

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

The Pender County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 20, 2010 at the Commissioner's meeting room, 805 S. Walker St., Burgaw, NC 28425.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jimmy Tate, presiding; Vice Chairman Norwood Blanchard; and Commissioners F.D. Rivenbark and David Williams.

MEMBERS ABSENT: George Brown.

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Benton, County Manager and Clerk to the Board; Trey Thurman, County Attorney; Glenda Pridgen, Deputy Clerk to the Board; other staff and members of the Press and public.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tate called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and thanked and welcomed all to the meeting.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Rivenbark offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE

Commissioner Blanchard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Proclamation Declaring the Month of September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Administrative Assistant Melinda Knoerzer introduced her daughter Margaret "Meg" Knoerzer. Miss Knoerzer thanked the Commissioners and County Manager for allowing her to speak at this meeting. She noted this Proclamation has been requested to promote education on ovarian cancer through her English Department, as a component of her Graduation Project. Miss Knoerzer then read the Proclamation, which listed some of the symptoms of this "silent killer." Mr. Tate thanked Miss Knoerzer for the presentation in honor of her mother and said it had been one year since his mother had passed away with cancer. Ms. Knoerzer thanked her daughter and said it is a real family battle. Ms. Knoerzer thanked all her supporters including her boss, the Commissioners and friends, and said some good had come out of it – knowing the community cared so much. Mr. Rivenbark added some statistics on cancer, saying that now one out of every three women will get it and one out of every two for men.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Betsy Perry thanked Board members for attending their meeting in Hampstead on the traffic situation, thanked the NC DOT for more signs, and thanked Sheriff Smith for more enforcement. She said the traffic situation has improved but she wishes they could do away with the center lane and put a median down the middle of Hwy 17. Ms. Perry asked the Board for a resolution of funding support to give to legislators. Mr. Williams added to Ms. Perry's remarks saying he had already spoken to Representative Carolyn Justice about getting a median, and said we need to make sure the MPO study advocates safety but does not jeopardize the Hwy 17 By-Pass. Mr. Tate thanked the church that hosted the meeting and noted the large crowd that attended.

Mr. Johnnie Stringfield said the Board made a big difference by supporting funding for the basketball goals. He said with respect to Item No. 14, he is proud to see it on the agenda, and he fully supports a recreation center for the County.

Ms. Veronica Chasen spoke in support of the recreation center and gave some statistics on the results of unhealthy living and unhealthy lifestyles in 2008. She said a recreation center will help decrease chronic diseases and increase health for the ones already diagnosed with diseases.

Mr. Charles Stevens also spoke in favor of a recreation center and said it should include education and the health component, and not just the physical side of it.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Tate presented the nine items on the Consent Agenda and asked for any discussion or questions. There being none, Mr. Rivenbark made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Mr. Williams seconded the motion and the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote as follows:

2. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Sept 7, 2010.
3. Resolution Supporting the Preparation of a County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
4. Resolution Approving Increase in Giant Salvinia Budget: \$5,695.20.
5. Resolution Authorizing Purchase Order to Tim's Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., for Replacement of One 5 Ton York RTU HVAC Unit in Sheriff Department Emergency Operation Center: \$7,545.
6. Resolution Authorizing Purchase Order to Adapco, Inc. to Purchase Three Drums of Aqua Reslin: \$18,810.
7. Resolution Authorizing Purchase Order to Revels Turf and Tractor, LLC, for the Purchase of One John Deere 2653B Tractor: \$25,000; and One John Deere 1200A Field Rake: \$7,500.
8. Resolution Authorizing Pender County Department of Planning and Community Development to Issue Building Permits and Perform Inspections within the Town of Atkinson for FY 2010-2011.
9. Resolution Authorizing Designated Agents for 2011 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program.
10. Resolution Authorizing Change Order Increase of \$7,611, Purchase Order to Port City Builders, Inc. in the Amount of \$12,048, and Final Payment of \$12,048 to Port City Builders, Inc. for the Dental Clinic Renovation Project.

