

COLUMBUS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met at the Evergreen Elementary School, at 7:00 P.M., April 16, 1996, for the purpose of holding a public hearing to consider a fire fee for Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

C.E. "Gene" Wilson, Vice Chairman

A. Dial Gray, III

Sammie Jacobs

C.W. Williams

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Spruell R. Britt, Chairman

David L. Dutton, Jr.

Lynwood Norris

There were approximately 40 residents present from the proposed Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department.

Vice Chairman Wilson called the meeting order.

The Vice Chairman stated the purpose of the public hearing is to consider setting a fire fee for the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department.

John Jolly, representing the Evergreen Volunteer Fire District, stated that the proposed fire fee schedule as follows will generate approximately \$35,000 - \$40,000 annually.

1. A single family dwelling or manufactured home, and apartment structures, plus up to five (5) acres of surrounding land. The fees on this class property with valuation up to \$40,000 will be \$25.00. Valuation from \$40,001.00 up

will be \$50.00. The fee on this class of property will not exceed \$50.00 per site per year.

2. Unimproved land other than the five (5) acres of land classified as part of a single-family dwelling or manufactured home. The fee on this class property may not exceed two (2) cents per acre per year. The county may establish a minimum fee for unimproved land of not more than five dollars (\$5.00) per year.
3. An animal production or horticulture operation. The fee on this class of property may not exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) per site per year.
4. A commercial facility other than an animal production or horticulture operation. The fee on this class property may not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per site per year for commercial facilities with structure encompassing less than 5,000 square feet and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per site per year for commercial facilities with structures encompassing 5,000 square feet or more.
5. A multiple-family dwelling. The fee on a duplex may not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per building per year. The fee on a triplex may not exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per building per year. The fee on any other multiple-family dwelling may not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per building per year.
6. Any other class of property selected by the county. The fee on these classes of property may not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year.

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

The following persons made comments in reference to the proposed fire fee schedule for the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department.

Willie Williamson
 Pete Strickland
 Ernest Simmons
 Glenn Price
 John Jones
 Chris Faulk
 Jeannie Thompson
 Paige Benton
 John Jolly

There being no further comments, the Vice Chairman requested a vote from the persons in favor of and/or opposed to the proposed fire fee for the Evergreen Volunteer Fire District.

FOR: 33

AGAINST: 0

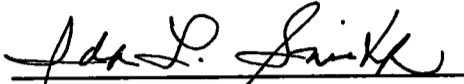
Approximately seven (7) persons in attendance did not vote for or against the

fee district.

Vice Chairman Wilson stated that the Board will take the request for the fire fee district for the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department into consideration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray, seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

APPROVED:



Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

C.E. "Gene" Wilson, Vice Chairman