

**COLUMBUS COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES**

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met at the Nakina Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Building, Nakina, N.C. at 7:00 P.M., May 19, 1998, to hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed Nakina Rescue Service Tax District.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David L. Dutton, Jr., Chairman

A. Dial Gray, III, Vice Chairman

Spruell Randolph Britt

Lynwood Norris

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring  
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sammie Jacobs

C.W. Williams

There were approximately one hundred thirty (130) persons in attendance.

**PUBLIC HEARING COMMENCED**

Chairman David L. Dutton, Jr. called the Public Hearing to order.

Chairman Dutton stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider definition of a proposed Ambulance/Rescue Tax District in the area of Columbus County known as the Nakina Rescue District. If the district is defined, property therein will be subject to taxation of \$.10 per \$100.00 of taxable property value to finance the Proposed Service District.

Chairman Dutton turned the meeting over to Brooks Gore.

Mr. Gore stated there have been several residents who have approached him regarding a tax fee district instead of a property tax district. Mr. Gore asked everyone to vote

for or against the fee district by raising their hands.

FOR TAX FEE DISTRICT: 130

FOR PROPERTY TAX DISTRICT: 0

James E. Hill, Jr., County Attorney, was questioned on the legality of changing to a fee district instead of a property tax district as the public hearing was advertised as a property tax district. Also, Attorney Hill was questioned if the Legislation that was enacted to allow Columbus County to have a Fire Tax Fee District includes Rescue Districts.

Attorney Hill stated he would have to review the bill that was introduced and Legislation passed for Columbus County to have a Fire Tax Fee District and advise the Nakina Rescue Squad of his findings.

The following persons spoke concerning the proposal:

Lela Mae Ward

Veronica Ward

James Long

Edwin Ezzell

Lawson Long

Dempsey B. Herring

Priscilla Long

Brady Watts

Brooks Gore stated the Nakina Rescue Fee has been proposed for \$30.00 per household within the district.

There being no further comments, Chairman Dutton stated, due to the large number in attendance, for those in favor and/or against to vote by signing a register provided at the front of the building. Signatures on the roster are as follows:

FOR TAX FEE DISTRICT: 57

AGAINST TAX FEE DISTRICT: 70

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Dutton adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

**APPROVED:**

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Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

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David L. Dutton, Jr., Chairman