REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 10.

DATE OF MEETING: October 20, 2014

REQUESTED BY: Charles R. Collins, Emergency Management

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Accepting FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant Funds and Authorizing Purchase Order to Hire a Contractor to Develop the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

BACKGROUND: North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) contacted Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender Counties regarding the hazard mitigation plans (HMP) in July to discuss regional plans. All three counties' HMPs will expire at various points in 2016 with the earliest being New Hanover in February of 2016. NCEM identified these three counties as excellent candidates for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Fiscal Year 2014 (PDM14). The PDM 14 allocated $250,000 to each state non-competitively for fiscal year 2014. The applications are prioritized by NCEM and the top priorities, which total $250,000 are granted and the other application goes into a nationally competitive pot. The PDM Grant is a 75% Federal Share and a 25% Local Cost Share, which is typically met through In-Kind Services. NCEM told Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties that if we would agree to join together in a regional hazard mitigation plan, they would prioritize us as one application which will fall into the $250,000 allocation. After careful consideration and discussions with the other counties, as well as NCEM, we agreed to the regional plan. The application will be submitted to NCEM by the 16th of July for a $65,000 Federal Share, local share of $21,666.67 to be split among the participants for a total budget of $86,666.67. The grant will allow us to hire a consultant to lead us through the process. We have included all of the municipalities in all three counties as participants in the plan; however, that does not mean anyone is forced to join in the process. We did this because a decision had to be made fairly quickly due to the timeline of the grant application period. We are asking all of the municipalities to please join in with the regional plan. We feel it will be a benefit to all participants by strengthening the working relationships between the counties and municipalities as well as fostering new ones with our neighboring counties and communities.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a resolution accepting FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant Funds and authorizing purchase order to hire a contractor to develop the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan not –to-exceed $65,000.00.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.

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Initial

RESOLUTION

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

the Board hereby accepts FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants Funds for the propose of the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and authorizes a FY 14-15 budget amendment, in the amount of $65,000.00 to hire a contractor to develop the plan. The County Manager/Chairman shall have the authority to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

525-000000 Hazard Mitigation Grant $65, 000.00

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED_____ SECONDED_____

APPROVED_____ DENIED_____UNANIMOUS

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

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J. David Williams, Chairman Date

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ATTEST Date