



**DISCUSSION ITEM**

ITEM NO. 9.

**DATE OF MEETING:** October 1, 2012

**REQUESTED BY:** Scott Sills, Chief, Sloop Point VFD

**SHORT TITLE:** Discussion of Sloop Point Fire Department's Request for Advanced Funding.

**BACKGROUND:** In a letter dated August 14, 2011, Chief Sills requested a \$90,000 advancement of tax moneys for the operation of the Sloop Point Fire Department. A cop of Chief Sills' request is attached.

SLOOP POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
STATION 1400  
19470 HWY. 17 NORTH  
HAMPSTEAD, NC 28443

August 14, 2011

Mr. Mickey Duvall  
Pender County Manager

Dear: Mr. Duvall:

This Letter is to request a 90,000.00 advancement of Tax moneys for the operation of the Sloop Point Fire Dept. This request has been made for the past several years and granted due to agreement with past county manager since no fire department in the county wanted to do equal monthly payments which we so desperately need with our paid staff and keeping our reserves around \$ 100,000.00. We have only collected 7,391.02 YTD with a monthly operating expense of 35,000. We have almost used all reserve on hand to operate and need this advancement to continue serving the residence of Sloop Point without change to our paid personnel and response times.

Sincerely,

Scott Sills, Chief

## Mickey Duvall

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**From:** Mickey Duvall  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2012 10:45 AM  
**To:** [bocc@pendercountync.gov](mailto:bocc@pendercountync.gov)  
**Cc:** Claiburn B Watson; Tom Collins  
**Subject:** FW: Question Regarding Advancement of Fire Tax Moneys  
**Attachments:** [noreply@pendercountync.gov\\_20120821\\_074922.pdf](#)

**Importance:** High

Pender County Commission Members:

For your information concerning a request from Mr. Scott Sills, Chief of Sloop Point Fire Department for advance funding for Sloop Point Fire Department. Please reference my return email below to Mr. Sills along with the "attachment" with statements from Commissioner Williams who sits on the Fire Commission as well as minutes from the Fire Commission Members concerning their vote on the timing issue of disbursement of Fire Tax Funds to the individual Fire Districts in Pender County.

Sincerely,

Mickey Duvall

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mickey Duvall [<mailto:mduvall@pendercountync.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2012 8:42 AM  
**To:** 'scott\_sills@slooppointfire.com'  
**Cc:** 'David Williams'; 'cwatson@pendercountync.gov'; 'Tom Collins'  
**Subject:** Question Regarding Advancement of Fire Tax Moneys  
**Importance:** High

Mr. Sills,

I am in receipt of your letter dated August 14th regarding the request to receive \$90,000 advancement of fire tax moneys to your department. I have researched this situation and have provided a statement from Commission David Williams who sits on the Fire Commission. Also, I have "attached" back up documentation (meeting minutes) supporting the Fire Commission's stance on this issue.

Please contact myself or County Finance Officer Watson if this situation is an emergency and we will make sure you have enough funds to operate your department without compromising the safety of the citizens within your fire district.

Sincerely,

Mickey Duvall

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**From:** David Williams [dwilliams@pendercountync.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2012 8:42 PM  
**To:** 'Mickey Duvall'  
**Cc:** cwtiii@aol.com; cwatson@pendercountync.gov; 'Tom Collins'  
**Subject:** RE: Chief Sills Request Letter/June 26, 2012 Fire Commission Minutes/July 21, 2012 Fire Commission Follow-up

My interpretation is the same as yours. We had this arrangement before regarding the advancement and I think it worked fine.

Regards,

J. David Williams  
Pender County Commissioner-District 1  
Home 910-270-7757

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mickey Duvall [<mailto:mduvall@pendercountync.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2012 4:37 PM  
**To:** 'David Williams'  
**Cc:** [cwtiii@aol.com](mailto:cwtiii@aol.com); [cwatson@pendercountync.gov](mailto:cwatson@pendercountync.gov); 'Tom Collins'  
**Subject:** Chief Sills Request Letter/June 26, 2012 Fire Commission Minutes/July 21, 2012 Fire Commission Follow-up  
**Importance:** High

Commissioner Williams,

As the Board of Commissioner' Fire Commission Representative, I am coming to you for help and advice. Sloop Point Fire Chief, Mr. Scott Sills has requested a \$90,000 advancement of fire tax moneys for the operation of his fire department (see attached letter of request). I have also attached (behind Mr. Sills' letter) the minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting from June 26, 2012 and follow-up statement from Mr. Tommy Batson (fire commission secretary) regarding the July 21, 2012 Meeting regarding this issue (Mr. Batson has not yet submitted the official minutes from the July 21, 2012 Meeting). The way I understood the Fire Commission Minutes is that the majority of the members wanted to leave the county's disbursement of fire tax money to their respective departments "as is" with no changes (reference page #2 of the June 26, 2012 meeting notes-outlined in red) and follow-up note from Tommy Batson.

