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Hoods Mill Landfill Remains Open

Thursday, June 21, 2012 – During today's open session the Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to keep the Hoods Mill Landfill open at least temporarily under a compromise plan developed by Commissioners Howard and Shoemaker.

The plan details are as follows:

1. Continue service on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month for six months (July 2012 through December 2012)
2. Do not invest in the replacement of the skid loader, roof or other significant investments at this facility
3. Communicate to the citizens that the failure of equipment or other requirements for significant investment could result in an earlier suspension of services at Hoods Mill
4. Cost of operating to be covered under existing Solid Waste, Public Works or Reserve for Contingencies funds
5. Prepare and issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for private sector service at Hoods Mill for either weekly or bi-weekly collection of waste and transportation to the Northern Landfill
6. A review no later than December for either:
 - a. Private sector opportunities
 - b. Continuation of service, or
 - c. Closing the facility effective January 1st

Commissioner Frazier had also suggested that the board revisit this issue and asked that the county seek private sector operators for this facility by issuing an RFP.

Commissioner Shoemaker said "I applaud our Public Works staff for seeking cost-savings measures. Commissioner Howard and I believe this plan gives the private sector an opportunity to create a viable, long-term presence that will reduce costs for the county and provide a valuable service to the citizens."

Commissioner Rothschild expressed his appreciation to Commissioners Howard and Shoemaker for their compromise proposal.

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