



**DISCUSSION ITEM**

ITEM NO. 11.

**DATE OF MEETING:** February 18, 2014

**REQUESTED BY:** Board of Commissioners

**SHORT TITLE:** Discussion of ABC Referendum.

**BACKGROUND:** At the request of the Town of Topsail Beach, the Board of Commissioners on October 21, 2013, adopted a resolution to hold a county referendum on May 6, 2014, through which it would be decided whether Pender County eating establishments, food businesses, retail businesses and certain specialized breweries become eligible to obtain ABC permits to sell malt beverages for consumption on-premises. Since that time, the Sheriff Department has showed concerns about the possibility of "juke joints" obtaining such permits. The Board has requested that the matter be brought back for further discussion.

This item was discussed at the February 3, 2014 Board of Commissioners' meeting.