

**CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION
HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2024**

Present at the work session: Crisp County Board of Commissioners Chairman James Dowdy, Larry Felton, James Nance, Sam Farrow, Mark Crenshaw, County Administrator Clark Harrell and Finance Director Sherrie Leverett.

Chairman Dowdy called the work session to order at 11:15 am in the Crisp County Board Room. County Administrator, Clark Harrell, stated this is a work session to discuss the request for proposal released for Crisp County solid waste services. The intention was to appoint a new solid waste service at this meeting but I wanted to address the Commission as a whole. Crisp County citizens, currently with Waste Management, will renew bills quarterly beginning January 1, 2025, regardless of when a new waste service begins. If a new waste service begins March 1, 2025, I believe this will only cause more confusion in regards to renewals and service. My recommendation is to begin a new solid waste service April 1, 2025.

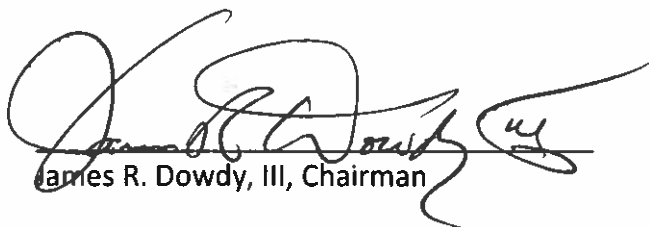
There were 5 companies that responded to the request for a proposal. Based on responses of each company, references, qualifications, pricing, and independent scoring the highest bidder was out of Lawrenceville, Georgia, Pateco Services, LLC, with a fee of \$31.73 a month. Second was Express Disposal \$17.85 a month, which is less than what citizens are currently paying. Third was AmeriGreen \$28.95 a month. Fourth was Waste Management \$18.52 a month, and last was Ryland \$21.45 a month. In the RFP, each company was asked for a proposal that continues with services we currently have which is allowing an outside company to maintain the billing for Crisp County. There is \$0.50 charge per cart per month known as a franchise fee that comes back to Crisp County that is also incorporated into the proposal costs.

Express Disposal proposed a \$25 monthly fee for trash pick-up plus yard debris or a \$17.85 monthly fee for trash pick-up only. If a citizen is not set-up for the combined service at \$25 per month and a citizen calls for debris pick-up, a standard \$25 fee per call in addition to their current monthly service fee will be billed to the citizen. County Administrator, Clark Harrell, also stated the request was made asking for "citizen assistance", picking-up trash at the request of a citizen when needed outside of routine scheduled pick-up, which will also be done at an additional fee.

County Administrator, Clark Harrell, stated his recommendation is to pursue a contract with Express Disposal.

Next step is to meet with County Attorney, Rick Lawson, to create a contract with the new company.

There being no further business, **MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CRENSHAW** to adjourn the work session at 11:45 am, **SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FARROW, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**


James R. Dowdy, III, Chairman


Clark Harrell, Administrator