

Week of March 15, 2010:

- I met with the Soil Conservation Supervisors on Tuesday to discuss their budget for the remainder of this year and next year. They are seeking ways to continuing providing services to farmers on a limited basis with part-time help since they have limited funds in their budget and they have a vacancy in the technician position. They will be submitting a proposal to the County in the near future.
- I attended a Managers meeting today in Gates County. We had a regional meeting with YoungWilliams to discuss the implementation of the child support program in each of the counties. Several of the State level staff from Child Support along with the DSS Directors from most of the counties were also present. Carla West with YoungWilliams reported that they have interviewed all of the current employees and offer letters will be going out to selected employees next week. We discussed the disposition of the furniture and equipment from the State as well as how to handle the leases for office space. We also discussed contracts between the Sheriff's Department and DSS to maximize indirect cost. The contractor has prepared transition plans for each of the counties and we will be signing those to submit to the state. Everything appears to be working very smoothly with the contractor.
- We also discussed the Mental Health transition today. I participated in a statewide conference call yesterday with staff from the Association of County Commissioners that dealt with two new initiatives designed to control cost within the Mental Health system. One of those programs will need approval from the Board at a later date.
- We received the extension letter from Bank of America for the construction loan for the Jail Project today. I have forwarded it to our attorney for preparation of the loan documents.
- We also received clarification from the State for the potential problem that came up last week regarding the possible need for changes to the Intake/Processing area at the new jail. The State Inspector was interpreting a code that could have required some very costly additional work but the Department of Insurance provided a different interpretation that negated that concern.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

Finance Office

- The County received \$12,098 from the N.C. Department of Revenue from the debt setoff program. Of this amount, \$1,150 is for EMS bills. On Monday, \$955,517 in delinquent taxes and approximately \$38,000 in delinquent EMS bills was sent to the North Carolina Department of Revenue for collection.

PASQUOTANK-CAMDEN LIBRARY

The Teen Advisory Group did a 5-minute skit, *15 Things You Should Know About Your Library*, for the Camden County Commissioners on Monday, March 15, 2010.

Stats:

March 12 – 18, 2010

Total materials checked out = 2,643

Total Computers checked out = 1,131

Total Patrons visiting the library = 2,836

Average number of patrons per day= 567

Total number of holds processed = 450

Total number of patrons using the Job Search Computer = 7

Total Library Cards Issued = 45
Total Faxes Sent = 36
Total Faxes Received = 10
Total number of computer classes offered = 4 (Total attendance = 20 people)

Cooperative Extension:

4-H and Youth

Began candling at Weeksville and J. C. Sawyer schools where 130 youth are learning the stages of an embryo.

A homeschool 4-H meeting was held at the extension center. 11 youth and 7 volunteers attended their second meeting where they set meeting dates and chose officers.

Kids in the Garden was held at Central School for 60 youth. They learned the life cycle of plants and then participated in physical activities.

4-H EFNEP classes were held at Mt. Lebanon Church for 2 groups. They discussed the Vegetable Lesson.

Lover's Lane 4-H group held an organizational meeting. This is a group that is trying to reform and they had 9 youth and 5 adults attend.

Science experiments were done with 12 girls at Girls Inc.

A youth council meeting was held for 13 Pasquotank Youth. They enjoyed a night of fun activities after finishing plans for the Northeast District 4-H Teen Retreat that will be held in Pasquotank County Friday – Sunday for 130 youth from 16 counties.

22 students at River Road learned about structures and how they are built.

4-H EFNEP was taught at JC Sawyer and Sheep Harney After School Programs for approximately 65 youth.

Northside After School graduated 42 from the 4-H EFNEP program.

Agriculture

Plans are underway for on-farm tests and demonstrations to generate local information for the farmers

Planning for the 2010 NE Ag Expo has started. This year it will be hosted by Gates County. Featured topic is "Precision Agriculture"

Preparations for the "Wake Up to Ag Day" are underway. This will be held on April 16th at the 4-H Livestock Arena and 3rd grade students from Pasquotank Schools will be participating.

200 blueberry bushes were delivered this week. Most were for pick your own farms but some will be distributed to Extension Master Gardeners and will be sold at their annual plant sales where proceeds go to fund local scholarships.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Steps to Health was offered at Harriot Heights and Virginia Dare for 41 participants

Assisted 4 people with Medicare Part D

Financial Management Class was held for 13 participants

District Day Preparation Meeting was held for 6 participants

1 EFNEP home visits were made

EFNEP was held at LaCasa and Headstart for 15 participants. Topics were: Shop for Value, Check the Facts and Choosing to Move More Throughout the Day

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