



PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 1.

DATE OF MEETING: March 19, 2012

REQUESTED BY: Dr. Michael Duvall, County Manager

SHORT TITLE: Introduction of New Finance Officer Claiburn "Butch" Watson

BACKGROUND: County Manager Michael Duvall will introduce Mr. Claiburn "Butch" Watson as the County's new Finance Officer for Pender County.

Mr. Watson was recommended for the position by an interview committee which consisted of the County Manager, Human Resources Officer, Pender County Sheriff, and Chris May of the COG.

Mr. Watson's more than 20 years of experience working with both local & state governments will be an asset to Pender County.

A copy of the press release is attached.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Pender County Names Finance Officer

Burgaw, N.C. (February 23, 2012) – Claiburn B. “Butch” Watson has been named the new Finance Officer for Pender County. Watson is a North Carolina native, and currently resides in Wake County. Watson is a graduate of North Carolina Wesleyan College, holding a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Finance and Wake Technical Community College, where he attained a degree in Accounting. Watson is also a graduate of First Citizens Bank’s Business Banker & Credit Development School and UNC’s School of Government Cash Management and Investment of Public Funds. He also is an Adjunct Faculty member at Wake Technical Community College, serving as a Business Finance/Accounting Instructor.

Watson has more than 20 years of experience working with both local & state governments and has varied public sector work experience in the banking and financial services industry. This includes experience with the NC Department of State Treasurer-Division of State and Local Government Finance (Local Government Commission) in both fiscal and debt management. Prior to joining Pender County, Watson served as Interim Finance Director for the City of Henderson. In that role, he was responsible for the overall fiscal control, planning, organizing & directing of financial activities for the city.

Watson has also served as the Debt & Treasury Manager for the City of Durham, where he managed, directed and oversaw the City’s Debt & Treasury Office functions including participation in and management of all debt issuances, investment portfolio opportunities and financial institution and banking services relations. In addition, he has experience with CIT Group, Inc. (Avaya Financial Services), where he served as the Manager of State and Local/Federal Government Finance Programs. At CIT, his duties included the complete management of the municipal market program for both tax-exempt and taxable fair market value financings and his duties ranged from pricing, structuring, negotiation, and closing to post-closing. Watson also provided market expertise and specialized technical skills involving the national vendor and business partner programs.

Watson is married to his wife Barbara, with a daughter and son-in-law. He is a deacon in his church and is involved in various community service and family activities. Watson begins work with Pender County on February 28, 2012.

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