

October 9,2003

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Re: Future Financing for the Solid Waste Department

Following a lengthy discussion at our regular monthly meeting on Sept. 29, 2003, our committee passed the resolution below for your comments and consideration. We realize that there are many possible combinations of these suggestions and that the task of designing and implementing a new formula will require considerable effort. However, to continue to struggle with what has proven to be an unworkable formula is to neglect our responsibility to offer our suggestions and possible options to the Board.

We assure you that we remain resolved in our willingness to cooperate in this effort to find a workable solution.

Respectfully submitted,

George Post, for SWAC

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Recommendation

September 29, 2003

Solid Waste Department Financing

Whereas the purpose of Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) is to recommend appropriate public policy regarding solid waste to the BOCC and,

Whereas after years of discussion, presentations and work sessions it has become obvious to this committee that the current solid waste financial formula does not and will not provide adequate funds to meet the capital and operational needs of the Solid Waste Department and,

Whereas there seems to be no funding plan that is being considered that will solve this long-term problem,

Now therefore, SWAC does hereby recommend that the BOCC take immediate action to provide a sustainable funding formula for the Solid Waste Department. We recommend that such a formula consider and include the

following elements:

1. A property parcel assessment to pay for capital expenses and the long-term debt.
2. The use of tipping fees and an excise tax to pay for operational expenses.
3. Creation of a reserve fund.