RESOLUTIONS

11. **Resolution Consenting to the Relocation of the Scales and Associated Scale House for the County's Transfer Station in Coordination with the Hawksbill Cove Development Proposal.**

Mr. Tate congratulated Kyle Breuer in his new role as Planning Director. Mr. Breuer explained the resolution as follows: Hawksbill Cove is the former St. George's Reach Development; the developers are proposing to extend Transfer Station Road from US Hwy 17 southeast to Country Club Rd.; the extension is part of a revised Master Plan submission to the Pender County Planning Board, which provides an extra ingress/egress point to the development which had to be moved from the previously proposed location; with this extension of the existing right-of-way, the County's transfer station scales and scale house will require relocation further southeast than the current location; the developers would like to receive the Board's consent for the general layout and access of a new site location for the scales and scale house, and new entrance/exit; there will be no cost for the County or disruption of services for the relocation to take place; and there will be no transfer of County-owned property to the developer and the construction will take place outside the existing right-of-way of Transfer Station Road. Mr. Williams expressed concern about the request. He said the initial request was turned down because of ingress/egress problems, and it was not based on moving the scales and scale house. Mr. Williams made a motion to deny the request and Blanchard seconded it. Mr. Breuer then gave a history on the original rezoning request and said it is currently zoned PD. Mr. Blanchard said the Board had previously talked about relocating the Transfer Station altogether; why don't we wait and let the developer put the money

up front. Utilities Director Michael Mack said we don't know when and if we will relocate the Transfer Station. Mr. Williams said this is not what they originally agreed upon and he is concerned that people can't make it to the meeting to voice their concerns. Mr. Rivenbark said we should defer any decision until we have further information on this. Attorney Shanklin wanted to speak on behalf of the applicant, but was told this is not a public hearing. After more discussion, Mr. Williams amended his motion to defer the item to a night meeting and to get more information on it. Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote to defer the item.

12. Resolution Amending the County's Pay & Classification Plan to Establish a Clinical Social Worker Position - (Grade 71) in the Pender County Department of Social Services.

Social Services Director Dr. Reta Shiver explained: the Pender County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, in conjunction with Pender County DSS, submitted a grant for a Licensed Clinical Therapist for Pender County; after review of program agreements and based on recommendation by the funding and review committee, the position was approved; having a therapist position on site at DSS will provide tremendous savings in Social Worker time and travel; Social Worker will be able to accomplish more documentation and making contacts in other cases because hours will be spent at desks rather than on the road traveling and/or sitting in therapists offices out of town; DSS will be able to serve more children in a more timely manner; Pender County will save hourly wages paid to Social Workers, wear and tear on vehicles, and fuel costs; and direct cost savings is estimated at \$44,000. Mr. Tate asked if the position is totally grant funded and Dr. Shiver said there is a county match of ¼ of the entire grant. Dr. Shiver added when the County's budget was approved, they didn't know they had the grant so that is the reason for this resolution. Mr. Blanchard made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

13. Resolution Reactivating the Pender County Human Relations Commission.

Mr. Tate explained he is responsible for this resolution. He said it is not just for any specific group, he wants to foster ideas about how to make human relations better for the entire County. Mr. Rivenbark spoke about Page 3, Section 4 and said when he previously put it before the Board they disagreed with Robert's Rules of Order. Other Board members expressed that they don't exactly agree with all of Robert's Rules of Order, but they do agree with having a Human Relations Commission. After more discussion, Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Rivenbark seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

14. Resolution Supporting a Process for the Development of a Central Pender County Recreation Center.

Mr. Tate said he is again responsible for this resolution. He said the County needs to have more youth activities as spoken by the citizens who spoke earlier under Public Comment, and said an initial recreation center site location in the center of the County would be centrally located for access to all citizens across the County, and would also be located such that currently underserved and economically disadvantaged citizens could be offered a variety of recreation and community center programs and activities within reasonable proximity and access. Mr. Williams expressed concern that building this center could be defeating the purpose of the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan and asked if Mr. Tate has a specific site in plan or is he basically pursuing a process. Mr. Breuer said they are working on the Parks Plan, which includes thirty facilities; they would be using a ranking system, and at this stage they are only in the planning process. Mr. Benton reiterated the Planning Department is working on a planning process and noted the PARTF grant process comes up again in January and they can use that to start efforts. Mr. Blanchard said Planning should take on this project because it will need to be funded. Mr. Tate said funding is limited and if this Board establishes this as a top priority, we can move on it when funding is available. He said now is the time to move ahead and make a recommendation on

it. There was discussion of the location of the proposed recreation center. Mr. Williams asked what is the point in doing the study if you're not going to abide by it. Mr. Tate said this is basically a planning process, and he is asking the Board to make this project a top priority today so when we go through the budget process, the funding will be available. Mr. Williams then made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

15. **Resolution Adopting a Code of Ethics for the Pender County Board of Commissioners.**

Mr. Thurman explained: Section 106A-86 of the North Carolina General Statutes requires local government boards to adopt a code of ethics prior to December 31, 2010; the School of Government has crafted a model code of ethics for local government establishing guidelines for ethical standards of conduct; a draft code of ethics was presented to the Board at the September 7, 2010 meeting; the Board requested it be placed on the September 20 agenda for consideration; and he hasn't received any comments back from the Board. Mr. Williams asked about the ethic training the Board members completed and asked if it is required every year. Mr. Benton and Mr. Thurman replied the training is required once every election. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Rivenbark seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote. The optional censure section was not included.

