

WORKSHOP

April 20, 1987

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, met in a workshop on April 20, 1987, at 9:00 A.M.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman Sam Pridgen, Vice-Chairman Joe Griffin, Commissioner W. F. Miles and Commissioner Derward Owens. Commissioner Raymond Hall arrived after the workshop had begun.

Mr. Dewey Wilson presented a survey showing the approximate amount of garbage that was delivered to the County Landfill from the City of DeFuniak Springs and the County dumpsters within a one week time period. After the presentation by Mr. Wilson, Chairman Pridgen opened the floor for discussion.

Mr. Bill Mixon, property owner in Walton County, asked if the survey was a statistical survey. Mr. Wilson advised that it is and that the survey was averaged out over a one year time period.

Mr. Mike Standley, DeFuniak Springs City Manager, advised that he does not believe that the survey is correct. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Griffin stated that perhaps the only other way to charge a fee would be by the weight. Commissioner Griffin advised that by this method the City could actually pay more. Commissioner Griffin further stated that he believes the survey is fair and that to him it is actually figured low; therefore, the City is probably getting a break.

Mr. Dewey Wilson advised the audience that he had been working on this issue for approximately a year. He has looked at other counties' methods of operation and charges; in comparison the charges that Walton County wants to institute are low. Discussion followed.

Mr. John A. McDonald, Mayor of DeFuniak Springs, presented questions to the Board concerning the residents of DeFuniak Springs paying more than unincorporated residents and the possible problem of residents disposing of their garbage on the roadways or in the woods. Discussion followed.

Mr. Wilson advised that a dumpster will hold about 200 bags of loose garbage, approximately 20 yards, which would raise \$50.00. The

City of DeFuniak Springs would be charged \$55.00 for 20 yards of compacted garbage.

Mr. Clayton Adkinson, Attorney for DeFuniak Springs, repeatedly stated that the City Council feels that the residents of the city are being discriminated against and that the City Council opposes the institution of the landfill tipping fees.

The Board and the City were unable to compromise on the issue. The Board asked the City to reevaluate their garbage service to its residents.

The Board began the workshop concerning the operation of the Ferry at 9:50 A.M. Commissioner Hall was absent at the beginning of the workshop.

Commissioner Griffin suggested that the Board advertise for three positions. Each employee would work forty hours a week at a pay rate of \$4.50 per hour, plus medical insurance and retirement benefits. Therefore, the ferry would be run on a set schedule rather than a continuous twenty-four hour service. In case of emergencies, one of the three employees will live in the trailer at the ferry site and will also be responsible for all County equipment located at the site. The rent of the trailer will be free but all other utility costs will be paid by the employee himself.

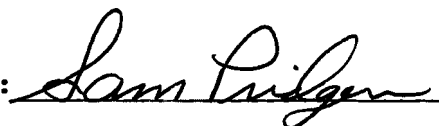
Mr. Adell Gauthier, present ferry operator, stated that the operation of the ferry is currently adequate to meet the needs of the ferry users.

Commissioner Owens agreed with Commissioner Griffin's suggestion.

Commissioner Miles commented that Mr. Dewey Wilson should take the suggestion of Commissioner Griffin and work up an annual cost estimate and report his findings to the Board at the meeting on April 28, 1987.

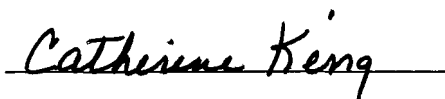
Motion by Commissioner Miles, second by Commissioner Griffin, to adjourn. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Owens Aye, Hall Aye, Miles Aye, Griffin Aye, Pridgen Aye.

APPROVED:



Sam Pridgen, Chairman

ATTEST:



Catherine King, Clerk