



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 19.

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 7, 2010

**REQUESTED BY:** Charles R. "Tom" Collins, Emergency Management Director

**SHORT TITLE:** Resolution Supporting the Merger of the Scotts Hill Fire District with the Hampstead Fire and Rescue District.

**BACKGROUND:** The Scotts Hill area of Pender County is currently being serviced by the New Hanover County Fire Department. Concerned citizens that live in the Scotts Hill area have expressed the need to improve response time and achieve a lower insurance rate.

The citizens of Scotts Hill have worked with Hampstead Fire and Rescue to develop a solution which involves merging into the Hampstead Fire and Rescue District by adding a sub-station in the Scotts Hill District area. This solution will reduce the response times and reduce insurance rates for the residents of Scotts Hill.

Two public meetings have been held in the Scott's Hill community to discuss the concept, and a public hearing was held by the Board of Commissioners on May 17, 2010. No one has spoken against a proposed merger at any of the meetings. A resolution of support from the Board of Commissioners is requested prior to moving forward on a merger plan.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** To consider a resolution supporting the merging of the Scotts Hill Fire District into the Hampstead Fire and Rescue District.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

Respectfully recommend approval.

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**RESOLUTION**

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

the Board of Commissioners does hereby support the merger of the Scotts Hill Fire District into the Hampstead Fire and Rescue District. The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

**AMENDMENTS:**

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED \_\_\_\_\_ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Tate \_\_\_ Blanchard \_\_\_ Brown \_\_\_ Rivenbark \_\_\_ Williams \_\_\_

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