The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met at the North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department, at 7:00 P.M., February 16, 1993, for the purpose of holding a public hearing to consider a tax rate for the established North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department Fire Service District.

> BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman Mike Richardson, Vice Chairman A. Dial Gray, III Sammie Jacobs C. W. Williams Ed Worley

> > James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney Roy L. Lowe, Administrator Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

ABSENT:

Lynwood Norris

There were approximately 101 residents of the proposed North Whiteville Fire Service District present.

Chairman Koonce called the public hearing to order and Commissioner Williams gave the invocation.

The Chairman stated the purpose of the public hearing is to consider setting a tax rate for the established North Whiteville Fire District.

Chairman Koonce stated that each person wishing to speak to be recognized by raising their hand and stating their name.

The Chairman turned the meeting over to Kimbell Brock, the North Whiteville Fire Department Board Chairman.

Mr. Brock welcomed everyone present and stated that the North Whiteville Fire Department is requesting a five-cents (\$.05) tax levy on \$100.00 property valuation. A five-cents (\$.05) tax levy will generate approximately \$34,216.00 dollars.

The following persons made comments in reference to the proposed five-cents (\$.05) tax levy for the North Whiteville Fire District.

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Henry Fisher Lorraine Jackson Bill Friedman Bobbie Dickens Butch Pope Herbert White W.B. Robinson Pearl Friedman Tony Weavil Brownie Gurkin Martin Benton Willie (Bill) Meadows Betty Oliver

There being no further comments, the Chairman requested a vote from the persons in favor of and/or opposed to the proposed tax rate for the North Whiteville Fire District.

> FOR: 47 AGAINST: 54

A motion was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs and passed unanimously to adjourn the public hearing at 7:55 P.M.

APPROVED:

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Clerk to Board

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Chairman