

Week of January 26, 2009:

- Two long-time employees retired this week. Bonnie Hoffman retired from the County Tax Department and Janet McChesney retired from the Clerk of Court's Office. They will both be missed; however, we wish them much enjoyment in retirement.
- I attended the Soybean festival on Tuesday.
- I attended the JCPC meeting on Wednesday and Sherri Ellington gave a report on juvenile complaints in Pasquotank County. In 2007-08, there were a total of 161 complaints regarding juveniles. There were 119 decisions which include court appearances and diversions. 41% of the juveniles were diverted from court and received other services to keep them out of court. 51 juveniles went to juvenile court. Diversion is the preferred method for dealing with juveniles especially for first offenses.
- I have been meeting with county staff and groups that want to use the old middle school this week to prepare information for submission to the special committee that was formed regarding the uses of the middle school. A meeting has been scheduled for Monday at 2:30 pm in the Public Safety building to review the proposals and receive a report on any capital expenses that may be needed.
- Our architect has approved a substantial completion certificate for the old library building renovation project. Bids were due today for the furniture and we plan to begin moving some items into the building next week.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

Information Technology:

These Pasquotank County departments are currently using two T1 type 1.5MB network lines to interconnect at a cost of \$799 each per month (\$799 X 2 = cost \$1598 bandwidth =3 MB)

We have been having some issues with connections due to the capacity restrictions. We have come to an agreement with Embarq for them to provide a 10MB data connection for \$1040 per month giving us a **\$558 reduction in monthly expense** and improving the speed of our external data network by 7MB per second. Part of the speed increase and the cost savings is possible because we are upgrading the connection to their system from copper wire to Fiber Optic lines.

Departments and type of use on this network

- Central Communications and Sheriff to and from
 1. The necessary State Offices
 2. Camden County Sheriff
 3. The Sheriff patrol cars Mobile Data Terminals (MDT)
 4. Fire stations one and two
 5. all other remote terminal access
 6. All their World Wide Web access uses this network
- EMS
 1. Uses this system to connect for Email
 2. Their connection to Central Communications
 3. The security door access server
- Cooperative Extension
 1. The necessary State Offices
 2. All their World Wide Web access uses this network
- DSS
 1. To the security door access server

- Courthouse
 1. Some departments have special access programs on their computers for making bank deposits
 2. Remote access for the heating and air system,
 3. Solid Waste Landfill Scale building uses this connection
 4. The Remote Desktop program accesses here
 5. All of the County Email goes across this connection
 6. The County Web Page access from outside the courthouse complex uses this connection

Fire Department Coordinator:

We finally got a couple pictures of the body beginning to be built for the mini-pumper for Weeksville. They are being forced to begin the body early without the chassis due to a delay in shipment.

Cooperative Extension:

Agriculture

The Soybean Festival was held which featured a speaker, food samples with soybean dishes and a poster contest for the elementary school students. 335 attended the event.

The soybean growers met with Dr. Jim Dunphy, of NC State University. Also, farmers are making preparations for upcoming planting options.

A master gardener session was held for 6 trainees.

An area horse production meeting was held. 99 attended the meeting, which featured Dr. Bob Mowrey, Horse Husbandry at NC State was the speaker.

Livestock judging training was held on Thursday. Also, 22 youth participated in the contest in Raleigh on Saturday, the 24th. The Pasquotank team won first place.

4-H and Youth

Summer camp recruitment was offered at 2 elementary schools. Also plans were made for a summer bio technology camp.

Family and Consumer Sciences

2 parenting sessions were held.

A Step to Health program was conducted at Virginia Dare and Harriot Heights for seniors.

Recipes were provided using soybeans by FCS agents during the soybean festival

Other:

Dr. Mark Kistler, NCSU Professor, visited with us to do a site visit with our NCSU intern for the semester. Bryant Jennings will be with us until April 9th.

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