



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 4.

DATE OF REQUEST: January 12, 2009

REQUESTED BY: Eddie King, Emergency Management Director

SHORT TITLE: Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Request

BACKGROUND: The US Department of Homeland Security has released its grant guidance for FY 2009. Funds are available on a competitive basis for the renovation and construction of Emergency Operations Centers. Nationwide, a total of \$12,357,500 is available under this program. Applications are due to the State Administrative Agency, NC Emergency Management, on February 6, 2009. Any funds received will require a 25% match by the county in either cost share cash or in-kind match.

Pender County has entered into discussions with Pender EMS and Rescue, Inc. to partner together to construct a combination EMS Station, Emergency Operations Center, and administrative office complex. If grant policies will allow, these funds could be placed toward this joint venture. If not, the design of the EOC and offices could be altered so that the building would function as a standalone facility. Preliminary construction estimates for a standalone facility meeting existing designs are just under \$1,500,000. Should a joint facility be allowed, costs could be less, and the amount of unused funds would revert to Homeland Security.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: The Board of County Commissioners is requested to grant staff the authorization to make application for this grant for the purpose of constructing a new EOC for Pender County.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.

JTS

Initial

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that

the Emergency Management Department is authorized to develop and submit an application for the FY 2009 Emergency Operations Center Grant Program requesting funds to replace the existing County EOC. The County Manager is authorized to execute any documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Tate ___ Brown ___ Blanchard ___ Rivenbark ___ Williams ___

Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman

01/21/2009
Date

ATTEST 01/21/2009
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