

The Honorable Columbus County Board of Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 P.M., August 30, 1989, in accordance with a called meeting by the Chairman.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman

Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd, Vice Chairman

Junior Dew

Lynwood Norris

Ed Worley

James E. Hill, Jr.  
County Attorney

Roy L. Lowe  
Administrator

Ida L. Smith  
Clerk to the Board

The Chairman called the meeting to order and Commissioner Ed Worley gave the invocation.

**VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUADS AND PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES**

The Chairman stated the purpose of the special called meeting is to discuss with volunteer rescue squads and owners of private ambulance services the problems involving transportation of indigent patients.

The County Commissioners advised the Administrator to cease monthly payments to the two private ambulance services effective July 1, 1989 because they failed to comply with their existing contracts which required them to submit monthly reports to the County Administrator before payment is made.

The Chairman requested that each person wanting to speak, to first state their name.

Frank Carroll stated that the primary reason for the meeting is that the two private ambulance services have stopped transporting patients to out-of-county hospitals or indigent patients from convalescent centers or homes to the hospital when it is not an emergency situation. The Volunteer Rescue Squads do not have the money or manpower to transport patients unless it is an emergency situation.

J. L. Stanley, owner and operator of Columbus County E.M.S., stated that at the beginning of the contract, that he was told by the previous administration that submitting reports once a year would be acceptable.

Ervin Jacobs, representing Medical Alert Transport Service, Incorporated, stated that his firm had neglected in presenting the reports to the administrative office as the contract states.

Commissioner Koonce stated that the County needs proper documentation in order for checks to be disbursed monthly.

Both ambulance services stated they have no problem in presenting documentation on a monthly basis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed unanimously to pay Columbus County E.M.S. and Medical Alert Services for

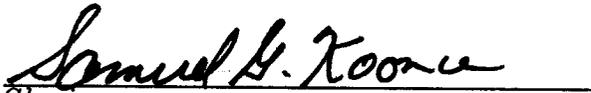
the months of July and August, 1989, upon them presenting reports for July and August to the Columbus County Administrative Office.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Byrd and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

APPROVED:

  
Clerk to the Board

  
Chairman