

*County of Brunswick*  
*Office of the County Commissioners*



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROVIDING APPLICATION ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY  
OF SOUTHPORT FOR A MERGER/REGIONALIZATION FEASIBILITY GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, Session Law 2015-241 with changes made to NCGS 159G created the Merger/Regionalization Feasibility grants to broaden the use of grant funds to encourage water and wastewater utilities to become viable and more proactive in the management and financing of their systems, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Southport intends to perform a study to evaluate the potential for a merger consolidation of the water and wastewater systems into one system with Brunswick County Utilities, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Southport intends to request Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Grant assistance to investigate the challenges, benefits, and implications for both utilities presented by the merger consolidation of the water and wastewater systems.

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

- 1) That John Nichols, Director of Brunswick County Utilities, as the Authorized Official, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to provide assistance from Brunswick County Utilities to the City of Southport, the Applicant, to the extent necessary for the purpose of the completion of the Merger/ Regionalization Feasibility Grant program application and to provide a letter indicating Brunswick County's intent to act as the partnering utility.
- 2) The Authorized Official, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to cooperate to the extent necessary to perform a Merger/Regionalization Feasibility study with the Applicant, for the purposes of ensuring the viability of all systems involved.
- 3) The Authorized Official, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the study; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application and study.
- 4) That authorization provided by the Board of Commissioners to the Authorized Official does not bind Brunswick County or Brunswick County Utilities to act on the recommendations of the study.

**ADOPTED** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

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Randy Thompson, Chairman  
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

**CERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER**

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Brunswick does hereby certify: That the above resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners duly held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

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Daralyn Spivey  
Clerk to the Board