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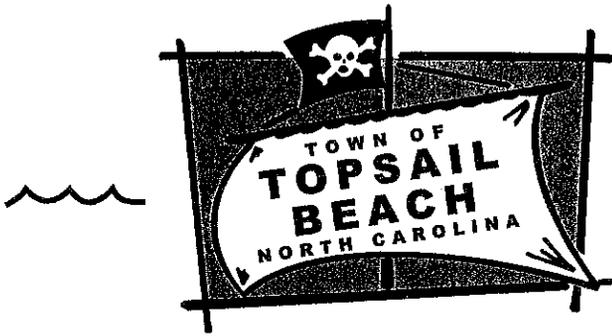
ITEM NO. 1,

DATE OF MEETING: June 27, 2011

REQUESTED BY: Mayor Howard Braxton, Jr, Town of Topsail Beach

SHORT TITLE: Request for County Participation in Funding Necessary to Dredge the New Topsail Inlet

BACKGROUND: Mayor Braxton has presented a proposal to Pender County and Surf City that they participate with Topsail Beach to fund the dredging of New Topsail Inlet. The estimated cost is \$180,000, which is proposed to be shared equally by the County and two towns. Mayor Braxton is present to review the request with the Board of Commissioners. A letter outlining the request is attached.



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June 13, 2011

Dear Chairman and County Commissioners:

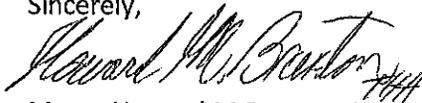
The New Topsail Inlet is of key concern for Pender County, Surf City and Topsail Beach. Typically the Army Corps of Engineers has dredged the inlet. Limited funds and other areas of the country needing assistance have precluded the dredging of the inlet this year without local participation. This project can take between five and fifteen days to complete. The inlet is the life blood of this area for recreational and commercial boats. Keeping this inlet open is a top priority.

The Town of Topsail Beach would like to partner with the affected stakeholders to remedy this situation until the Army Corps of Engineers can allocate expenditures towards this effort. It has been projected that this project may cost as much as \$180,000 to complete.

On Friday, June 10, 2011, The Town Board of Commissioners of Topsail Beach voted to allocate \$60,000 towards the immediate completion of this project if Pender County and Surf City would also participate at equal levels. The project may come under the estimated \$180,000 and in that case the three jurisdictions would share a third of that reduced amount.

Summer 2011 is upon us and this is a very time sensitive issue, we request your participation in the most expeditious manner possible. We understand that resources are extremely tight ; however, keeping the inlet open and navigable is essential for recreational and commercial boating.

Sincerely,


Mayor Howard M Braxton, Jr.

cc: Rick Benton, County Manager