REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 6

DATE OF MEETING: April 7, 2015

REQUESTED BY: Tommy Batson, Pender County Emergency Management

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Authorizing Approval of Surf City Pyrotechnic Display on July 3, 2015, in Accordance with North Carolina General Statute 14-413.

BACKGROUND: The Pender County Fire Marshal Office has received a request from the Town of Surf City to allow a fireworks display on the dredge island across from Surf City Park, Surf City NC on July 3, 2015. The North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal now requires the Board of County Commissioners to approve all pyrotechnic displays under N.C.G.S. 14-413. This requirement was implemented as a result of a fireworks truck explosion that occurred while preparing for a show in Ocracoke, NC in 2009 in which four people were killed. The State of North Carolina Legislature passed the 2010 North Carolina Pyrotechnics Act that modified the General Statutes to define the term fireworks "expert" as a state requirement to obtain a display operator's permit (N.C.G.S. 14-410) effective February 1, 2010. The Fire Marshal's Office will be on site for review and approval of the complete setup, display shooting and cleaning up from the pyrotechnic display. The pyrotechnic display will be a public display in Surf City NC on July 3, 2014. It will be conducted by an approved and licensed fireworks company, Zambelli, 20 South Mercer Street, New Castle, PA 16101. The display will meet all rules and regulations set by NC Code Fire Code, NFPA 1123, NFPA 1126, OSFM, and AFT. This pyrotechnic company has been successfully at the NC Spot Festival, Topsail Beach 50th Anniversary show and the Bert Lea Shows. Zambelli meets all of the liability insurance requirements set by the State of North Carolina and the Fire Marshal Office recommends approval of their request.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a resolution authorizing the pyrotechnic display outlined above.

RESOLUTION

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

the Board hereby approves the resolution authorizing a public pyrotechnic display in Surf City on a dredge Island in the Intracoastal Waterway in Surf City NC on July 3, 2015, under N.C.G.S. 14-413. The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

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AMENDMENTS:

MOVED_____ SECONDED_____

APPROVED_____ DENIED_____UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Williams____ Brown _____ McCoy _____ Piepmeyer _____ Tate _____

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J. David Williams, Chairman Date

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ATTEST Date