



The recent recommendation to award an exclusive contract for the County's Waste & Recycle Collection service has resulted in some of the County's residents having questions about the new provider and selection process. I hope to answer most of those questions with a brief summary of the waste collection history, how the recent Request for Proposals was drafted and the selection process that led to a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to award the new waste and recyclable collection contract to RAD Curbside.

In 2004, Teton County entered into an exclusive 10 year contract with Voorhees Sanitation for curbside waste collection. The Voorhees contract expired in September of 2014. With the contract nearing its expiration date, the Commissioners began discussing the County's options for a new contract in 2013. As a part of those efforts, County Commissioners held a work session in November of 2014. The result of that meeting was a request that the Public Works Director coordinate a procurement committee to discuss and prepare recommended language for a waste and recyclables request for proposal and waste & recyclable collection contract.

A procurement committee was formed consisting of 10 residents we felt was a good representation of Teton Valley. The first order of business for the committee was to develop waste & recyclable goals. Once the goals were agreed upon and documented, the committee proceeded to write a request for proposal. In order to prepare the recommended documents, the committee needed to understand the benefits and differences between exclusive and non-exclusive contracts. It was decided that an exclusive contract would best benefit the County through providing more control of how waste and recyclables were collected, minimizing the impact to residents and county infrastructure. The procurement committee met 5 times between 12/2014 and 4/2015.

A waste & recyclable request for proposals was presented to commissioners at the May 20, 2015 BoCC meeting. Additional information provided included waste collection goals and a draft contract agreement. The Board approved the documents and instructed us to proceed to solicit proposals for waste and recyclable curbside service. The request for proposals was posted on the County web site and advertised in the Teton Valley News, the Jackson Hole News and Guide and the Idaho Falls Post Register. Two proposals were received; Voorhees Sanitation and RAD Curbside submitted proposals.

The request for proposal stated that a committee of 3 to 5 people would score and evaluate the proposals. A committee of 5 was selected to evaluate the proposals. Prior to distribution of the proposals, a rubric was created for evaluating the proposals. Considerations included cost to the public, service options, diversion plan and goals, and other factors related to the procurement committee goals established. Once the rubric was agreed on by the selection committee, proposals were distributed for evaluation. Results of the selection committee were compiled and presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the July 27, 2015 BoCC meeting. Commissioners acted on the recommendation to enter into a 7 year exclusive contract with RAD Curbside.

The county is currently refining the Waste & Recyclable Collection Contract with RAD Curbside. RAD is scheduled to begin offering curbside waste & recycle collection on November 1, 2015. As a part of their transition plan, RAD will be sending out information packets and posting collection services offered on their web page: <http://radcurbside.com/>.

Feel free to stop by my office in the Courthouse if you have any Public Works questions or concerns. My contact information can also be obtained from the County Web site.