16. **Resolution Approving the Issuance of General Obligation Water Bond Anticipation Notes in an Estimated Amount of up to \$17,500,000 for the Construction Period Financing of the Pender County Surface Water Treatment Plant Project.**

Mr. Mack explained: at a referendum held on November 7, 2006, the voters of the County authorized the issuance of up to \$17,500,000 of County general obligation water bonds to pay costs of water system improvements to include the Surface Water Treatment Plant and Finished Water Transmission Main projects; the County will issue and sell a new issue of general obligation water bond anticipation notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$17,500,000; and the Board is now asked to consider a resolution approving the issuance of General Obligation Water Bond Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$17,500,000 for the construction period financing before USDA-RD purchases a bond to provide permanent financing after the project is complete. Mr. Mack recognized Bob Jessup, the Bond Attorney, and David McCole, Pender County Finance Officer, for their work on this project. Board members discussed the issue and asked questions of Mr. Jessup. Mr. Williams expressed he is feeling real good about it and Mr. Tate agreed. Mr. Blanchard asked what sort of interest rate Mr. Jessup is projecting, and Mr. Jessup responded "probably under 2%." Board members were pleased with this projection. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Rivenbark seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

17. **Resolution Approving the Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of Water Revenue Bonds, Including up to \$4,955,000 in Water Revenue Bonds for the Pender County Surface Water Treatment Plant and Associated Water Transmission Main Projects.**

Mr. Mack explained: the County has previously determined to undertake certain water system improvements; the County has determined to issue Revenue Bonds to finance a portion of the Project's costs; Rural Utilities Service has offered to assist the County in financing the Project through a combination of grant and loan funds, including through the purchase of Revenue Bonds; and the North Carolina Local Government Commission has approved the County's issuance of the revenue bonds. Mr. Rivenbark asked if Mr. Thurman had gone over these thoroughly and Mr. Thurman said he reviewed them but he defers to Mr. Jessup. Mr. Jessup said the documents are consistent with what the USDA requires, the Local Government Commission reviews the documents, and during a conference call with Mr. McCole, Mr. Mack and Mr. Benton, they had gone over the documents section by section. He further explained the Revenue Bonds came as a result of moving toward a bigger treatment plant and

transmission main. Mr. Rivenbark noted Pender County's bond rating has grown over the past two years, and said we owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. McCole and others who made this possible. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

18. **Resolution Approving the Interim Construction Period Financing in the Form of a New Issue of Water Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes (BANS) in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$4,955,000 for the Pender County Surface Water Treatment Plant and Associated Water Transmission Main Projects and Request the North Carolina Local Government Commission Proceed with the Private Sale of the BANS to the Recommended Bank in Accordance with the Terms of the Proposal.**

Mr. Mack explained this resolution is proposed in order to meet USDA requirements; it has been cleared with the Local Government Commission; and the LGC is to proceed with the private sale of the BANS to Bank of America/Merrill Lynch in accordance with a 1.19 % interest rate. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

19. **Resolution by the Board of Commissioners to Approve an Interlocal Agreement between Pender County and Cape Fear Public Utility Authority for the US Highway 421 Wastewater Treatment Facility.**

Mr. Mack explained the County and Cape Fear Public Utility Authority (CFPUA) entered into a contract on September 9, 2009 to design and permit a 0.5 million gallon per day Wastewater Treatment Facility to serve the US 421 Corridor and preserve the Authority's NPDES Permit, and the Interlocal Agreement was presented to the CFPUA Board of Directors at their September 8, 2010 meeting and approved. Mr. Williams commented Pender County had pursued a good working relationship with New Hanover County and CFPUA on this. Mr. Blanchard said Mr. Mack deserves a special vote of confidence and praise, and he's really carried the ball on these water projects. Mr. Tate said he echoes Mr. Blanchard's words on behalf of the entire Board of Commissioners. Mr. Rivenbark made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

