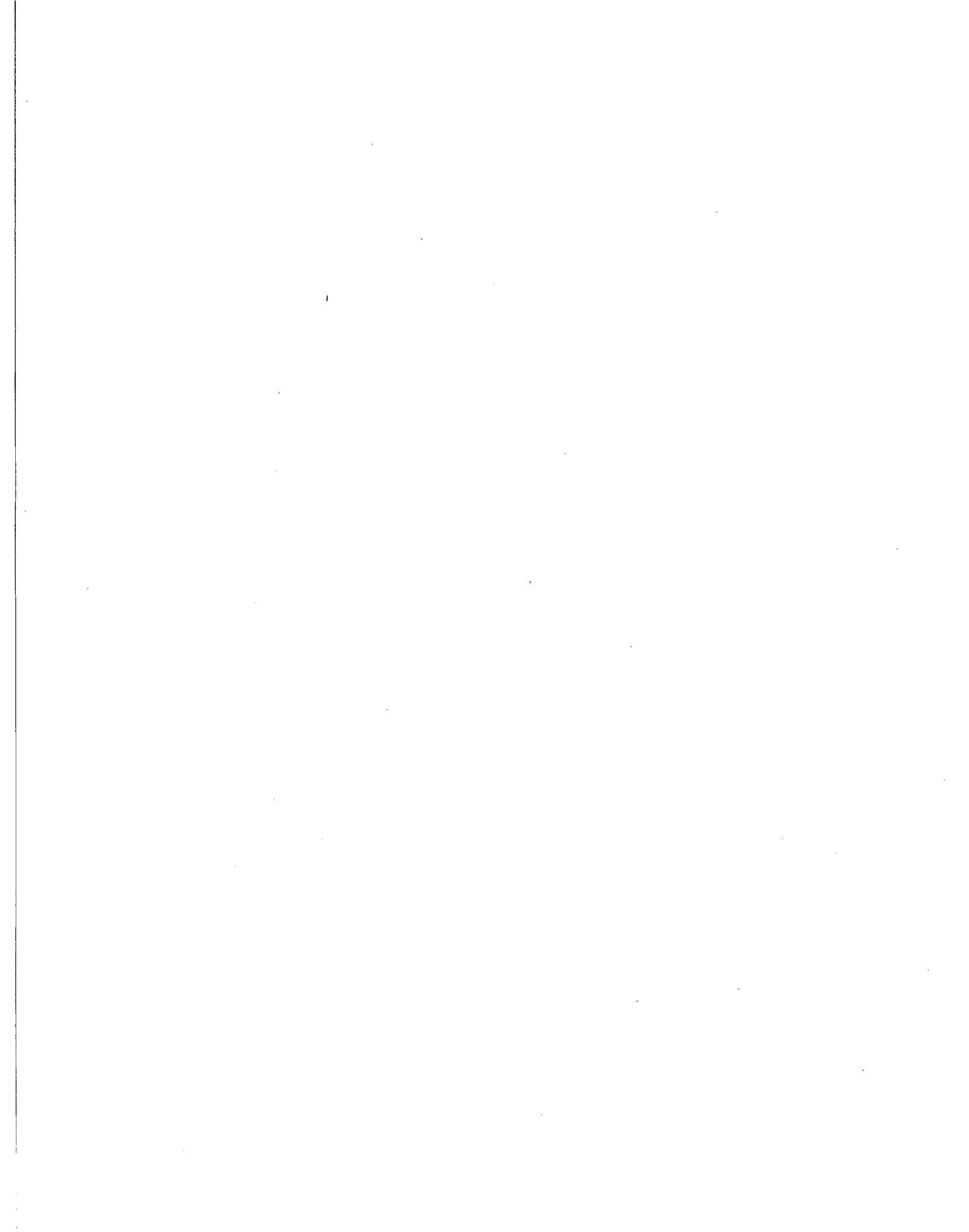


ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
September 20, 2010

1. Items from County Manager
2. Items from County Attorney
3. Items from County Commissioners
 - a. Chairman Tate: Announcement of Pender County Citizen Focus Groups Meetings.
 - b. Chairman Tate: Discussion of Scrap Tire Collection for Willard Community.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PENDER COUNTY SOLICITS PUBLIC INPUT

Burgaw, N.C. (September 20, 2010) – Pender County Commission Chairman Jimmy Tate is announcing the Board of Commissioners is scheduling a series of citizen focus group sessions around the County during the month of October as part of a process to increase public input, accountability and strategic planning into Pender county government.

One of the strategies resulting from the board's planning session in January was to incorporate outcome-based planning into the County's budget development process and evaluation processes. "Jimmy Tate, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, has been very instrumental in convincing the Board to incorporate more strategic planning into Pender County government, as well as increasing citizen participation", says County Manager Rick Benton. "Chairman Tate understands the value of thinking strategically and involving the public as a part of that process, and at his urging the entire Board agreed to move in this direction."

As a first step, the Commissioners are conducting a county-wide environmental scan referred to as a "SWOT" analysis. The analysis includes an exercise whereby citizens are asked to help identify county strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The feedback gained from the exercise will be used to identify key measures for evaluating County services and progress towards strategic goals. Pender County is sponsoring five citizen focus group sessions, one in each Commissioner district, during the third week of October.

This information provides a foundation for developing strategic initiatives and measures of success. For example, if unemployment is identified as a weakness, the County might develop a measure of "increasing the number of unemployed and underemployed citizens that become self-sufficient; that is to say, no longer dependent on the government for support, by 10%." The County would then develop new strategies to achieve that measure and then track its success.

