



PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 2

DATE OF MEETING: March 21, 2016

REQUESTED BY: Randell Woodruff, County Manager

SHORT TITLE: Recognition of Outstanding Pender County Employee Kyle Breuer.

BACKGROUND: Planning and Community Development Director Kyle Breuer was awarded the Cape Fear Council of Governments Outstanding Local Government Planner for 2015 award on February 23, 2016. Below is the program insert for Mr. Breuer's award:

"This year's recipient of the Planner of the Year award is Kyle Breuer. Kyle is the Planning and Community Development Director for Pender County. Kyle has been with Pender County for nearly nine years, five of which as Planning and Community Development Director. In his official capacity, he oversees Central Permitting, Code Enforcement, Inspections, Planning and Zoning, Parks and Recreation, GIS & Addressing, and the Community Block Group Program. Additionally, Kyle played a large role in the Pender County Broadband Initiative, the Community Gardens program, and the Hazzard Mitigation and Elevation Acquisition Grant. He oversaw acquisition and implementation of a new software system for the entire department, as well as the development of two small area plans and CRC certification of the County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. There has been significant departmental reconstruction resulting in his department absorbing the Parks and Recreation Services Department as well as the GIS and Addressing Department. Kyle has managed the expansion of his department to a second location and the Pender County Hampstead Annex. All the while, the Planning Department has dealt with unparalleled staff turnover as it serves as a de facto graduate school for planners who work for "Professor" Breuer for a while and then move on to higher-paying jobs in larger jurisdictions in and beyond our region. Throughout, Kyle has kept the ship steady and on course.

Kyle has always been a champion for Pender County and our entire region. In addition to his daily duties, he also is a regular participant on many local, regional, and statewide boards and committees. He serves on a Quick Response Team for the NC Association of County Commissioners legislative team, he represents Pender County on the Highway 17 Association (and is a past Vice President of that organization), he was a delegate and a steering committee member on the PlanIt EAST Military Growth Task Force, he frequently represents Pender County on the Technical Coordinating Committees for both the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization, he is

the current Vice President of the Executive Committee for the Cape Fear Resource, Conservation and Development, Inc., and is a staff liaison to Pender County's Council on Community Affairs.

Kyle holds a Bachelor's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from East Carolina University, and he is a certified professional planner by the American Institute of Certified Planners and Certified Zoning Officials in North Carolina."