



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 14,

DATE OF MEETING: April 15, 2013

REQUESTED BY: Dr. Mickey Duvall, County Manager

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Duke Energy Carolinas Site Readiness Program Grant for Pender Commerce Park on US Highway 421.

BACKGROUND: Duke Energy is aggressively promoting industrial development in eastern NC with the initiation of the "Duke Energy Site Readiness Grant Program." This program evaluates specific sites for "readiness" and "commercial development capability" and makes recommendations to counties to address identified shortcomings/marketability issues. The Duke Energy Site Readiness Grant Program provides a \$10,000 dollar-for-dollar match (50% Duke Energy match/50% County match) for a maximum total of \$20,000. The grant program also requires the recipient to submit a \$1,000 project fee (determined by County Tier Status) in order to assure the County is invested in the project. Wilmington Business Development (Pender County's Economic Development Partner) recommended Pender Commerce Park be selected for this particular grant due to its many amenities, high development potential and unique proximity to Wilmington, NC, with access to deep water international port facilities. The Pender County Commerce Park was selected for this grant program.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a resolution authorizing acceptance and approval for a grant award from Duke Energy Carolinas Site Readiness Program for Pender Commerce Park on US Highway 421.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.

MD
Initial

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that

the Board hereby approves a resolution authorizing acceptance and approval for a grant award from Duke Energy Carolinas Site Readiness Program for Pender Commerce Park on US Highway 421. The required project fee of \$1,000 and the County match of \$10,000 is recommended to be appropriated from General Fund Contingency #999 499400. 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 ___ McCoy ___ Tate ___ Ward ___ Williams ___

George R. Brown, Chairman 4/15/2013
Date

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