20. **Resolution by the Board of Commissioners to Approve a Professional Services Agreement and Authorize a Purchase Order with S&ME, Inc. for Special Inspection Services and Construction Materials Testing in an amount Not-To-Exceed \$400,000 for the Pender County Surface Water Treatment Plant and Finished Water Transmission Main Projects.**

Mr. Mack explained: during the construction of the Pender County Surface Water Treatment Plant and Finished Water Transmission Main Projects, third party "Special Inspections" are required to comply with the North Carolina adopted International Building Code requirements, the purpose of the Special Inspections is to ensure the structural safety of the completed project through a variety of inspections and reports on elements such as shallow foundations, structural fill, reinforced concrete, welding, bolting, etc.; and staff recommends S&ME. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

SCOTTS HILL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

21. **Resolution by the Scott's Hill Water and Sewer District Board of Directors Approving the Issuance of General Obligation Water Bond Anticipation Notes in the Amount of \$2,711,000 for the Construction Period Financing of the Scott's Hill Water Distribution System.**

The Board convened as the Scotts Hill Water and Sewer District at 5:22 p.m. and reconvened as the Board of Commissioners at 5:24 p.m. Mr. Mack explained at a referendum held on November 7, 2006,

the voters of Scotts Hill Water and Sewer District authorized the issuance of up to \$4,000,000 of District general obligation water bonds to pay costs of water system improvements in the District, and this resolution authorizes the issuance of notes in the amount of \$2,711,000. Mr. Rivenbark made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

APPOINTMENTS

22. Resolution to Consider Appointment to the Pender County Fire Commission.

Mr. Blanchard said he previously had questions as to the appointment to the Fire Commission but Ms. Pridgen had answered them. Mr. Blanchard made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Elizabeth Grover to serve a three-year term on the Fire Commission representing the Penderlea Fire District, with such term to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Benton had no further items.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

Mr. Thurman said he would have items for Closed Session.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Rivenbark said he had attended the NCACC and NACo Conferences; the vast majority of counties had raised property taxes considerably in the past two years, but Pender hasn't; and the fall Litter Sweep is September 18 through October 2, 2010.

Mr. Blanchard said this won't affect him because he won't be a Commissioner much longer, but he would like to see the Board holding all Commissioner meetings at night. He said this would benefit citizens who worked during the day. Mr. Williams said some items could be discussed at 4:00 p.m. and big issues at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Tate said it is a very good suggestion, that being a working Commissioner, it is difficult meeting at 10:00 a.m., and that they make decisions that affect working people that cannot attend morning meetings. The item was discussed further, but no decision was made at this time.

Mr. Williams said the Spot Festival will be held this week-end. He said he probably won't be able to attend because of football coaching, but any Commissioner that wishes to can participate in the opening ceremonies at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Tate said he attended the NCACC Annual Conference, along with Mr. Benton and Mr. Rivenbark, and thanked them for attending; he did get to congratulate the new state president Joe Bryan and spoke to the outgoing president; thanked Mr. Williams for his leadership in the Scotts Hill ground breaking ceremony; announced the Citizen Focus Group Meetings to be held in October, and noted these meetings derived from the Board Summit held last January; and thanked the Sheriff for his role in the improvements made in the traffic situation in Hampstead. Mr. Tate yielded to Mr. Benton the discussion of scrap tires for the Willard Community. After a brief discussion, the Board consensus was to leave the services as they currently stand.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:45 p.m., Mr. Rivenbark made a motion to enter into closed session, pursuant to NCGS 143318:11: (3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall be reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded; (5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract; and (6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General policy matters may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved going into closed session by a 4-0 vote. At 7:00 p.m., Mr. Blanchard made a motion and Mr. Rivenbark seconded the motion that the Board come out of Closed Session. There were no announcements made upon exiting the Closed Session.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/RESOLUTIONS

23. Closeout Public Hearing for the FY06 CDBG Entrepreneurial Incubator Grant (Regional Shared Use Kitchen Incubator at the WestPark Facility, James Sprunt Community College, Warsaw, NC).

