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# Wright does not want unit system

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Democratic District 2 Walker County Commission candidate Dan Wright said he does not want to see a unit system in the county and criticized Republicans as not wanting "to listen to anybody else's group."

"I've worked for a unit system. The unit system works for the wealthy. It doesn't work for all the people," he told a Democratic Party rally Tuesday, in advance of the Nov. 4 general election.

He said the district office also needs to stay in Carbon Hill.

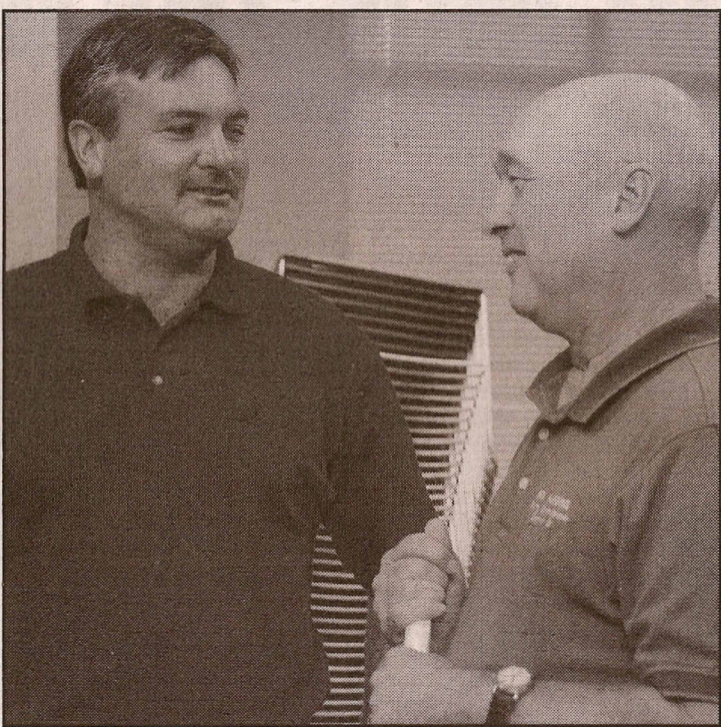
"I read in the paper, and it upset me, that the person running against me (Republican Sandy Grace Pennington) would like to move it to a central location. I'm not for that and I will fight that if I get elected," Wright said.

"The county is so big that the districts have to be separated like this in order to get the job done that the county needs," he said. "Jasper is together. We're all in one place. We wear stuff out running back and forth across town. But over the years I've seen too much stuff go neglected with people over here that needs help to run over here and do stuff for other people."

Wright, who wants to replace the retiring Larry Farris, said that he would work for everyone equally, except for giving priority to dangerous situations.

"I'm going to treat everybody the same. That's the way I want to be treated," he said.

Pennington said in August



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*District 2 Walker County Commission candidate Dan Wright, left, speaks with District 3 Commissioner Ben Huggins at the recent Walker County Democratic Party rally in Jasper.*

she favors looking into a countywide road department supervised by a qualified engineer, consolidating the current district road departments into one unit. She said that would eliminate four equipment inventories and needless duplication which costs taxpayers money, she said. In this department could have specialized crews, such as a bridge crew, paving crew or litter crew.

Wright on Tuesday thanked the other current members of the commission and county Treasurer Jean Franklin for answering questions that he has had.

Franklin "has taught me more about the county," he said. "If I don't get elected, I don't know what I'm going to do with all this information. I've read law books. I know where the money goes, what it goes to and what I can do with it."

"When I go into this, I'm not going to say, 'Somebody do this for me.' I'll want to do the job. I want to do it myself," he said.

He said he wants to work with all the elected officials and for them to work with him.

Wright said he has been serving on the grand jury for

some time this year, but he said the experience "has really opened my eyes to what Walker County needs."

"I'm going to devote everything I've got and all the authority I have to give back to the people who've given me what they've given me — their vote," Wright said.

Wright, who has worked with the city of Jasper for nearly 19 years, said he was at first unsure of himself when he first entered the race, "but now I'm sure of it."

"The thing I want to see is better roads and bridges in District 2 and maintain what we've got," he said.

Wright said the primaries gave people a choice.

"Now you have a decision," Wright said. "The decision we need is a Democratic decision. We don't need the Republicans — I shouldn't be saying that, because there are some good people out there, but anytime you have a group that wants the same thing and they don't want to listen to anybody else's group — and I deal with the Republicans on a day-to-day basis. They eat at my restaurant."

"There is no discussing with them. They want all the money together. They don't want to put it out there. I am for keeping the district separate. I want each district to fix what they need to fix," he said.

"We don't need one engineer running the whole county, and if we do it needs to be the engineer that we have (county engineer David Edgil). There was a statement made in the paper that we could hire an engineer that could handle this. We have an engineer," he said.

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