



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 7

DATE OF MEETING: June 20, 2016

REQUESTED BY: Charles R. Collins, Emergency Management Director

SHORT TITLE: Approval of a Purchase Order to JW Fishers for a Scanning Sonar: \$7,375.00.

BACKGROUND: On May 12, 2016 the Pender Sheriff, EMS and Emergency Management Agencies responding to a missing person call on Shelter Creek all indications the missing person may have fallen into the creek and drowned. The only resource the county had was Pender EMS boat and drag lines to search the creek. Shelter Creek is the deepest creek for its size in the North America and full of trees from past storms which made it hard to pull drag lines. The only sonar in the area was in New Hanover and we asked for assistance and it took several days to get the resource and sonar confirmed the missing person had drowned and was located near his home.

This resource can be used by the sheriff department to search for evidence in the water or by EMS to do body recovery in case of a drowning in the water of Pender County.

Funds for this expenditure are budgeted in Emergency Management – Contract Services 525-404500, FY-15-16 Budget the funds came from the Emergency Management Performance Grants. The County will be invoiced by JW Fishers.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: The Board of Commissioners is requested to consider approving a purchase order in the amount of \$7,375.00 to JW Fishers for a Scanning Sonar.