



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 11.

**DATE OF MEETING:** January 6, 2014

**REQUESTED BY:** Michael G. Mack, Utilities Director

**SHORT TITLE:** Resolution requesting approval for Additional Meter Reader Technician position within Pender County Utilities.

**BACKGROUND:** During the FY 13-14 Budget process, PCU requested an Additional Meter Reader Technician, but the position was not funded.

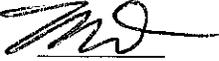
Since July 1, 2103, PCU has added over 110 new customers and is currently having to read nearly 6,000 water meters (206 new customers since the position request was made in May, 2013) every three weeks with only one Full-Time Meter Reader. PCU has reached a point where we can no longer read all the water meters in the time required to provide timely and accurate water bills to our customers. In addition, the safety of the Meter Reader is of great concern as she is driving and stopping hundreds of times a day along US 17 and other major roadways in Pender County.

There is surplus salary and benefit funding that currently exists within the Rocky Point/Topsail Water & Sewer District Budget to fund both the salary and benefits (\$30,904) for the additional Meter Reader Technician, therefore, no additional funding is required or requested

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** The Board of Commissioners is requested to approve an additional Meter Reader Technician position for Pender County Utilities within the Rocky Point/Topsail Water and Sewer District. No additional funding is required for this position.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

Respectfully recommend approval.

  
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**RESOLUTION**

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

an additional Meter Reader Technician position for Pender County Utilities within the Rocky Point/Topsail Water and Sewer District is approved and no additional funding is required to fill this position.

# 072-400200	Salaries	\$ 24,792.00
# 072-400201 – 072-400900	Benefits	\$ 6,112.00

The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any document necessary to implement this resolution.

**AMENDMENTS:**

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED \_\_\_\_\_ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Williams \_\_\_ McCoy \_\_\_ Tate \_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_ Brown \_\_\_

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