The public hearing opened at 7:05 p.m. and closed at 7:06 p.m. Mr. Chip Bartlett of Holland Consulting Planners explained: the County received a CDBG grant from the Commerce Finance Center to create a Regional Commercial Kitchen Incubator; the total project budget was \$401,416, comprised of a CDBG Grant in the amount of \$356,478 and a grant from Pender Memorial Hospital for \$44,938; the project involved renovation of an existing building at the WestPark Business Development Center in Warsaw, NC in order to create a Regional Shared Use Commercial Kitchen; all activities related to the CDBG program have been completed and the County is in the process of closing out the program; as part of closeout, the County is required to hold a public hearing for citizen comments prior to submittal of the Certificate of Completion to the Department of Commerce; and no other action is required after the public hearing. Mr. Tate asked if there was any type of facility opening and Mr. Bartlett said they only had a pre-opening, but they will have something soon. Mr. Tate asked if they already have activities going on and Mr. Bartlett responded "no." Mr. Tate said he understand UNC-W has partnered with James Sprunt in the Kitchen Incubator facility.

24. Public Hearing & Resolution Supporting FY 2010 CDBG-ER, Economic Recovery Grant Application of Approximately \$500,000.

The public hearing opened at 7:06 p.m. and closed at 7:07 p.m. Mr. Bartlett explained Holland Consulting Planning is submitting an application on behalf of Pender County for a grant of approximately \$500,000 in CDBG Economic Recovery funds, and said any county that didn't receive the stimulus finding last year could apply for this funding. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the

resolution, Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The advertising for the public hearing is attached and made a part of these minutes as referenced herein.

25. Public Hearing and Resolution Requesting Approval of a Special Use Permit for the Construction and Operation of a Convenience/Gas Station, Located at the Southeast Corner of NC Highway 53 East and Shaw Highway, Burgaw, NC.

The public hearing opened at 7:07 p.m. and closed at 7:34 p.m. Planner Ashley Frank explained: the property consists of one tract totaling approximately 1.71 acres; access to the facility will be provided by two separate driveway entrances, located on Shaw Highway and NC 53, subject to review and issuance of driveway permits by the NC Department of Transportation; the applicant plans to utilize a private on-site well and on-site septic system, subject to review and approval from Environmental Health; the property does not contain any Special Flood Hazard Area, but it does fall into the 500 year flood area; the property is currently zoned RA, Rural Agricultural; and the proposed development is consistent with the CAMA Land Use Plan and the 2010 Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Mr. Thurman swore in the witnesses. Mr. Robert Kenan asked the Board to approve a Procedural Motion to Continue the item because he and other adjoining property owners didn't receive enough notice time and didn't realize the Board of Commissioners would be looking at this tonight. He said he didn't realize the Board hears Special Use Permits since the new UDO. Mr. Williams noted the Board had been hearing Special Use Permits before the new UDO. Ms. Frank noted they had sent out the notices more than ten days ahead of time and the sign was posted on the property along with the legal notification in the Pender Post and Topsail Voice. There was some talk of the residents confusing the sign with a variance sign that was also posted on the property. Mr. Doug Kenan also spoke in opposition of approving the SUP tonight. Mr. Brad Sedgwick and Mr. Martin Edwards spoke in favor of approving it tonight. Mr. Evans said it could hurt him financially if it was postponed for 30 days because right now it is in loan review and they don't want to face foreclosure. After more discussion by the Board and citizens, Mr. Blanchard made a motion to continue the request until the October 18, 2010 meeting to give the folks in the neighborhood more time to review it. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Blanchard made a motion to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Glenda Pridgen, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Reviewed By:



Rick Benton, Clerk to the Board

Planning Item Reviewed By:



Planning Staff

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RELATIVE TO APPLICATION
BY PENDER COUNTY
FOR FUNDING UNDER THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given that the Pender County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Monday, September 20, 2010, at 4:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room, Pender County Administration Building, 805 S. Walker Street, Burgaw, NC, relative to the intention of the county to apply for FY2010 CDBG Economic Recovery funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act.

Pender County intends to submit an application for a grant of approximately \$500,000 in CDBG Economic Recovery funds to undertake improvements to substandard housing within the county. The county has requested applications for housing assistance and will award housing assistance grants based on a competitive rating system.

The following is a tentative list of proposed activities and an estimated budget. The final application will be reviewed at the public hearing.

1.	Housing Activities (6 units)	
	Clearance	\$ 25,000
	Rehabilitation	\$ 35,000
	Relocation Assistance	\$380,000
2.	Administration	\$ <u>60,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$500,000

All citizens are requested and encouraged to attend the public hearing and make comments and suggestions. If additional information is needed, please contact the County Manager at (910) 259-1200.

Formal written complaints or comments concerning the application process that are submitted to the County Manager will be responded to within ten working days by the county.