

Week of March 9, 2009:

- I met with Chief Mackey, Warren Bell (Gately Communication), & Jerry Newell to discuss the proposed upgrade to the Fire and EMS radio system. This was proposed to be a joint project of the volunteer fire departments from Pasquotank County and Camden County, Elizabeth City Fire Department and Pasquotank-Camden EMS. Funding was to come from all of the various groups plus funds that were leftover from 911 surcharge funds. The project was put on hold due to our budget shortfall. Chief Mackey asked to meet to see if we could develop the project in phases since the City has money in their budget this year. Warren Bell has developed a phased approach for the system that will be presented to the various agencies for consideration and later to the Board of Commissioners. The proposed phasing would not require any County funding at this time.
- I met with Linwood Williams and Raymond Leonard from the School System on Wednesday to discuss the upcoming budget.
- The systems furniture is being installed this week at the Old Library. Attached is a picture of the furniture. We are going to begin the final preparations for moving the offices into the new space next week.
- Attached is the sales tax report for December. Our sales tax was down \$176,000 compared to last December, however, our refunds were up \$350,000 compared to last year. The sales tax collections for the state overall was up \$2 million. If not for the refunds, our sales tax would have been up compared to last year. I believe that this is a positive sign.
- Attached is the Medicaid report. February was a large month, but overall our Medicaid expenditures are still well below the budgeted amount.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

Finance Office:

The Finance Office received \$12,947.30 from the North Carolina Department of Revenue's debt setoff program on March 6th. Included in this amount was \$4,666.01 for delinquent EMS bills. The next notification of debt setoff will be on March 20th.

Board of Elections

- The Board of Elections is proud to announce that Deputy Director, Bonnie Godfrey, passed her elections certification exam. Her continued attendance in required State Board of Elections training sessions will enable her to maintain her certification. Two Elections board members, Michele Aydlett and William Skinner, and the Director are also State Board certified.
- List Maintenance is winding down. The Elections office mailed 3,229 voter cards mailed to registered voters who have not voted in the past two general elections or made any contact with the Board of Elections. As of March 11, 2009, 1,266 cards have been returned as undeliverable from the Postal Service; 69 cards have been returned by voters with updates.

Social Services:

Income Maintenance Statistics

Report Month: February, 2009

Program	Applications Taken
Adult Medicaid	52
Family & Children's Medicaid	286
Food & Nutrition Services	217
Work First Family Assistance	34

Adult Medicaid grew at a rate of .85% during 2008. Family Medicaid's growth rate for 2008 was 3.12%.

Food & Nutrition Services grew at a rate of 13.71% in 2008. Work First Family Assistance takes the prize though with a growth rate of 20.47%. In the past two months, growth seems to have slowed compared to previous months. The Stimulus Package is expected to increase the Food & Nutrition Services allotments for current recipients at the time of implementation and to increase allotments for an additional 12 months. We have also been "forewarned" of Medicaid expansion; however, no details have been available at this time. While applications for all programs decreased from last month, at the time that program changes from the Stimulus Package are announced, we anticipate an increased intake volume from "inquiring minds" whether the individual is eligible or not.

Interpreter Contacts: 75 Total

Spanish 73

Vietnamese 1

Other 1

Volunteer Fire Department Coordinator:

Monthly Report for February 2009

The month of February is when chiefs and departments have to consider what they need on their state grant. The grant allows departments to make purchases at full price. All the departments' applications were submitted on time.

The new FCC changes to narrow band radios requires that we go through every radio each department has to find out if it meets the FCC requirements. This means we're looking at a much better price tag to meet the FCC changes that are mandatory by 2013.

I met with Weeksville and Nixonton Fire Department's during the month at their regular business meetings. I also attended a meeting with the Fire Department's. I had been working on an update for each department's mutual aid response as well as an update for the mapping for the mutual aid response, however will only last until more progress takes place and areas of protection have to be moved.

In February, Julie added a link to burn permits on the County web page. Residents that burn are requested to obtain a burn permit.

Due to the budget crisis, the volunteer fire departments as well as the coordinator have cut back severely on spending. This is a summary of the incidents the departments responded to and the training hours for the month of February.

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Nixonton:

2 Vehicle accidents

3 Vehicle accidents with injuries

1 Controlled burn

3 Calls cancelled enroute

1 Electrical problem
2 Brush Fires
1 Structure fire
64 man hours on incidents
62 man hours on training

Weeksville:

1 Controlled burn
1 Hazardous condition
9 Brush fires
56 man hours on incidents
146 man hours on training

Providence:

2 Gas leaks
1 Controlled burn
2 Calls cancelled enroute
3 Vehicle accidents with injuries
1 Vehicle fire
3 Brush fires
1 Rubbish fire
1 Smoke scare
1 False alarm unintentional
131 man hours on incidents
173 man hours on training

Newland:

1 Controlled burn
1 Calls cancelled enroute
1 Electrical problem
4 Vehicle crashes with injuries
1 Shed fire
2 False alarms
64 man hours on incidents
89 man hours on training

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