



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 17.

DATE OF MEETING: October 19, 2009

REQUESTED BY: Commissioner F.D. Rivenbark

SHORT TITLE: Discussion and Possible Adoption of Board of Commissioners Rules of Procedure

BACKGROUND: Commissioner Rivenbark has requested discussion and possible adoption of Board of Commissioners rules of procedure. GS 153A-41 allows Boards of Commissioners to adopt rules of procedure, so long as they conform to "generally accepted principles of parliamentary procedure." *Robert's Rules of Order* is used in many cases for legislative bodies, but is fairly complex and too detailed for smaller governmental bodies. The Institute of Government has drafted suggested rules of procedures for Boards of County Commissioners (*Suggested Rules of Procedure for the Board of County Commissioners*) that are a modified and simpler version of *Robert's Rules of Order*. A draft of these rules has been created incorporating existing Pender County practices, a copy of which is attached.

This item was first introduced at the September 19, 2009 Board meeting and was tabled until the full Board was in attendance.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To discuss and possibly vote to adopt rules of procedure.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Board has adopted various rules governing the meetings and agenda preparation; however, no comprehensive rules of procedure have been adopted or implemented in recent years to my knowledge. A set of rules would provide for consistency in preparing the agendas and in addressing agenda items, and they can be amended by the Board at any time as necessary.

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RESOLUTION

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

The County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS

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

Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman

Date

ATTEST

Date