

**THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting scheduled for: **Wednesday, May 10, 2017**
Historical Courthouse / Commissioners Conference Room –
5:00 p.m.

Committee Members: Hershel Ansley, Chairman
Phillip Brown
Zippy Vonier

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from March 22, 2017 Solid Waste Committee meeting
2. Riverwood site (see plat on page 5 and notes page)
3. Commercial Enterprise

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING
OFFICIAL MINUTES
Historical Courthouse Annex
March 22, 2017**

Committee Members in attendance: Herschel Ansley, Phillip Brown, Zippy Vonier

Other board members present: Ken Hickey, Wiley Grady, Merrill Baker, Mark NeSmith

Board members not present: Moses Gross

Staff present: Twink Monahan, Mike Stephenson, Tony Wooten, Angela Jones

Media present: None

Others present: Beckey Malphus and Chandler Giddes representing the Humane Society

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Brown.

Approve Minutes from October 26, 2016 meeting

On motion made by Phillip Brown, seconded by Zippy Vonier, approved the minutes from the October 26, 2016 Solid Waste Committee Meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Humane Society and cats at our sites

Beckey Malphus and Chandler Giddes discussed a pilot program they would like to start called "Return to Field" initiative program or "RTF".

This program will feed, spay, neuter, provide necessary vaccine shots, and clip an ear (a way to identify a cat that has received these medical services) to feral, also known as "community cats" to prevent breeding and reduce the number of "community cats" in the County. They are asking the Board of Commissioners to consider this program at our manned solid waste collection sites, since there seems to be community cat problems at these sites. The cats would be trapped, taken to the Humane Society and given the necessary medical services, then returned to the collection sites. The Humane Society would have certified, trained, designated people that would come by every day and feed the cats. No one else could feed the cats.

The Humane Society is asking that the collection site managers contact the Humane Society if new cats show up, if someone other than the Humane Society's designated person tries to feed them, or if a "community cat" becomes friendly, thus adoptable, or if there is a new litter.

After a lengthy discussion, County Manager Mike Stephenson asked if the Humane Society would be interested in a public hearing that would give them an opportunity to educate the public on this program. Mr. Stephenson also stated he wanted to turn the information over to County Attorney Bruce Warren for his input on liabilities and what action the County would have ordinance wise if it was decided to try this pilot program. Mr. Wooten added that he would like to see the Humane Society letters sent out to property owners in close proximity of the collection sites advising them of this public hearing.

The public hearing date was set for Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Preliminary Riverwood Site expansion plans for manning site

Mr. Wooten advised the Committee that the septic system will have to be located north of the site near the store and it will need to be elevated out of the flood plain. The floor level of the building will be one (1) foot higher than the ground level of the site. He wants to build the house with concrete block for easy clean up in case it does flood. Mr. Wooten will contact Bill Eddings with Building Inspection to finalize whether the building has to meet ADA requirements. Mr. Wooten is ready to proceed with the bid process for the well and septic system. Mr. Wooten also wants to add a drive thru road/driveway, but feels that will cost more money than what is budgeted this year. This item will be addressed after the guard house is completed.

On motion made by Commissioner Vonier, seconded by Commissioner Brown, approve the plan so that the purchasing process for the well and septic system can proceed. Motion unanimously approved.

General repairs/painting, landscaping needed at the Boston site

Mr. Wooten advised the Committee that some general repairs need to be made at the Boston site that include painting, repair of rotten wood on the building itself, repair of the drip irrigation and replace the dead Loropetalums on the US 84 side. Mr. Stephenson reminded Mr. Wooten he can request up to \$1,000 purchases.

