



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 9

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 22, 2015

**REQUESTED BY:** Tommy Batson Pender County Emergency Management

**SHORT TITLE:** Resolution Authorizing Approval of Union Rescue 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 Union Rescue to allow a fireworks display will take place in an open farm field east of the intersection of Veach Street and Watha Road in Willard, 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 Willard 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 will take place in an open farm field east of the intersection of Veach Street and Watha Road in Willard, 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.

**AMENDMENTS:**

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

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

YEA VOTES: Williams \_\_\_\_\_ Brown \_\_\_\_\_ McCoy \_\_\_\_\_ Piepmeyer \_\_\_\_\_ Keith \_\_\_\_\_

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J. David Williams, Chairman 6/22/2015  
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