



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 14.

**DATE OF MEETING:** September 20, 2010

**REQUESTED BY:** Chairman Jimmy Tate

**SHORT TITLE:** Resolution Supporting a Process the Development of a Central Pender County Recreation Center

**BACKGROUND:** The new Parks and Recreation Master Plan provides for the development of recreation and community centers within the County, as the need for this type of facility is well-documented. An initial recreation center site location in the center of Pender County would be centrally located for access to all citizens across the county, and would also be located such that currently underserved and economically disadvantaged citizens with respect to access to public recreation services (particularly youth and senior populations) could be offered a variety of recreation and community center programs and activities within reasonable proximity and access.

The development process for developing a recreation center is lengthy, and is best accomplished through community/citizen involvement and leadership. Collaboration and consensus is also required with the Pender County Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and eventually the Board of Commissioners. The process begins with a committee of community leaders to undertake initial identification of potential areas for locating a facility, identification of potential specific properties and an initial evaluation of those sites for suitability, identification of potential funding sources (community support, Pender County, towns, grants, land donations, and so forth), and then securing project support and collaboration with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and eventually the Board of Commissioners. Once the initial planning process is completed and the project is deemed feasible, has gained community and public support, and is deemed a priority project by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, then more detailed planning (which requires considerable funding) is then required to make the project a reality.

The Advisory Committee would then develop a project proposal and scope (including funding sources), and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for consideration. The project would be considered along with other potential parks/recreation and other capital project needs facing the County. Once the project is approved and funded, county staff would work with the community leaders/committee to facilitate project development.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** To consider adopting a resolution supporting a process for the development of a recreation/community center in central Pender County.

**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 hereby supports a process for the development of a central Pender County recreation/community center.

**AMENDMENTS:**

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

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

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

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Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman                      Date

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