Purchase of 4 – 20 yard roll off containers – as approved in the 2017 budget

Mr. Wooten advised the Committee he has no spare 20 yard containers and will submit to purchasing his bid for four (4), as approved in the 2017 sanitation budget.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

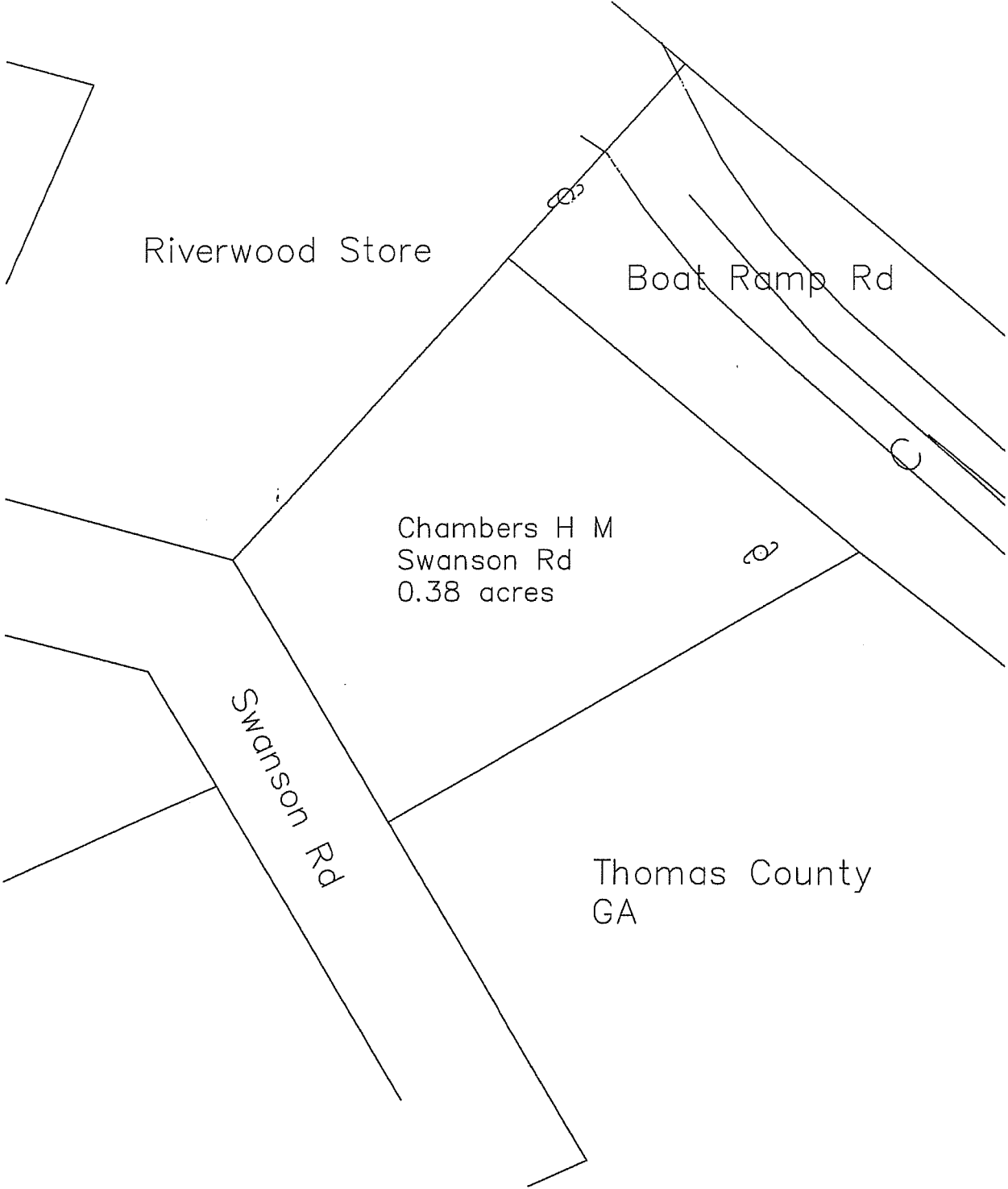
Committee Chairman Approval:

Angela Jones
Public Works Office Manager
Chairman

Hershel Ansley
Solid Waste Committee

Date _____

Date _____



Riverwood Store

Boat Ramp Rd

Chambers H M
Swanson Rd
0.38 acres

Swanson Rd

Thomas County
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AGENDA NOTES

2. Riverwood Site

Mr. Wooten has talked with the owner of the lot adjoining our collection site. Mr. Chambers has made an offer of \$2,500 for the County to purchase. This is the only location that the septic system can be placed.