WHEREAS the New Hanover County General Assistance fund was created to provide emergency assistance to residents in need.

And WHEREAS such assistance has been primarily to pay for water, prescription medications or rent.

And WHEREAS it has also been used to pay for food and electricity.

And WHEREAS the caseload is about 300 households per month.

And WHEREAS the previous budget provided $320 thousand for these purposes.

And WHEREAS that $320 thousand was all used.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we call upon New Hanover County to restore this vital funding immediately and in full.

Adopted by precinct W13 at its meeting February 25, 2014.

Chair