ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
August 5, 2013

1. Items from County Attorney

2. Items from County Manager
   a. American Legion Post 167, Hampstead

3. Items from County Commissioners

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David Williams, Jr. -	Commissioner (1st District)
Chester Ward -	Commissioner (2nd District)
George Brown -	Chairman (3rd District)
Fred McCoy -	Vice-Chairman (4th District)
Jimmy Tate –	Commissioner (5th District)

Greetings from the American Legion Post # 167 Hampstead,

We will not beat around the bush. We understand that you are a very busy dealing with the day to day issues of Pender County. We would like to say "Thank You for Your Service to The County and the people thereof!" There is one issue that we may be able to work with you and help you out on.

We are sure that you are aware of the plight of the American Legion Post 167 in Hampstead. That issue would be the one concerning the once, Hampstead Community Building. We, the 251members that make up the Hampstead Post have given so much for our Country and we continue to support the Greater Hampstead, Topsail, Surf City and Rocky Point areas. We are well aware of budget cuts and supporting of the Veterans and Children of our Neighbors in all that we do here in Pender County. We support Boy's State and Girl's State with young adults from Topsail High School. We sponsor and support Both Senior and Junior League Baseball, which includes Topsail, Heide Trask and Pender High Schools. We recently had a State EMS winner for her services, and we work with the Boy Scouts of America for awards at the North Carolina State level. But I am sure that you are familiar with all we do. Now what can we do for you?

We understand that because of funding and budget cuts you have to re-arrange and consolidate some of the County's EMS and Fire Stations. This was what happen in Wilmington and they were able to Help out the Disabled American Veterans unit there. We understand that Station #2 is being closed and equipment and personal are being consolidated with other locations. Station #2 is the one located behind Midway Tires at 16672 on Hwy 17 in Hampstead. We would like to take that Building off your hands for say the sale price of $100.00. We would maintain and be responsible for the up keep of the building and grounds. Then if for whatever reasons the American Legion Post here in Hampstead were to fold the building and grounds would once again revert back to the County. All of this of course would be put in writing.

Also we have discussed options with the Marine Corps League in Hampstead about sharing a space. So by allowing this to happen two Non-Profit Veteran Organizations would thrive and in the long run the County would benefit. We would like to know how the County felt about going forward with this project. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Braswell

Mike Braswell
Commander

George R Andrews

GR Andrews
Adjutant