

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met at the Tabor City Rescue Squad Building, Tabor City, NC, at 7:30 P.M., May 12, 1992, to hold a public hearing on the proposed Tabor City Volunteer Rescue and Ambulance Service District.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Worley, Chairman

Junior Dew, Vice Chairman

Lynwood Norris

Samuel G. Koonce

Mike Richardson

Roy L. Lowe, Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

ABSENT:

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney

The Board of Directors of the Tabor City Rescue Squad were present. Mr. J. Howard Stanley was appointed by the Board of Directors to act as spokesman.

There were approximately seventy-five (75) residents of the proposed Tabor City Volunteer Rescue and Ambulance Service District present.

Chairman Worley called the public hearing to order and the Reverend Ralph Meares gave the invocation with a mini sermon on the "Good Samaritan."

The Chairman stated the purpose of the public hearing is to consider definition of a rescue district in the area of Columbus County known as the Tabor City Volunteer Rescue and Ambulance Service District. If the district is defined, property therein will be subject to a taxation as necessary to finance the proposed service district.

Chairman Worley stated that each person wishing to speak to be recognized by raising their hand, stating their name and address. The Chairman further stated that at the end of the hearing a straw vote will be taken for those persons in favor of and/or against the proposed district.

The Chairman turned the meeting over to Mr. J. Howard Stanley.

Mr. Stanley welcomed everyone present and stated that the Tabor City Rescue Squad is requesting a three-cents (\$.03) tax levy on \$100.00 property valuation. This amount of tax will generate approximately \$56,400.00 per year needed by the Tabor City Volunteer Rescue and Ambulance Service District to meet expenses of hiring three (3) persons to provide for paid daytime emergency medical and rescue needs of the people in the proposed district.

The following persons made comments in reference to the proposed rescue district:

Dr. Steve Grubb, Tabor City, NC

Lofton Cox, Route 1, Tabor City, NC

Ernest Cox, Tabor City, NC

Wanda Ward Huggins, Tabor City, NC

Bill Cox, Route 3, Tabor City, NC

Ronald Tucker, Route 2, Tabor City, NC

Vernon Gurganus, Route 1, Clarendon, NC

Davis Strickland, Cerro Gordo, NC

William Hannah, (Williams Township), Route 3, Whiteville, NC

Brady Watts, Nakina, NC

Ronnie Gore, Tabor City, NC

Janie Burton, Tabor City, NC

Olen Hobbs, no address (has property in proposed district)

There being no further comments, the Chairman requested a vote on the persons in favor of and/or opposed to the proposed Rescue Service District.

FOR: 26

AGAINST: 41

Chairman Worley declared the meeting recessed at 8:35 P.M. until 7:30 P.M., March 13, 1992, at which time the Board will reconvene to hold a public hearing at the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department.