Again, any help or advice regarding this situation would be greatly appreciated by myself and County Finance Officer Watson.

Sincerely,

Mickey Duvall

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# Pender County Fire Commission

Commission Meeting June 26, 2012

Rocky Point Fire Department at 1900hrs

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The Pender County Fire Commission held its Monthly Firefighters Association Meeting at the Rocky Point Vol. Fire Department

Departments represented marked:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11- C. Rivenbark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Turner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12- D. Batts	<input type="checkbox"/> J. Thigpen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (T. Patti)
<input type="checkbox"/> 13- H. Motley	<input type="checkbox"/> S. Wooten	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14- S. Sills	<input type="checkbox"/> R. Johnson	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15- B. George		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 16- L Lainer	<input type="checkbox"/> J. Massey	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17- G. McNeil or	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I. Gray	<input type="checkbox"/> 19- E. Groves	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W. Rossell	
<input type="checkbox"/> 20- Open		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 21- E. Thomas	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 22- <input type="checkbox"/> J. Moss		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 23- B. Chase	<input type="checkbox"/> J. Rivenbark	
<input type="checkbox"/> EM- C. Newman		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EM- T. Batson		
<input type="checkbox"/> EM- T. Collins		<input type="checkbox"/> NCFS- H. Blake		
<input type="checkbox"/> CC- D. Williams		<input type="checkbox"/> 911- M. Paluck	<input type="checkbox"/> - J. Ezzell	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff- C. Smith		<input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IT- B. Sandy	
<input type="checkbox"/> EMS- D Stancil		<input type="checkbox"/> CFCC- B. Porter		
<input type="checkbox"/> CFCC- A. Stanland		<input type="checkbox"/> CM- G. Idiart		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance- B. Reed		<input type="checkbox"/> CM- D. Keith		

Opening at 1900hrs by E. Thomas

Prayer by B. George.

## CFCC

- Invista payment due for a last check of \$1,700-\$1,800

## 911

- Narrow banding needs to be done and 911 center will be doing it soon starting July 18, 2012. P25 coming toward the end of the year.
- Lynn asked about the Scott Hill Tower and that a while out do to funding and permission/grant funds

## EMS

- SAR exercise in Jan 2013
- EMS is putting a Swiftwater team together like PENSAR if anyone is interested

## NCFS

- Long Creek & Sloop Point got 5 tons from NCFS surplus list

BREAK

July 13, 2012 ID Card meeting at EOC at 1830hrs. Group asked for it to be moved up and now on Friday night. Prices up to \$40,000

EM

- Active storm season ahead
- Tom asked if anyone want the old F250 from EM Office, One letter received from Station 1200. Lynn made the motion to support Station 1200 in getting the truck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Rossell, passed 100%

FM

- EM Office is using Emergency Reporting

Map books to be here soon

Butch Watson talked about if the fire departments wanted to do 12 month equal payments from the county. S. Silis made the motion, Motion got no support and died. W. Rossell made the motion that all departments look at this and come back next month with a vote on it.

County Fuel meetings looking at continuing contractor of Springer and some Non ethanol pumps at the sites

New item

Big Wall maps are \$139.50 if we order 20 we get 20% off and if we order 10 we get 10% off.

Lynn made motion for Commission to buy each department a wall map, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Rossell and passed 100%.

Substation plans from TSCFD station 2 here for group to look at.

### **Fire Dept Report**

11-Thank you for assist with Ross family, Dept. looking at loss & life insurance policies.

Asked if anyone would like to start and be on a bereavement committee

12- Code messaging demo by D. Batts

13-absent

14-Sale Yukon for \$4000.0 with out the lights and 800 radio if you are interested.

16-2 gas positive pressure fan for sale, one has never been used

Sub station shoot down by county

The 1601 unit decal were \$762 & ladder truck has passed service testing

No plan or information for an Eastside Fire Department

17-Narrow banding complete

Replaced a 1978 pumper for a 1997 pumper 1500gpm & 750 water

19-Leaving Friday to get 1990 E-One 1500GPM/1000 water

21-5 Scott Airpacks frames for sale

LCGVFR has a firefighter needing help due to a very tough form of cancer and assistance with getting to Maryland for treatment.

Lynn made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Rossell to give up to \$2,000 for relief fund to family.

