

**LINKED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SOLID
WASTE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO,
HELD IN THE CITY HALL PLANNING ROOM ON APRIL 13, 2026, AT 3:00
P.M.**

Present: Susan Crocket Chairman
Michelle Perry Commissioner
Sydney Evans Commissioner
Jim Grantner Commissioner

Absent:

Also Present: Ken Ahrens Deputy City Manager
Jalynn Dominguez Open Meetings Act Manager
Stephan Brown Compliance Clerk
Angeline Maxwell Citizen

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0:00:59 **1. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Roll was called, confirming the presence of a quorum.

0:01:24 **2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 9, 2026**

0:01:30 **MOTION**

The motion was made by Commissioner Grantner and seconded by Commissioner Evans to approve the meeting minutes from March 9, 2026

0:01:34 **VOTE**

The vote was as follows: Yes – Crocket, Perry, Evans, Grantner; No - None; Absent – None; the motion carried

0:02:04 **3. REPORT OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

0:02:08 **A. Financials – February 2026**

Sandy Gonzalez reviewed the February Financials for the Solid Waste Department.

0:03:41 **B. Solid Waste – March 2026**

Mr. Abell reported that the monthly report has not yet been completed, as staff are awaiting updated information from the landfill. He explained that ten trucks have gone out of service within the past three weeks due to a compaction-related issue. He said of the 44 trucks in the current fleet, more than 20 are out of service. **Mr. Abell** noted that several of the affected trucks remain under warranty and must be sent to Albuquerque, El Paso, or Hobbs for repairs. **Chairman Crocket** asked whether trucks not requiring

out-of-town service could be repaired locally through contract providers. **Mr. Abell** responded that efforts have been made to engage local contractors, but no shops in the area are currently willing to service the trash trucks. He added that he is working on plans for a tipping station and that an engineer has been preparing drawings for board review, which are expected to be available no later than July.

0:14:00 **4. SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE REVIEW AND REVISION STATUS UPDATE**

Chairman Crockett noted that the Ordinance includes numerous revisions. **Mr. Abell** explained that the board may request the City to conduct a new rate analysis, after which updated rates could be presented to the Commission. **Commissioner Perry** agreed that revisions are necessary. **Mrs. Gonzalez** asked whether the discussion pertained to the current trash rates. **Chairman Crockett** said yes. **Mrs. Gonzalez** said the rates are increased each October. **Commissioner Perry** stated the Ordinance still references July 2011, making it outdated, and recommended updating it with more current information. **Commissioner Perry** asked about the availability of public receptacles in Carlsbad. **Mr. Abell** said public receptacles exist, explaining that the City provides community roll-off containers that are rotated among locations rather than permanently placed. **Mrs. Gonzalez** asked whether public receptacles existed before the establishment of the convenience station. **Mr. Abell** said yes. **Commissioner Grantner** stated that he had been involved in drafting the Ordinance in 2011, noting that the goal at the time was to implement a system that would remain financially sustainable. He added that, since funding has been successfully maintained, it is now appropriate to revisit the rates and evaluate potential adjustments. **Chairman Crockett** asked how such changes would be initiated. **Mr. Ahrens** explained that the board would make a recommendation to the City. **Commissioner Perry** stated that the grappler service portion of the Ordinance requires placing items in the alley and that it will be serviced, but that is not how this process works anymore, and needs to be amended.

0:35:37 **5. EDDY COUNTY LANDFILL UPDATE**

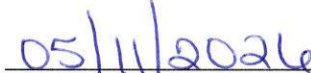
Mr. Abell reported that he recently met with Hazer Archer, Eddy County, who indicated they plan to present the landfill budget to the County Commission. He added that this information has been shared with City Manager Wendy Austin. **Chairman Crockett** noted that landfill representatives have invited the Board of Solid Waste Commissioners to tour the facility.

0:40:12 **Adjournment**

With no further business, Chairman Crockett declared the meeting adjourned at 4:09 P.M.



Susan Crockett, Chairman



Date