



**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**ITEM NO. 20.**

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 1, 2009

**REQUESTED BY:** Rick Benton, County Manager

**SHORT TITLE:** Public Hearing on Pender County Fiscal year 2009-10 Submitted Budget

**BACKGROUND:** Pender County Board of Commissioners will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m., in accordance with C.G.S. 159-12(b) for the purpose of taking comments from the public with regard to the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget, as proposed and submitted by the County Manager on May 4, 2009.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** Hold public hearing and receive public comment.

# PENDER COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## YOU ARE INVITED!!!

County Manager and the Pender County Board of Commissioners will host a "State of the County" on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the main courtroom of the Pender County Courthouse, 100 S. Wright St., Burgaw, NC 28425. A reception will follow in the lobby, allowing time for the questions of the Commissioners and the County staff. The Press and Public are invited to attend.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

June 1, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

**PENDER COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010  
SUBMITTED BUDGET:**

The County Board of Commissioners will conduct a Public Hearing on **Monday, June 1, 2009**, at 6 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the Pender County Administration Building, 805 S. Walker St., Burgaw, North Carolina in accordance with N.C.G.S. 159-12(b) for the purpose of taking comments from the public with regard to the Year 2009-10 Budget, as proposed and submitted by the County Manager on **Monday, May 4, 2009**. The proposed date for adoption of the FY 09/10 budget is **Monday, June 15, 2009**.

The General Fund budget is \$48,942,506 and represents a 1.3% decrease from the FY 08/09 budget. It provides for maintaining the current property tax rate of \$0.65 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The total for all funds is \$74,182,425, 3.9% less than the current fiscal year.

Budget and budget summaries are available in the County's Main Public Library, located at 103 S. Wright St., Burgaw, NC; the County's Branch Library, located at 17135 US Hwy 17, Hampstead, NC; the County Manager's Office, located at 805 S. Walker St., Burgaw, NC, and on the County website at [www.pender-county.com](http://www.pender-county.com).

Submitted by  
Rick Benton  
Pender County Manager

### NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CUSTOMARY MEETING TIME

NOTE THAT THE TIME OF THE JUNE 1, 2009 MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M., WITH THE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR 6 P.M. THIS CHANGE WAS MADE TO BETTER ACCOMMODATE SCHEDULES OF EMPLOYEES WHO WORK DURING THE DAYTIME HOURS AND WHO MAY WISH TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS CHANGE, PLEASE CALL THE COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE AT 910.259.1200.



**Pender County  
FY 09/10 Budget Recommendation Highlights**

- **The budget provides for funding Board of Commissioner strategies and priorities related to Economic Development, Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Development, Growth Management, Education and Quality of Life.**
- **Maintains the current property tax rate of .65 cents per \$100 value**
- **Total overall budget is \$74,182,425; 3.9% less than last year**
- **Total General Fund budget is \$48,942,506; 1.3% less than last year (\$1.25 million)**
- **Public School funding (\$14,599,690) represents 53% of total property taxes collected and nearly 30% of all general fund expenditures**
- **Projected tax base increase of 2.56% to \$4,761,905,371, but only a 95% collection rate projection**
- **Reduces CIP spending approximately 38% from FY 08/09**
- **Reduces outside agency appropriations nearly 10% from FY 08/09**
- **Provides for no employee salary increases or performance merit funds**
- **Provides for no new General Fund positions except for 3-100% grant funded positions in Public Health;**
- **Provides for 1.5 new positions in the Enterprise Fund (1 in Water/Sewer; .5 in Solid Waste)**

- **23 General Fund positions are unfunded;**
- **Provides for rate and capacity fee increases for water and sewer in the Rocky Point-Topsail Water and Sewer District only.**
- **Provides for no rate increases in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund**