



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 11.

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 3, 2013

**REQUESTED BY:** Pender County Board of Commissioners

**SHORT TITLE:** Resolution Authorizing Contract with New Hanover Fire Department to Fully Cover the Old Scotts Hill Fire District.

**BACKGROUND:** In 1999, Pender County contracted with Ogden Fire Department to provide fire protection services to the citizens of the Scotts Hill area, at which time the Ogden Fire Insurance District was created for insurance rating purposes. In March of 2009, the Ogden Fire Department merged with New Hanover County Fire & Rescue, an agency of New Hanover County Government. On March 16, 2009, the Pender County Board of Commissioners approved changing the funding contract from Ogden Fire Department to New Hanover County. Currently, Hampstead Fire and New Hanover share response responsibilities and both have a signed contract and split the tax district money. Due to a recent ISO inspection, New Hanover was able to reduce the rate for all citizens in the area that they cover to a rating of 4, and New Hanover Fire covers the entire district.

In March, a delegation from Pender County and New Hanover County, including the county managers, Finance Officers and the Fire Marshal's office had a meeting to discuss the options of New Hanover County Fire covering the Scotts Hill District with New Hanover County advising that they could perform these duties.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** To consider a resolution approving canceling the current contact with Hampstead Fire and Rescue for the Scotts Hill District and entering a new contract with New Hanover Fire for the entire coverage of the Scotts Hill Fire District.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

Respectfully defer to the Board of Commissioners.

**RESOLUTION**

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

the Board hereby approves canceling the current contact with Hampstead Fire and Rescue for the Scotts Hill District and entering a new contract with New Hanover Fire for the entire coverage of the Scotts Hill Fire District. 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 \_\_\_

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George R. Brown, Chairman

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