

## **Week of March 2, 2009:**

- We had our monthly project meeting for the new Jail on Thursday. Construction is progressing well and the generator building walls are almost complete. We had our normal discussions about change orders and we also talked about coming up with a contingency amount to finish the project. The architect and contractor are working on an estimate before the next jail meeting.
- I participated in the County Managers conference call this week that is organized by the NCACC. A large portion of the call focused on the budget and the efforts by the Governor to redirect ADM and Lottery funds that are designated for counties. There has also been a bill introduced by Senator Clodfelter to completely redirect the ADM money to the State general fund for the next 2 years. We receive \$400,000 per year from the ADM fund for school debt service. The general feeling is that we will not receive all of the ADM & Lottery money that we were supposed to receive in this fiscal year.
- I attended the OLF meeting in Camden today. Commissioners Wood and Stevenson were also in attendance. The purpose of today's meeting was to present the information about the OLF's impact on our area to Senator Hagan.
- We had a regional County Managers' meeting today in Elizabeth City. Dick Oliver and other staff from Albemarle Mental Health were present to update the Managers on the status of AMH. The Mental Health Board will be asking counties to double our contribution for next fiscal year. Dick gave a detailed financial update to the managers as well as discussing service issues. Patrice Roesler from the Association was also here to update the managers about the budget and to hear the discussion about mental health.

## **The following are reports from some of our other departments:**

### **Clerk to the Board:**

Jim Bramlett from UNC-TV plans to be in town April 3-5 with Bland Simpson to film a segment for Our State. On Friday afternoon, April 3, they plan to be in Courtroom A to do some filming related to the Nell Cropsy murder trial. I took Mr. Bramlett and another gentleman in to look at the Courtroom and he took a couple of pictures. Just thought you might like to know they will be here.

### **Cooperative Extension:**

#### **FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES**

Steps to Health Program at Virginia Dare – 23 participants

Steps to Health Program at Harriot Heights – 19 participants

Homeless Coalition Meeting – 10 participants

ECA Achievement Banquet – 35 participants

Child Care Conference held in Currituck on Saturday has 185 registered

EFNEP made 5 home visits program entitled "Get the Best for Less"

7 attended the EFNEP Headstart program "Shop for Value-Check the Facts"

Eat Smart Move More visited 7 different daycare centers and provided nutrition and obesity information to 82 children

Breastfeeding made 4 home visits, made 11 duration calls, 3 follow up calls and had 1 office visit.

The breastfeeding support group met, worked with WIC to enroll 80 moms who will start to breastfeed, made 5 referrals to EFNEP and received 3 referrals from Maternal Health Nurse.

#### **AGRICULTURE**

Attended a strawberry production school in Virginia Beach with 3 area strawberry farmers

Attended NC Specialty Crops School with one local grower

21 attended the Commercial Pesticide Applicator Recertification Class and earned 63 hours of recertification credits.

Began making preparations for the 2009 Corn Variety Trail which will be conducted with the aide of a local farmer.

#### **4-H**

Took 3 teens to the Northeast Teen Retreat which will be held In Dare County March 6-8  
3 classes graduated from the youth EFNEP curriculum  
Plans are continuing to progress for the week long 4-H camp that will be held June 28 – July 3 in Columbia, NC

#### **OTHER**

Governor's One-on-One Director recruited 2 prospective mentors and conducted interviews for the program  
10 youth attended Livestock Judging Practice to get ready for area competitions  
Attended an interview (question and answer session) to discuss the Voluntary Ag District Grant that was applied for

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