

So far, three of four trash haulers in the county have agreed to provide curbside recycling and report the amount collected to the county, said Christine Kerstetter, head of Pike's recycling program. When the fourth hauler reports, that will boost the amount of recycling reported.

DEP Regional Director Michael Bedrin agreed that the preliminary data show curbside recycling pickup is working. Based on that, the DEP will allow Pike to make a non-substantial change to its plan.

Commissioners said the cost of a county recycling program was too high and the county was competing with private haulers. They promised to provide a new written plan to the DEP.

"I think you're going to find it may be the model for other counties," Pike Solicitor Tom Farley said of the curbside plan.

Bedrin said other counties are talking about changing their plans as well. The county also must account for equipment that it bought with state grant money.

Commissioners said they sold two trucks and have been unable to find anyone to buy the 11 large recycling bins. The DEP suggested selling the bins for scrap metal.

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August 13, 2013

Department of Environmental Protection
Northeast Regional Office
Attn: Breit Case, Recycling Coordinator
2 Public Square
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-1915

Re: Pike County MSW Plan Revision

Dear Mr. Case;

In October 2012 the Pike County Commissioners made a decision to make a non-substantial amendment to the county Solid Waste Management Plan in regards to the countywide recycling program.

Attached please find the procedure the county followed, in chronological order, in making said revision.

Pike County recently passed a resolution amending the SWM Plan which is attached hereto.

Should there be any additional information required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Orben
Pike County Chief Clerk

TFF/jh

EXHIBIT 6

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PIKE COUNTY RECYCLING ADMENDMENT TO THE 2010 PIKE COUNTY MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE PLAN SECTION 4 OF THE MSW PLAN

Effective October 1, 2012 the Pike County Recycling Program has ceased operation of the countywide recycling program and the private sector has taken the proactive role in providing recycling service within the county geographic boundaries.

Even though the program was initially successful, over the past four (4) years it has become cost prohibitive to operate due to the economic market downturn, reduction in state funding, reduction in administrative fees and increased program expenses and illegal dumping removal expenses.

A major change that has occurred in the industry is that private haulers are now providing curbside single stream recycling to Pike County residents.

Presently Pike County has two (2) municipalities, Dingmans Township & Lehman Township, that are now mandated by Act 101 to provide a recycling program within their jurisdiction.

Pike County will continue to submit an annual report to the state on the county's recycling tonnage collected.

All county waste haulers, pursuant to the regulations of Act 101 are required to submit an annual report to the county on their recycling material collected.

Effective October 1, 2012, The Pike County Commissioners elected to discontinue collecting the $7.00 per ton Recycling Sustainability Fee from the following landfills: Beach Lake Transfer Station, Alliance Landfill, Grand Central Station Landfill and Keystone Landfill.

Effective November 2012, the landfills have agreed to reduce the Tipping Fee on each ton of municipal waste delivered to the operators facility.

Pike County will continue to institute other special waste collections, such as electronic collection.

Pike County will continue to pursue cost-effective programs to increase the diversion rate and pursue expanded services to residents and businesses throughout the county in its quest to reach Pennsylvania recycling goal of 35%.

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RESOLUTION NO. 13-19
RECYCLING IN PIKE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Pike County is amending its Solid Waste Management Plan to provide for private waste haulers to collect and dispose of recyclable material in Pike County; and

WHEREAS, County residents, businesses, and other entities may contract with private waste haulers licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to collect and dispose of their recyclable material; and

WHEREAS, all private waste haulers shall comply with the provisions of all federal, state, and local regulations and laws pertaining to the collection of recyclable materials.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that on or before February 15th of each year, each private waste hauler collecting recyclable material in Pike County shall submit a report to the County describing the weight or volume of recyclable materials collected in the preceding calendar year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 17th day of July, 2013, the Pike County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts this resolution effective immediately.

BOARD OF PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Richard A. Caridi, Chairman

Matthew M. Osterberg, Vice Chairman

Karl A. Wagner Jr., Commissioner

Attest:

Gary R. Orben, Chief Clerk

pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NORTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE

February 4, 2014

The Honorable Richard Caridi, Chairman
County of Pike
Pike County Commissioners
Pike County Administrative Building
506 Broad Street
Milford, PA 18337

Re: Pike County Municipal Solid Waste Plan Revision

Dear Mr. Caridi:

On January 6, 2014, the Department of Environmental Protection ("Department" or "DEP") has received a nonsubstantial plan revision that is being implemented by Pike County. The plan revision submission included documentation of public notification and participation, SWAC meeting minutes, recyclable collection rate comparison between private hauler collections and county run drop-off sites, and an amendment to the Plan entitled "Pike County Recycling Amendment to the 2010 Pike County Municipal Solid Waste Plan Section 4 of the MSW Plan". This amendment includes a resolution outlining the responsibility of haulers who operate within the county to report their tonnage collected annually. The total tonnage will then be reported to the DEP by county officials.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact me at (570) 826-2108 or at bcase@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

Berit Case
Regional Recycling Coordinator
Waste Management Program

cc: Christine Kerstetter

EXHIBIT 7