

Week of March 1, 2010:

- I have continued working this week with the Red Cross to identify space at Edgewood Center for them to relocate their offices. I met with Carolyn and others from her office on Monday at Edgewood to show her the space. They came back on Thursday to take measurements of the area. They are very interested in the space and they want to know how long the County will let them stay there. I will have this item on the next agenda.
- While we were at Edgewood this week, we identified numerous pieces of furniture and chairs that were stored in the former Mental Health offices that we could use to update county offices where furniture was in poor condition. Numerous offices have received updated furniture and we still have more to go. This has given offices a much needed face lift since we have not been able to buy furniture for some time. Many of the offices in the Courthouse had furniture that was 30 years old or older.
- I met with representatives from YoungWilliams on Tuesday to discuss the transition process for the Child Support Enforcement Program. They have agreed that we need to leave the office in the current location at least for the first year to avoid any additional disruption. After the first year, they will be able to fully evaluate the location and space needs. YoungWilliams staff will write the transition plan for us that we need to submit to the State. I have also notified the State of our decision.
- I attended a reception at Arts of the Albemarle on Wednesday that was hosted for members of Leadership North Carolina. They were in Elizabeth City for the Economic Development session of their program.
- Commissioner Jordan and I completed his tour of county facilities today. We toured the Water Plant and the new recreation sites at River Road and South Park. Soccer season starts tomorrow and all of the County and City staff were busy getting the soccer fields ready for opening day.
- We have been busy this week trying to finalize the closing documents for the \$12 million USDA loan for the Jail project. Mike Cox and I have been communicating with our Bond Counsel and the USDA to get everything ready for closing by the end of the month. David Smithson has also been working with the contractors to complete the remaining items at the jail so that we can receive the certificate of occupancy.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

Finance Office

- The County received \$13,439 from the N.C. Department of Revenue from the debt setoff program. Of this amount, \$3,617 is for EMS bills.

Emergency Medical Service

- We are reviewing applications this week for the part time Office Assistant. We will begin scheduling interviews for the position next week.
- There are several upcoming training exercises with outside agencies which EMS is an integral part of. Most of the day today has been taken up with the planning stages of the two exercises.
- Robert Sawyer from Pitney Bowes came by this week and we discussed possible ways to streamline some of our mail handling and postage.
- Effective April 1, 2010, we will be utilizing our new protocols. As we are coming to our deadline, we are excited about the new changes. Extensive training has been taking place over the last few months in order to in-service our staff on the new protocols and procedures. We will be changing some of the medications that we administer in the field as well as starting some new procedures. Some of these new items include:
 - Fentanyl administration for pain

- Zofran (Ondansetron) administration for nausea
- Ibuprofen for pain
- Beta Blockers (Metoprolol) for heart rate control
- Adult Intraosseous placement and IV infusion through the device
- CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure)
- Implementation of the use of tourniquets
- Implementation of an endotracheal tube placement device in order to increase invasive airway placement success.
- New time guidelines that all EMS Systems must abide by including:
 - Back in service time (limited to 30 minutes). This is the time that we are allowed to be at the hospital before making the unit available for next call.
 - EMS Dispatch Center Time. This limits the amount of time that the 9-1-1 center can take to dispatch a call. This will be limited to 90 seconds, 90% of the time.
 - EMS Wheels Rolling Time. This is the amount of time between dispatch and when the ambulance checks en route to the call. This will be limited to 90 seconds, 90% of the time.
 - Future predictions call for limiting response times to 8:59 or less 90% of the time to all areas within the EMS System's response area.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management has received four Citizen Corps Grants totaling \$25,215 to enhance their Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. These grants will be used to purchase equipment to equip CERT members for operational response, to provide logistical support equipment and to train new team members. Many of the items purchased will be utilized for multiple purposes such as:

- Burn Pan – Fire Extinguisher training to businesses, schools, daycare centers, etc.
- First Aid Training Manikin – EMS training
- Tent – Rehab, Community Events
- Inflatable Light Tower – multiple field operations
- Collapsible Traffic Cones – multiple field operations
- Chain Saw Personal Protective Equipment (Chaps, Helmet, Eye, Ear Protection) – debris clearing

I attended planning meetings for two upcoming exercises.

- Final Planning meeting for ECSU Exercise
- Exercise Planning Committee Workshop for Hazardous Materials Exercise scheduled for May at the USCG.

We attended a regional EM Coordinator's meeting where we discussed our regional plans, training and grant procurements.

I met with Todd Brown, Mark Brown and Chris Gwin, NC Division of Emergency Management to finalize the application package for the Northeastern NC Swiftwater Rescue Team. Our region has received a \$150,000 grant to train and equip an eight to nine man team in this region.

Cooperative Extension:

4-H and Youth

8 – 2nd grade teachers from Weeksville and J. C. Sawyer were trained in the 4-H Embryology Program. Their classrooms will begin the embryology program next week.

3rd graders at Weeksville Elementary learned how soil was formed and what elements make up soil as part of the Kids in the Garden Program

Sheep Harney's 3rd graders finished the embryology program with eggs beginning to hatch on Wednesday

A new homeschool 4-H club had their first meeting with 20 in attendance. They will meet the third Thursday of every month at 2:00 p.m. at the Pasquotank Extension Center

10 Pasquotank 4-H Youth Council members held a business meeting where they decided to begin a garden to grow fresh fruits and vegetables to be donated to the Albemarle Food Bank

4-H EFNEP classes were held at Weeksville & Northside Afterschool for 60 participants

Central Elementary Kindergarten classes graduated from the 4-H EFNEP program this week

Agriculture

Plans are underway for the variety trails for the coming growing season

Farmers were instructed on the best corn and soybean selections for this area and help was provided in finding the seed

Commercial applicators that are in need of pesticide credits to maintain their license received help on the closest classes that were available

Livestock Judging had 10 to attend

Had 2 consultations with farmers of potatoes about production methods and new pesticides

4 farmers were helped with questions on vegetable production

Met with 5 ECSU students to teach them about soil sampling and soil contamination

Extension Master Gardeners met to plan a booth at the Currituck Flower and Garden Show to be held April 23-24, 2010

Over 130 blueberry plants were ordered for pick-your-own blueberry farms.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Search Your Heart Training was offered for 7 participants

Steps to Health was offered at the Virginia Dare for 19 seniors and 11 at Harriot Heights.

A parenting matters session was held for 2 participants

Assisted 2 people with Medicare D

Planning and set up for Shooting for the Stars Child Care Conference which will be held in Currituck tomorrow. 207 have pre-registered

4 EFNEP home visits were made

EFNEP provided programs at Headstart (10 participants); Albemarle Health (12 participants); and Youth Build (15 participants). This week's lesson was "Move More"

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