



Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda Item Submittal

(Revised)

Item To Be Considered: **Resolution 2026-R9 Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus for Donation**

Board Meeting Date: **September 22, 2026**

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Overview: The Town of Swansboro Fire Department requests authorization from the Board of Commissioners to declare a former fire department watercraft and associated motor as surplus property and donate the equipment to Carteret Community College for use in its Boat Manufacturing and Service Program.

The 1996 watercraft has not been utilized for emergency response or other Town operations for several years and has remained in storage while staff resolved historical title, ownership, and insurance discrepancies. Originally owned and titled to the former Swansboro Volunteer Fire Department, the vessel became a Town asset after the department transitioned into the Town of Swansboro. Staff has now successfully resolved the outstanding ownership and title issues, allowing the Town to proceed with disposition of the property. Due to its age and years of inactivity, the vessel's hull has deteriorated considerably, and the motor requires significant maintenance. Given its condition, anticipated repair costs, and lack of operational need, the vessel has minimal fair market value, and investing additional Town resources into restoration would provide limited benefit. Staff contacted Carteret Community College about potentially donating the vessel and motor to its Boat Manufacturing and Service Program. College representatives expressed significant interest, as the equipment would provide students with hands-on opportunities to evaluate, troubleshoot, repair, and develop practical skills applicable to the marine trades. The proposed donation gives an otherwise unused Town asset a productive second life while supporting technical education and workforce development in our region.

Background Attachment(s): Resolution 2026-R9

Recommended Action: Approval of Resolution 2026-R9 declaring the watercraft and equipment surplus and authorizing donation to Carteret Community College for educational use.

Action: _____

