

Week of January 23, 2012:

- I attended a conference on Monday in Currituck that was sponsored by the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. I currently serve on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. The conference was about improving outcomes for youth that have gotten into trouble with the law or are simply undisciplined. North Carolina and New York are the only two states that treat 16 and 17 year olds as adults. All other states treat them as juveniles. We heard presentations on the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and how North Carolina is out of compliance with federal law on some of the provisions. We lose money from the federal grant as a result of being out of compliance. The meat of the conference was at the end when we broke up into county groups and discussed alternative ways of dealing with juveniles to keep them out of the court system. We will be discussing the alternatives in more detail at our JCPC meetings.
- The Travel Channel was in town this week filming an episode of the Dead Files. The episode is about the Nell Cropsey mystery and part of the filming took place at the Courthouse on Monday.
- I attended a dinner last night that was hosted in honor of John Nicolson, Military Affairs Advisor for Governor Perdue. He has been on a two day tour of our aviation facilities and the Coast Guard base.
- We are starting to see some improvement in our motor vehicle values as you can see from the attached report. We used to see a steady increase in motor vehicle values until they peaked in 2007 at \$290 million. Since then, we have seen a steady decline each year until 2010 when we hit \$245 million. The good news is that our vehicle values increased to \$259 million in 2011. This indicates that people are beginning to upgrade their vehicles again resulting in the higher values. We estimated \$245 million in this year's budget.
- We received notice this week that ECU's contractor removed the previously unknown fuel tanks at the former Vicki Villa site and there were no apparent problems with contamination. The final soil sample test will reveal the actual situation, but everything looks good at this time.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

Assistant County Manager:

Christy Saunders, Jerry Newell, Julie Stamper and I met with Captain Dave Bhatta and Captain Jeff Glick last Tuesday. Mike Renshaw and a Camden Deputy were also in attendance. The Army would like to have a Civil Affairs Team conduct an exercise in Pasquotank / Camden Counties either the week of May 21 – 25 or June 18 – 22. We discuss possible projects they might work on. Christy suggested a problem we had is the ability to communicate and move special needs people (major hurricane). Captain Bhatta thought that would be a good project but we agreed we are open to other ideas.

The army team will likely consist of 6 – 8 people. We offered the use of our EOC. Cpt. Glick will head up the team. He will contact us by the end of March to solidify the date.

Board of Elections

- The redistricting data for the NC House and US Congressional districts has been entered and completed in our election Geocode system. The redistricting data entry for the County Commissioners districts has begun and should be completed in a few days.

Water Department:

- The RO Plant is on hold, waiting for water from the wells to start the start-up procedures. The ADA approved water fountain needs to be installed. The stand pipe in the concentrate tank also needs to be extended.
- Contract III, the 24" finish water line, is completed and is close to being closed out.
- Contract IV, the 12" force main or concentrate line, is being negotiated between the contractor and our engineer for close out.
- The Larabee Well has an electrical problem and we hope it gets repaired next week.
- The Wesley I Well pump and motor were installed this week and we hope it will be finished up next week so we can run it.
- We are having a high pressure problem when the Pike and Foreman-Bundy Wells start up and we are working to fix this problem.

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