REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 18.

DATE OF MEETING: August 1, 2011

REQUESTED BY: Rick Benton, County Manager

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Authorizing Initiation of Redistricting Study for County Voting Districts

BACKGROUND: The 2010 Census reflected a 27% increase in the County's population from the 2000 Census. The population growth resulted in changes and imbalances to the populations within the County's five voting districts. The 2000 and 2010 voting district populations are reflected below:

	2000 Population	**2010 Population**
District 1	9,486	15,479
District 2	8,142	10,118
District 3	9,557	11,469
District 4	7,221	8,086
District 5	6,676	7,059
Average:	*8,216*	*10,442*

As a result, the Board may desire to consider initiating a redistricting study for developing an updated redistricting plan to present to the County's state legislative delegation. The NC General Assembly last created the County's voting districts in 1995, and legislative approval will be required to amend the current voting districts.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a resolution authorizing the County Manager to facilitate a redistricting study to bring forth recommendations to the Board for consideration in recommending a new redistricting plan to the County's state legislative delegation.

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:

in consideration of the population imbalances in the County's voting districts established in 1995 as reflected in the 2010 census, the Board hereby authorizes the County Manager to facilitate a redistricting study to bring forth recommendations to the Board for consideration in recommending a new redistricting plan to the County's state legislative delegation. The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED_____ SECONDED_____

APPROVED_____ DENIED_____UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Brown___ Tate ___ Rivenbark ___ Ward___Williams ___

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George R. Brown, Chairman Date

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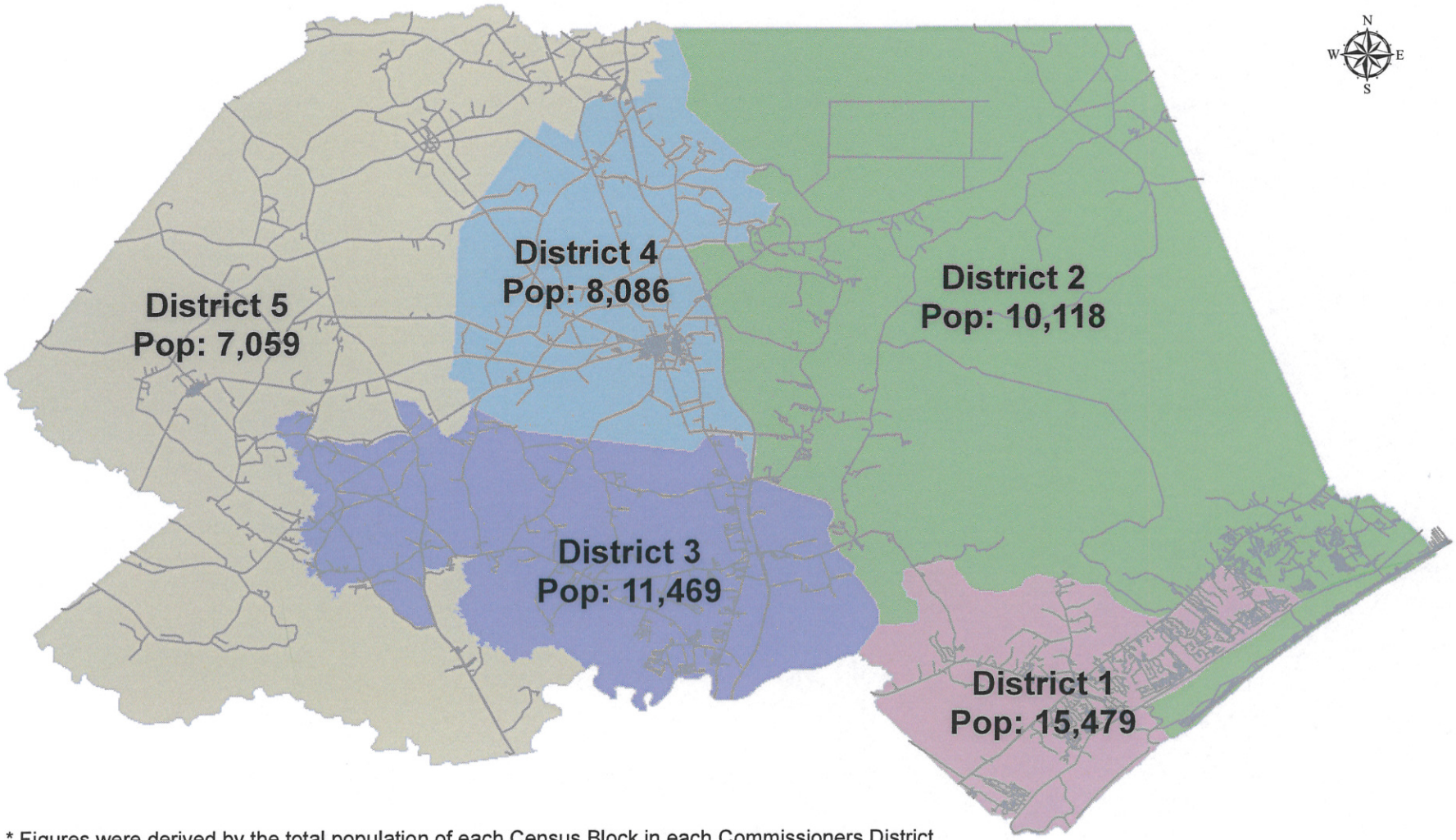
ATTEST Date

Commissioners District
Population Estimate 2010 Census



* Figures were derived by the total population of each Census Block in each Commissioners District
** There are no population figures based on Commissioners District