



**MOTION** by Ted Westmeier and **SUPPORT** by Don Tinson to approve the following funding.

Genoa Township - \$2,000.00  
Deerfield Township - \$3,192.50  
Recycle Livingston - \$2,000.00  
Tyrone Township - \$1,250.00  
Oceola Township - \$2,259.05  
Handy Township - \$830.50  
Unadilla Township - \$2,000.00  
City of Howell - \$5,000.00

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 3

b. Verbal Update of Revising Program

Jennifer explained that she is still working on revising the program to make the application process easier and to encourage organizations to develop new programs while not discouraging the clean-up events.

**6. Household Hazardous Waste Program**

a. Second Collection Event - October 6, 2001, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Jennifer explained that Rich Andersen, the Commissioner liaison to the Solid Waste Program, reported to the Board of Commissioners that we were interested in seeking outside funds to hold a second HHW collection this year. The response from the Board was unanimous - they did not want to ask for money from other organizations so long as we still had money in the County general fund that could be transferred and used for a second HHW collection. Therefore, the Board of Commissioners approved a resolution to transfer money into the Solid Waste budget - bringing the total available funds for the second event to approximately \$18,000.

Jennifer explained that the second collection event was held at the County Elementary School in Hamburg Township, which was a suggestion by Howard Dillman, the supervisor of Hamburg Township. Approximately 215 cars came to the collection. Jennifer indicated that not as much material was collected as was in the first event this year, but it was still highly successful. No other statistics are available at this time.

b. MDEQ CMI Grant Program - Copy of Award Letter from the MDEQ

Jennifer explained that the county was awarded the HHW grant to establish a permanent collection center. Jennifer indicated that we received \$85,000 and will be committed to holding 6 collections per year. Steve Dawdy asked if enough money was available in the budget for next year to hold 6 collections. Jennifer stated that some of the disposal costs will be paid for by the grant and the county will have to pick up the rest. Jennifer indicated that a location has not been determined but three locations are being considered - former Road Commission property, Livingston County East Complex, and Recycle Livingston property.

**7. Mercury Thermometer Exchange**

- a. Report on Success of September 8, 2001 Exchange - Copy of Statistics
- b. Report on Success of September 26, 2001 Exchange - Verbal Report

Jennifer explained that 500 digital thermometers were purchased and distributed between two thermometer exchange events held at McPherson Hospital and Woodland Medical Center. McPherson Hospital provided excellent advertising for the events including flyers, posters and the McPherson Minute on WHMI. Approximately 650 households participated in the two events and just over 1,100 mercury containing items were collected. Jennifer indicated that we ran out of thermometers at both events and there was some negative reaction at the second exchange event. In response to the negative reaction and the overwhelming response that we received, McPherson purchased an ad and 250 digital thermometers to pass out for free.

**8. County Wide Ink Cartridge Recycling Program**

a. Verbal Update

Jennifer explained that the Board of Commissioners recently approved a county-wide program to recycle ink cartridges from printers. Jennifer explained that the program is free, and that we may actually earn money by participating - the county will receive \$1.00 for each acceptable, undamaged cartridge received (54 different types of cartridges are considered acceptable).

Jennifer stated that to date, approximately 25 cartridges have been mailed in with approximately 12 being acceptable.

**9. Illegal Dumping Task Force**

a. Verbal Update of meeting with Prosecutor David Morse and Commissioner David Reader

Steve Dawdy explained that as a result of the last meeting, he contacted Sheriff Don Homan to inquire about resources that may be available to target illegal dumpers, to find out if they are pursued and how. Sheriff Homan indicated that the Sheriff's Department can seek illegal dumpers, but it is up to the Prosecutor's Office and the Courts to punish the offenders. Therefore, Steve Dawdy contacted David Reader and David Morse to try to set up a meeting to discuss illegal dumping issues. Steve said that Mr. Morse was very receptive to any ideas that we may have. Steve indicated that, according to Mr. Morse, illegal dumping cases are taken very seriously and are prosecuted, however, the courts have the authority to punish with probation, community service, a fine, jail time or one or more of those.

Jennifer added that Mr. Morse said a letter from the Solid Waste Management Committee stating that illegal dumping is a problem in the county and offenders should be punished would help in these cases. Terry Wilson asked if there were any statistics or pictures to show that illegal dumping is a problem. Jennifer said that she contacted all municipalities to inquire about illegal dumping. Terry asked if Jennifer could send a letter to all municipalities asking them to quantify the cost and identify common dumping locations which may help before we draft a letter to the Prosecutor. Jennifer said that would not be a problem.

**10. Website**

a. Verbal Update - all pages are finished except Waste Reduction and HHW

Jennifer basically said that the website is still under construction but a majority of the pages are finished. Terry asked if municipalities could link the site to their website. Jennifer stated that the Village of Pinckney and Marion Township have already placed a link on their website to the Solid Waste website.

