

WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 31, 1994

The Board of County Commissioners, along with the City of Freeport, DeFuniak Springs, and Paxton Council Members held a special workshop on Monday, October 31, 1994, at 7:00 P.M., in the Courtroom of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following members were present: Board of County Commissioners Chairman Gordon Porter, Commissioner Sam Pridgen, Commissioner Charles C. Harris, Commissioner Johnnie Moore, County Attorney George R. Miller, DeFuniak Springs City Manager Mike Stanley, DeFuniak Springs City Councilman Mark Anderson, DeFuniak Springs City Councilman Mac Work, DeFuniak Springs City Councilman A.O. Campbell, DeFuniak Springs City Councilwoman Opal Davidson, DeFuniak Springs City Councilwoman Barbara Dykman, DeFuniak Springs City Clerk Dorothy Donald, DeFuniak Springs and Freeport City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, DeFuniak Springs Mayor Harley Henderson, Freeport City Councilman Earl King, Freeport City Councilman Tony Buxton, Freeport City Councilman Ray Caswell, Paxton Mayor Tommy Mathis, Jr., Freeport City Clerk Liebe Rice, Sara Bleakley, representing Nabors, Giblin and Nickerson, P.A., and County Administrator Ronnie E. Bell.

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order.

Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, advised the members that the anticipated revenue to be collected as a result of the one cent small county surtax is as follows:

\$2,502,142.00	to the County
\$ 477,858.00	to the City of DeFuniak Springs
\$ 78,780.00	to the City of Freeport
<u>\$ 52,883.00</u>	to the City of Paxton
\$3,111,662.00	total

Mr. Bell advised that the anticipated cost for residential house to house garbage collection equals \$1,465,230.00 per year. The cost to operate the landfill and for disposal costs approximately \$1,111,053.00, totaling \$2,576,283.00 for operation of the landfill and providing house to house garbage pick-up to all residents within Walton County. Mr. Bell stated that there are approximately 16,000 residents in Walton County.

The Board of County Commissioners suggested that the City of DeFuniak Springs, Paxton, and Freeport turn over their portion of the revenue received from the surtax to the County, the County eliminate the tipping fees and provide house to house garbage collection to all residents.

The Board of County Commissioners stated that the main goal was to eliminate the green boxes within the county.

The City of DeFuniak Springs Council Members voiced their concerns with commercial garbage collection and fees.

City Councilwoman Davidson suggested to include commercial with the residential bid for garbage collection.

Chairman Porter stated that with the MSBU method, the green boxes can not be eliminated, but with the surtax the green boxes can be removed and house to house residential garbage collection is possible.

Mike Stanley, City Manager, discussed yard waste and the City's composting program.

Commissioner Harris stated that if all revenue received from the surtax was used for garbage only, he feels there would be no problem.

The DeFuniak Springs City Council Members suggested that the County eliminate the tipping fees, distribute the appropriate percentage of revenues received from the surtax to the three Cities and provide house to house garbage pick-up to all residents within Walton County. If the City of DeFuniak Springs continued to provide garbage collection, the cost would be reduced to charge for pick-up only.

Chairman Porter stated that if the county provides garbage collection and eliminates the tipping fee, the Cities should not receive the percentage of revenue from the surtax as well.

Leroy Day, owner of Dayco, suggested to treat the City of DeFuniak Springs as a contractor similar to Dayco and Environmental Waste Systems. The contractors will charge for pick-up only and reduce their fee, not charging for disposal.

All City Council Members agreed that a written proposal needs to be submitted for review.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Gordon Porter, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Catherine King, Clerk