

**Solid Waste Advisory Board Meeting
Agenda for January 14, 2026; 9:00 A.M.**

Regulatory Updates

- EA submitted letter 7/23 to MDE for Snow Hill LFG monitoring reduced from monthly to quarterly. MDE provided approval on 9/18.
- Quarterly landfill gas monitoring for the Central Landfill Facility was completed on 8/7. Three groundwater monitoring probes had methane exceedance but the associated temporary probes (located away from the landfill but on County property) had no detection of methane. MDE continues to be ok with the temporary probe readings until permanent probes can be installed.
- Quarterly landfill gas monitoring for the Snow Hill, Pocomoke, and Berlin closed landfills was completed on 8/7. Pocomoke showed no methane concentration exceedances. Berlin showed methane exceedances in two landfill gas probes but the recently installed associated temporary landfill gas probes showed no methane detection. Snow Hill showed methane exceedances but at landfill gas probes adjacent to the property line and of concern to MDE.
- The semi-annual landfill gas monitoring report for the closed Snow Hill and Berlin landfills was submitted to MDE on 10/7/25.
- The groundwater sampling was completed for the Central Landfill Facility was completed during the week of 9/8. EA has recently received the laboratory results and is currently tabulating and evaluating the results. The semi-annual groundwater monitoring report is due 12/31/25.
- The groundwater sampling was completed for the Pocomoke, Snow Hill, and Berlin closed landfill was completed during the week of 9/15. EA has recently received the laboratory results and is currently tabulating and evaluating the results. The semi-annual groundwater monitoring report is due 12/31/25.
- EA addressed MDE's comments on the Environmental Monitoring Plan (EMP) for the closed landfills. The revised EMP was submitted to MDE on 7/10/25. MDE acknowledged on 7/11 and no comments since.

Central Site

- Cell 6 Preparation and Design – The Commissioners approved the proposal for the Cell 6 design, permitting, construction administration, and inspection on 10/21/25 in the amount of \$899,404. Timber clearing is on pause until the spring while lumber yards catch up. A stump clearing plan and permit are being prepared, as is a possible stump burning disposal plan.

- Credit card kiosk is live and being used for approximately 90% of daily household transactions. Working through issues with reading damaged cards.
- Annual tonnage survey was completed in December 2025. Report is due to MDE in March 2026.

Closed Landfills

- Berlin –Three new temporary probes still show no methane migration offsite. We will continue to monitor and report results to MDE.

Central Site Inactive Cells

- Cell 1 Pump Station Upgrades - EA submitted the bid plans and specs to the County for review on 12/16/25. We are aiming to have the project out to bid this month.

Recycling

- Commissioners approved the Whaleyville concrete pad award to AJT Homes in the amount of \$38,900. The contractor has indicated a mid-February start date. Once work is complete, fencing and lighting will be installed.
- Recycling baler broke down from November 21st to December 18th. We are still catching up on a back log of cardboard and paper from the holidays.
- The fence at Bishopville has been repaired.

HOCC

- Berlin site rehab – EA submitted the bid plans and specs to the County for review on 12/28/25. We are aiming to have the project out to bid this month.

FY 27 Budget

- Broom for the 299 to help keep the road clean in front of cell 5 \$12,000.00
- A new side by side to replace the old John Deer that is used daily at Central Site \$32,000.00
- 6 Post lifts for the shop to be used for the truck maintenance \$95,000.00
- Truck Diagnostic Computer for the shop \$14,000.00
- If possible, a 313 Cat excavator to be used on the hill to sort metal and cardboard out of the working face will be around \$5,000.00 a month for five years.
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- Recycle

- A new wire tie machine to go on the baler \$52,425.00
- I would like to get a service contract on the baler, Nanoia Recycling would come done semi annually and go over the machine \$6,200.00 a year.
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- HOCC
- If possible 2 more 40-yard bins and 2 more 20-yard bins \$ 55,000.00
- Staff is considering a recommendation to increase tipping fees by \$5 per ton. There are several large projects on the horizon and there is a concern about the adequacy of the Solid Waste reserve account to cover the upcoming projects. A rate study may be needed to determine if \$5 is enough. Currently, the reserve balance is approximately \$12.9 Million. Future projects include:
 - Cell 1 lift station - \$1 Million
 - Cell 6 Design - \$900,000
 - Cell 6 Construction - \$15 Million
 - Landfill Gas Collection System - \$4.5 Million
 - Cell 1 Cap & Closure (tentative) - \$8.2 Million

Total: \$29,600,000

Comments from the Board...