There will be a yard sale at the station on July 6 for this cause.  
23-Air truck in service

NCDOI Inspector Kent Hood coming up in a few weeks.

Motion to adjourn by G. McNeil, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Sills and passed.

## Mickey Duvall

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**From:** Tommy Batson [tbatson@pendercountync.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2012 3:57 PM  
**To:** Mickey Duvall  
**Subject:** Fire Commission Meeting on July 21, 2012 in Maple Hill

In the fire commission meeting on Tuesday July 21, 2012 in Maple Hill, NC. The tabled item from the June meeting about 12 month equal payments for fire service tax from the county was brought up again. The item was to be 100% to pass per the Finance Director for this to happen. First off Penderlea Fire and Hampstead Fire said NO and that stopped the whole thing. The issue died and that was everything on the payment plan.

\*\*\*Note: Out of the 10 county fire departments Sloop Point FR was the only department not represented at this meeting\*\*\*

Secretary for Fire Commission,

Tommy Batson  
Deputy Fire Marshal  
Pender County Emergency Management  
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"Working smoke detectors save lives"

~~\* PAST HISTORY OF FUNDS~~  
~~ADVANCED APPROVAL~~

SLOOP POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
STATION 1400  
19470 HWY. 17 NORTH  
HAMPSTEAD, NC 28443

August 29, 2011

Mr. Rick Benton  
Pender County Manager

Dear: Mr. Benton:

This Letter is to request a 90,000.00 advancement of Tax moneys for the operation of the Sloop Point Fire Dept. This request was spoke about earlier and was noted when the time arises to send a letter requesting such. We have only collected 10,000.00 YTD with a monthly operating expense of 30,000. We have almost used all reserve on hand to operate and need this advancement to continue serving the residence of Sloop Point without change to our paid personnel and response times.

Sincerely,

Scott Sills, Chief

PENDER COUNTY  
BURGAW, NC

August 2011

Journal Voucher

Description - Explanation	Account No.	Debit	Credit
Pooled Cash	00-101000		90,000.00
Town of Burgaw	10-211052		
Pender Central (Burgaw) Fire Dept	540-454021		
Sloop Point Fire Dept	540-454022	90,000.00	
Maple Hill Fire Dept	540-454023		
Rocky Point Fire Dept	540-454024		
Long Creek Fire Dept	540-454025		
Shiloh Fire Dept	540-454026		
Atkinson Fire Dept	540-454028		
Hampstead Fire Taxes	540-454029		
1/2 Scotts Hill Fire Taxes/Hampstead Fire Dept	540-454032		
1/2 Scotts Hill Fire Taxes/New Hanover Co Fire Svs	540-454032		
Northeast Pender Fire Dept	540-454033		
Penderlea-Duplin Fire Dept	540-454034		
Post Aug 2011 Tax ACH Pymts (Tax Advance) 8/30/11			
		90,000.00	90,000.00

Approved

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09/27/2012 08:13  
cstanley

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G/L ACCOUNT DETAIL

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2012	10	100600	04/10/2012	GEN	1		MARCH2012	8,792.36	N					POST TAX ACH PYMTS
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2012	08	080670	02/08/2012	GEN	1		JAN 2012	82,296.22	N					JAN 2012 TAX ACH PY
2012	07	070617	01/15/2012	GEN	1		ACH PMTS	67,923.44	N					TAX ACH
2012	06	060633	12/02/2011	GEN	1		NOV 2011	65,010.62	N					POST TAX ACH PYMTS
2012	06	060217	12/13/2011	API	1		W 121311CM	69,446.50	N	241255	121311CM	Sloop Point Fire Departme		PER BOC 1212-11
2012	05	050611	11/08/2011	GEN	1		OCT 2011	21,576.41	N					POST TAX ACH PYMTS
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2012	02	020714	08/30/2011	GEN	1		ADVANCE	90,000.00	N					TAX ADVANCE
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Total Amount: 465,563.17

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2011	06	060425	12/10/2010	GEN	1		NOV 2010	100,896.09	Y					POST NOV 2010 TAX W
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2010	11	110176	05/04/2010	GEN	1		APRIL 2010	6,038.20	Y					ACH TAX WIRES APRIL
2010	10	100301	04/10/2010	GEN	1		MARCH 2010	11,398.78	Y					POST MARCH 2010 TAX
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2010	08	080184	02/08/2010	GEN	1		JAN 2010	75,870.90	Y					POST TAX ACH WIRES/
2010	07	070228	01/11/2010	GEN	1		DEC 2009	154,438.82	Y					POST DEC 2009 TAX W
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2010	04	040372	10/01/2009	GEN	1		SEPT 2009	21,056.29	Y					POST SEPT 2009 TAX
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