

Our Readers Write

Editor:

In order that all the facts might be known about my recent resignation as a County Commissioner, the following is submitted:

My resignation as a Washington County Commissioner came about after I could see that there was no way to convince my two fellow commissioners that the County Fair had to be moved from Hurricane to St. George.

If there were adequate facilities available to house a growing county fair, I would have supported leaving the fair in Hurricane, unfortunately there are no facilities in that city at the present time, other than the High School, in which a fair can be held. This building will not be available after 1988 in that the School Board has asked that the fair be moved from that facility by that date.

However, starting next year (1987) the Dixie Center, a facility owned by the College, the County and the Cities in the county, excluding five communities which refused to join the Special Service District that was created to fund and build the Center, will be available for use and have more than enough space to house all segments of a County Fair for years to come.

Hurricane City would like a commitment from the County to keep the fair in Hurricane and fund it at its present level of \$48,000 for five years. Based on this budget, Hurricane City would assume all responsibility for the fair and has projected a budget for next year of approximately \$10,000, using the remaining money (\$38,000 plus approximately \$15,000 in revenue generated by the fair), to start a building fund. That City also asked that certain properties belonging to the County be given to the City to use as additional revenue, when sold, to enlarge the fund to build such a fair complex.

Hurricane City by the way, was one of the few communities that refused to support the Dixie Center. That City is not a part of the Dixie Center Special Service District nor are the residents thereof taxed to pay for the Center.

With the taxpayers of most of Washington County already digging into their pockets to pay for the Dixie Center, I cannot understand why a group of people would be so selfish as to insist that the

county taxpayers lay out additional tax dollars to build a fair complex in Hurricane.

Because I could not and would not support a building program to house a County Fair in Hurricane, I tendered my resignation as a County Commissioner 11 September 1986.

Taxpayers, if you support the stand I have taken on this matter, I suggest you contact Commissioner Lewis and Commissioner Whitney and make your feelings known.

It has been my pleasure to serve the residents and taxpayers of Washington County for the past five years eight months and eleven days, and I look forward to a continued close association in the days to come.

Kurt L. Young