Once meaningful outcome measures are identified and agreed upon by the Commissioners, the County Manager in collaboration with county departments will implement results-based performance measures and benchmarks within each department, function or service designed to achieve the key service measures. The measures will be used to compare county and departmental progress from year to year,

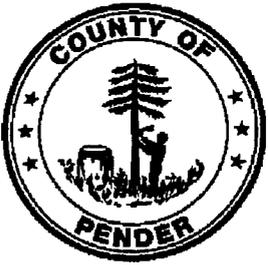
to compare Pender County's progress against established benchmarks, and as a tool for preparing the annual county budget.

"Pender County is well-positioned with all of our assets to become a premier destination in the coming decade for new families, business and industry," Tate says. "We have a responsibility as public stewards to ensure that our citizens and communities have ample opportunity to participate in defining the future of our county. Having citizens throughout Pender County involved not only in helping identify strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats, but in helping establish meaningful measures by which to judge our success, is a great way to ensure Pender County people define Pender County's future".

The public is encouraged and invited to attend any of the citizen focus group sessions planned during the third week in October. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

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Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010	6:00 p.m.	2 – Norwood Blanchard	Maple Hill Community Civic Club	545 Maple Hill School Rd. Maple Hill
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Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010	6:30 p.m.	3 – George Brown	Heidi Trask High School Media Center	14328 NC Hwy 210 Rocky Point
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Pender County Citizen Focus Group Meetings

As part of a strategic planning process, the Pender County Board of Commissioners will hold five (5) community focus group sessions in each of their respective districts as listed below. The purpose of the meetings is to encourage citizen participation in a SWOT analysis (analyzing strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) of Pender County. All citizens are invited to attend one of the meetings.

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MEMO

TO: Rick Benton, County Manager
FROM: Michael G. Mack
DATE: JULY 16, 2010
RE: SCRAP TIRE PROCEDURES IN PENDER COUNTY

By North Carolina law, whole tires were banned from landfills as of March 1, 1990.

The cost of the scrap tire program in Pender County is offset by two revenue streams: the Scrap Tire Tax and the Scrap Tire Grant program. The tax comes automatically from the North Carolina Department of Revenue and is generated from a state imposed 2-percent privilege tax on all tires sold with a bead diameter of less than 20 inches and a 1-percent privilege tax on tires with a bead diameter of 20 inches or greater. The tire grant is competitive and is applied for every six months. The Scrap Tire Disposal Account is available to provide funds to counties where costs to dispose of scrap tires generated in the normal course of business in North Carolina exceed their distribution of the scrap tire disposal fee.

On June 15, 2010, staff submitted the following financial information in support of a scrap tire grant application for a grant cycle that runs for six months from October 2009 to March 2010:

Total Cost to Dispose of Tires	\$36,478.56
Less Tire Tax Distribution	<u>\$27,611.72</u>
Net cost to County	\$ 8,866.84

We will know by mid-August how much, if any, of the \$8,866.84 we requested will be grant funded.

On December 4, 2009, we submitted a grant application for the six month period from April 2009 to September 2009 as follows:

Total Cost to Dispose of Tires	\$47,735.38
Less Tire Tax Distribution	<u>\$28,520.27</u>
Net cost to County	\$19,215.11

We received a grant award of \$16,332.84 (out of the \$19,215.11 requested).

The tire trailers are serviced by Central Carolina Tire and they charge us \$275 per haul PLUS a fuel surcharge, and a \$61/ton disposal fee. To date for FY 2009-2010 the County has paid Central Carolina Tire \$77,136.81 for the preceding 11 months, but has not received our last invoice for June. Therefore, the average monthly cost for tire disposal is \$7,017.83.

The average trailer ranges from 9 to 12 tons (we have 40ft and 48ft. trailers for these tires at our sites). The attendants monitor the daily usage at the sites to make sure no one disposes of more than the allowable limit and to take paperwork required of the licensed haulers and dealers.

We DO permit tire dealers to dispose of their tires in these trailers as they are responsible for generating the tire disposal tax. We ask these dealers to help us to keep the tire trailers laced tightly so as to optimize the loads. Two dealers, AC Tire in Hampstead, and Larry's Tire in Atkinson, have tire trailers of their own. They each pay \$200 per month rent on the trailers and have exclusive control over what goes into them. The County pays the hauling/disposal fee on these trailers and they provide the generator's certifications.

Solid Waste customers (individuals) in Pender County are permitted to bring a maximum of five (5) tires per day to the Convenience Sites where we have tire trailers, namely; Whitestocking, Atkinson, Rocky Point and the Transfer Station. There is currently no room at the Willard Convenience Site for a tire trailer as the regular operations already consume the entire site that is leased each year by the County from Dwight Strickland.

What do other Counties do?

Duplin – one disposal site (landfill) for all tires

New Hanover – one disposal site (landfill) for all tires

Bladen – 17 convenience sites and they take tires at all 17 (max. 4 per week per person and only from vehicles or pickup trucks. Large tires must go to their transfer station.

Sampson – one disposal site (landfill) for all tires

In summary, Pender Solid Waste spends approximately \$84,000 per year for the disposal of scrap tires County-wide. This is an average cost of \$21,000 per trailer/per year. There are approximately 21,000 properties in the County that pay the Annual Solid Waste Fee. Therefore, each County taxpayer pays approximately \$4.00 each a year to have the four tire trailers made available. Any additional tire disposal trailers would cost approximately \$1.00 per year/per taxpayer.