

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met at the Williams Township Volunteer Fire Department building at 7:30 P.M., June 15, 1989, to hold a public hearing on the Proposed Williams Township Fire Service District.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Samuel G. Koonce, Chairman
 Giles E. (Buddy) Byrd, Vice Chairman
 Lynwood Norris

James E. Hill, Jr.
 County Attorney

Ida L. Smith
 Clerk to the Board

ABSENT:

Junior Dew
 Ed Worley

Roy L. Lowe
 Administrator

There were approximately thirty (30) residents of the Fire District present.

The public hearing was called to order by Chairman Koonce and the invocation was given by John Wayne Hardwick.

The Chairman stated the purpose of the hearing is to consider definition of a fire protection service district in the area of Columbus County known as the Williams Township Rural Fire Insurance Rated District. If the district is defined, property therein will be subject to taxation as necessary to finance the proposed service.

Chairman Koonce turned the meeting over to William Hannah, the Fire Chief for the District.

Chief Hannah welcomed everyone present and then demonstrated the needs of the fire district and requested any comments or questions concerning the proposal from anyone in attendance by being recognized and stating their name.

The following persons spoke concerning the proposal:

Horry Watts
 John Wayne Hardwick
 Ruby Hinson
 Lee Croom
 O'Neal Watts

There being no further comments, the Chairman requested a vote on the different tax rates mentioned during the comments:

.09¢ tax rate - 6
 .07¢ tax rate - 3
 .05¢ tax rate - 5

The Chairman then requested a vote in favor of or against establishing a Fire Tax District.

Voting For: 7

Voting Against: 6

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

APPROVED:

Ida L. Smith
 Clerk to the Board

Samuel G. Koonce
 Chairman