

Lawsuit Timeline

- November 4, 2009 - Contract with Sampson Contracting, Inc. for Phase I of the overall canal dredging project was approved by the Town Council sitting at the time and Mayor Don Smith. Town Manager Charles Read was authorized to execute the contract and issue a Notice to Proceed with work.
- February 6, 2010 - Council determines Sampson Contracting, Inc. in default of the contract due to non-performance of work.
- 2010, 2011, 2012– Town of Southern Shores, other potential defendants, and the former contractor Sampson Contracting, Inc. attempt to mediate claim by Sampson that it was financially harmed by the Town’s determination of contract default.
- September 17, 2010 - Town enters into a replacement contract with Byrd Brothers Emergency Services, LLC to finish the incomplete dredging project (Phase I).
- June 1, 2011 - Canal dredging project (Phase I) is completed by the replacement contractor, within budget.
- January 31, 2013 - Sampson Contracting, Inc. files a lawsuit against the Town and six other defendants for wrongful termination of its contract.
- February 13, 2015 - Lawsuit is settled between all parties in total amount of \$ 248,000 – Town’s contribution towards the settlement amount is \$123,500. This settlement amount was paid from within the existing annual operating budget. The Town paid no attorney’s fees or other compensation to or on behalf of any other defendant.