REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. _12_

DATE OF MEETING: January 19, 2015

REQUESTED BY: Erik Harvey, Director, ITS Department

SHORT TITLE: Approval of a Purchase Order to Winthrop Resources Corporation for Multi-year Technology Lease Agreement in the amount of $125,000.00.

BACKGROUND: In 2013, Pender County entered into a leasing agreement with Winthrop Resources Corporation to upgraded its' Cisco core network infrastructure and various IT equipment, such as: firewalls, routers, voice gateways, switches, phones sets, hardware, equipment, licensing, and phone system to the Cisco Unified Computing System (UCS). Due to the age of the County's previous 2002 network infrastructure, the need for increased redundancy and failover, additional data storage, the need to address aging IT equipment "End-of-Life" support, and backup and disaster recovery needs, the County is being challenged with ways to fund County technology needs.

In addition, the lease agreement covered IT equipment needs such as: computer and network technology replacement plans, IT professional services, software licensing, and the required power requirements, hardware, and software components to upgrade the County's core network infrastructure to the Cisco's Unified Computing System (UCS).

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To approve a Purchase Order to Winthrop Resources Corporation for Multi-year Technology Lease Agreement in the amount of $125,000.00. This expenditure has been budgeted in the FY 15-16 Budget Ordinance and will be taken from the following line item:

IT Contracted Services: 445-402150