



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 20

**DATE OF MEETING:** July 27, 2015

**REQUESTED BY:** Randell Woodruff, County Manager  
Sylvia Blinson, Interim Finance Director

**SHORT TITLE:** Resolution Authorizing Advance of Two Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,950,000.00) from Fund Balance for School Bond Construction Projects.

**BACKGROUND:** In November, 2014 the voters approved a referendum authorizing the issuance of up to Seventy-Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) in Revenue Bonds to fund School construction projects. The Board of Education has requested that the Board of Commissioners provide funds for construction related expenses which will be incurred before the bonds are sold.

The source of the money to be advanced would be the County fund balance. Meetings were held with BOE to discuss the timing of issuance of the bonds. County staff felt that it was necessary to know what budget would be adopted before determining the amount and timing of an advance of money from fund balance and subsequent sale of the bonds.

The School Staff has requested an advance of Two Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,950,000.00) to pay for design services and land acquisition. The funds would be spent as follows: Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for Architect and Design services and Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000.00) to acquire land and access easements for the new schools. The funds will be released as invoices are received or at the time of closing on the real property purchases.

County Staff has consulted with the Local Government Commission and received approval to advance the requested amounts from the County fund balance. The funds we advance would be repaid to the fund balance out of the first round of bond sales which would take place during the 2015-16 fiscal year. The LGC prefers that a bond sale not take place until the projects are further along and some projects have bids. This LGC position is designed to be sure the bond funds will be adequate to complete any projects which are started.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** To approve a resolution authorizing an advance of up to Two Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,950,000.00) to pay for design services and land acquisition from fund balance.

**RESOLUTION**

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

that the Pender County Board of Commissioners authorizes an advance of up to Two Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,950,000.00) to pay for design services and land acquisition for school construction projects from the County fund balance.

The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any document 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, Jr. Chairman      07/27/15  
Date

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ATTEST      07/27/15  
Date

**BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TITLE:** Advance Funds for School Construction

Introduced by: Randell Woodruff, County Manager Date: 2015-07-22 Item #: \_\_\_\_\_

Fund: GF Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_



**PENDER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

FY 2015-2016 Budget Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Appropriations

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Increase: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Increase: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Decrease: <input type="checkbox"/>		Decrease: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Account # and Title	Amount	Account # and Title	Amount (leave off \$ sign)
10-399000 Fund Balance Appropriated	\$2,950,000.00	695-417861 Adv to School Construction	\$2,950,000.00
63-399050 Due From General Fund	\$2,950,000.00	63-406601 Advance for CIP - Schools	\$2,950,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,900,000.00</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,900,000.00</b>

Reason and Justification for Request:  
 To Advance County funds to the Pender County Board of Education for the purchase of land and payment for design and engineering expenses as related to the construction of schools approved by the Bond Referendum. These funds are to be repaid to the County when the actual bonds are issued.

Dept Mgr. Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Finance Officer Approval: [Signature] Date: 7-22-15 Budget Officer Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Board Approval (When Applicable) Item # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Minutes \_\_\_\_\_