



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 8

DATE OF MEETING: July 7, 2014

REQUESTED BY: Glenda Pridgen, Administrative Assistant to the County Manager

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Payment of Membership Dues:
Southeastern Economic Development: \$4,700; NCACC: \$5,899; School of Government: \$6,202.

BACKGROUND: The County is a member of various organizations for various reasons. These items were included in the budget; this action simply authorizes the County Manager to prepare purchase orders and disburse these funds.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a resolution authorizing the payment of membership fees and dues for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

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

the Board hereby authorizes the payment of dues as follows: Southeastern Economic Development: \$4,700; NCACC: \$5,899; School of Government: \$6,202. The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

Account # 410-405300 Dues & Subscriptions

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Williams ___ McCoy ___ Brown ___ Tate ___ Ward ___

J. David Williams, Chairman 7/7/14
Date

ATTEST 7/7/14
Date



SOUTHEASTERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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May 28, 2014

Mr. Mickey Duvall
Office of the County Manager
Pender County
Post Office Box 5
Burgaw, North Carolina 28425

Re: FY 2014-2015 Annual Membership Assessment

Dear Mr. Duvall:

On May 27, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Economic Development Commission (SEDC) approved a decrease in the per capita annual membership assessment rate from ten cents (\$0.10) to nine cents (\$0.09) per capita for the upcoming fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. In accordance with ARTICLE XI, Section 1, of the SEDC By-laws, the annual membership assessment is proportioned among the member counties in accordance with the most recent decennial civilian population figures at a rate determined by the Board of Directors.

According to the 2010 civilian population figures released by the U.S. Census Bureau on March 2, 2011, Pender County had a population of 52,217. Based on this information, the following table illustrates the proposed change in the annual membership assessment for your County for FY 2014-2015.

SAMPSON COUNTY

| 2010 Population | Current Annual Membership Assessment (\$0.10 per capita) | FY 14-15 Annual Membership Assessment (\$0.09 per capita) |
|-----------------|--|---|
| 52,217 | \$5,222 | \$4,700 |

The per capita annual membership assessment of \$4,700 is the amount being requested from your County for the period July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. The county membership assessments will be matched with a Partnership Planning grant in the amount of \$63,000 from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the administrative expenses of the Southeastern Economic Development Commission (SEDC) Economic Development District.

A copy of the District's most recent audit report for the period ending June 30, 2013 is enclosed.

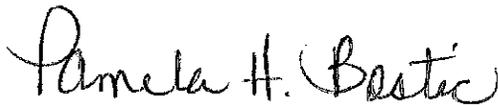
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The SEDC is designated as an Economic Development District (EDD) by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. The primary function of the District is to foster and promote economic development through planning, technical assistance, and infrastructure grants through the EDA to create meaningful employment opportunities for the citizens of southeastern North Carolina. Federal, state and local agencies and funds are brought into action as economic programs are planned and initiated throughout the region. The Commission works with local governments, as well as State and Federal agencies. The SEDC produces a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) report that maintains the District's eligibility, as well as Pender County's eligibility for EDA funding, which is a major source of infrastructure grants. Since its inception, SEDC has secured over \$83.3 million dollars in EDA monies for projects in the twelve-county region. Pender County has received grant funds from the EDA of more than \$3.5 million. As you know, the County recently submitted an EDA investment application for an additional \$2.2 million in funding to construct a 0.5 MGD wastewater treatment plant to serve the Pender Commerce Park and RC Creations, LLC.

Thank you for Pender County's continued support of the District. The District's success is based on collaboration with our local member governments and other organizations throughout the District and State. The SEDC Member Counties have joined together to mutually assist one another in various endeavors to create wealth and job opportunities for the citizens of southeastern North Carolina.

Should you have any questions regarding the County's annual membership assessment dues or if our office can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Pamela H. Bostic
Executive Director

Enclosure

Cc: Mr. Jimmy Tate
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Willard, North Carolina 28473

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March 21, 2014

The Honorable James Williams
Pender County Board Chair
240 Doral Drive
Hampstead, NC 28443

Dear Chairman Williams:

Your membership in the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners enables us to provide all 100 counties with services and programs to help our members meet the needs of your citizens. I thank you for your continued involvement and support of our mission. Every county has been an active member of the NCACC since 1981, and that is not an accomplishment we take lightly.

At its March 12 meeting, the NCACC Board of Directors' approved the membership dues for the 2014-15 fiscal year. For the sixth consecutive year, the Board approved a reduction in dues, representing a cumulative savings of nearly \$1.7 million for all counties during this time. Our normal policy is to adjust dues each year based on the trailing rate of inflation and population change. This year, while the Board did adjust for population changes, they approved a 2.5 percent reduction in the rates charged. As a result, Pender County's dues for 2014-15 are \$5,899.00.

We are providing this information to you now as you plan your 2014-15 budget. Your finance officer will receive the formal invoice in early June.

Membership in the NCACC continues to be one of the best investments for North Carolina counties. Our programs such as the Debt Setoff Clearinghouse and our Enhanced EMS Medicaid reimbursement generate more than \$55 million a year in revenues for counties. As your advocates at the N.C. General Assembly, we have successfully lobbied for legislative changes that have increased county flexibility and autonomy while avoiding unfunded mandates. Our Risk Management Pools provide cost-effective and comprehensive workers' compensation and liability and property coverages for counties and county entities, and we offer many advanced training and education opportunities for county elected officials.

Your dedicated team of employees makes it possible for the NCACC to help counties meet the challenges of the 21st century, but it is the active engagement of county commissioners that makes us one of the most influential and effective advocacy organizations in the state. The Association truly appreciates the support and participation of Pender County, and I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,


David F. Thompson
Executive Director

cc: ✓ Dr. Mickey Duvall, County Manager
Mr. Claiburn Watson, Finance Director

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