MINUTES
Solid Waste Board
Sumner County Administration Building
Room 112
July 28, 2026

Members Present:
Josh Cross
Chris Taylor
Ada Neilson
Michael Farino

Rebecca Caldwell
LeeAnn Bristol, minute taker

Chairman Chris Taylor called the meeting at 3:15 PM

Approval of Agenda:

- Chairman Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda, approved by Josh Cross, second by Mike Farino Motion of the agenda passed.

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion to approve the May and June 2026 Minutes made by Chairman Taylor, approved by Josh Cross, second by Michael Farino. Motion of the minutes passed.

- Chairman Taylor spoke about the 20 year plan, commercial/industrial waste recycling and residential land waste.
- Rail infrastructure
- Residential recycling has fewer opportunities than commercial needs drop off sites
- Mr Taylor spoke with Clay Ezell of compost, (food waste) have a pilot with the Davidson County Schools

- Reach out to the schools to see if they do a pilot with Sumner County Schools, by diverting 30% of school waste (food) reduce hauling frequency and cut overall cost, which is what Ashland city does.
- Several New York municipalities shred brush/limbs in-house into mulch/wood chips offering free resident pick up or a delivery fee
- A well equipped wood shredding operation cost roughly 1 million to set up
- Hville public works collects wood waste with own trucks,gallatin hauls wood waste to Waste Management site near Steam Plant Road
- Treated or painted wood is excluded from recycling due to lead/arsenate
- Jails, restaurants, hospitals generate enough food waste
- Glass recycling, is complicated due to cleanliness requirements. Glass can be recycled 2-3 times and typically only 20% can go back into glass manufacturing.
- Glass can no longer be used in asphalt focus is crushing back to sand
- Gallatin previously operated a glass pulverizer
- Hville & Gallatin engineering departments may have small infrastructure projects where pulverized tumbled glass could be directly used.
- A crushing operation capable of 300-500 tons in a 8 hour day caost approximately 1.3 million
- Residential household perspective plastic and cardboard are the dominant waste streams by volume glass is a very small fraction
- Electronics and other specialty waste were briefly mentioned as candidates for drop-off stations
- Toby Ellis will be asked to speak at next meeting.

Adjourn by Chairman Taylor,
345 PM

Minutes approved by Chairman Taylor _____

Next Meeting August 25, 20