



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 22.

DATE OF MEETING: September 8, 2009

REQUESTED BY: Charles Newman, Interim Emergency Management Director

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Authorizing Merging of the Town of Topsail Beach Hazard Mitigation Plan with the Pender County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

BACKGROUND: The Town of Topsail Beach has requested that their Hazard Mitigation Plan be merged with the County's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Towns of Watha, Atkinson and St. Helena are already incorporated into the County's plan. A resolution is attached for the Board's consideration that approves of this request.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To adopt a resolution approving a resolution entitled **Resolution Requesting that the County Board of Commissioners add the Town of Topsail Beach to the County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

RESOLUTION BY THE PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADD THE TOWN
OF TOPSAIL BEACH TO THE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD
MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2000 the President of the United States signed into law the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988 to reinforce the importance of pre-disaster mitigation planning to help reduce disaster losses; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Senate Bill 300 requires all local governments to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to receive state public assistance funds; and

WHEREAS, the County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan) was approved in 2005 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management (NCEM) and includes the unincorporated areas of Pender County and the towns of Watha, St. Helena, Burgaw and Atkinson; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Topsail Beach has requested to merge their Hazard Mitigation Plan with the Pender County Multi-Jurisdictional Plan in accordance with guidance provided by FEMA and NCEM.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pender County Board of Commissioners hereby allows the Town of Topsail Beach to merge their Hazard Mitigation Plan with the Pender County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2009.

PENDER COUNTY

Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman

Attest:

Rick Benton, Clerk to the Board

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ACTION BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO MERGE THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF TOPSAIL BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA WITH THE PENDER COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

THAT WHEREAS, on October 30, 2000, the President of the United States signed into law the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1986 to reinforce the importance of pre-disaster mitigation planning to help reduce disaster losses; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Senate Bill 300 requires all local governments to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to receive state public assistance funds (effective for state-declared disasters after November 1, 2004); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Topsail Beach Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan) was approved in August 2004 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management (NCEM); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Topsail Beach now desires to merge said plan with the County of Pender in accordance with the guidance provided to the Town of Topsail Beach by FEMA, NCEM, and the County of Pender.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Topsail Beach, North Carolina assembled this the 31 day of August, 2009:

SECTION 1. That the attached Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Topsail Beach is hereby forwarded to the Pender County Board of Commissioners for adoption as a merge to the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County of Pender, said plan attached hereto as (Exhibit A).

SECTION 2. That upon adoption, said plan shall continue to serve as a guide for the various departments of the Town of Topsail Beach government in pre-disaster planning and post-disaster recovery.

SECTION 3. That said plan will be reviewed annually or immediately after a natural disaster.

SECTION 4. That all reports and changes shall be submitted to the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency every five years.

Adopted this 31st day of August, 2009


Mayor

Attest:


Town Clerk