

Week of April 5, 2010:

I was out of the office Friday afternoon, so this is a delayed report.

- I have participated in several conference calls in the last 2 weeks with the Association of County Commissioners and members of the 911 Study Group developing proposed legislation for the expanded uses of the 911 funds. A separate group of us along with representatives from the League of Municipalities have been working with the Legislative Study Committee to develop actual legislation to be introduced in the short session. A lot of this is based on the work that the 911 Study Group has been doing over the last several months. The executive director of the 911 Board has also been working with us on the legislation. The current draft does include many of the additional uses that we have been seeking such as radio base stations, microwave links and antennas but we could not reach agreement on the towers themselves.
- I met with two representatives from Tabernacle of Faith last Tuesday and took them on a tour of the old Middle School. Their church operates 3 homeless shelters and they were interested in a portion of the Middle School for some of their programs. They will be submitting a formal proposal to the Board in the future. This was just an initial meeting.
- Most of last week was consumed with completing all of the requirements for getting the CO for the new jail and meeting all of the State and USDA requirements for the permanent financing for the jail. The final construction items are in the process of being completed and we expect for the CO to be issued this week or the first of next week. We have also scheduled the State Office of Facility Services to inspect the jail on April 28th. That inspection is needed to open the jail and for the USDA to approve the financing. Mike Cox has been working to complete all of the legal requirements with our bond counsel prior to the closing date.
- Work on the Budget is continuing and I will be asking the Board at Monday's meeting to set some meeting dates to discuss the budget. Please bring your calendars with you on Monday.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

One-Stop voting begins Thursday, April 15, 2010 and will continue through Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Voting hours will be Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the last day, Saturday, May 1st, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

We have begun our Poll Worker Training classes this week. Sessions include Tuesday, April 6th, Thursday, April 8th, and Tuesday, April 13th.

Central Communications

National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week is April 11-17. This week has been set aside to make everyone aware of the hard work and dedication to those first responders that provide the vital link to the public safety services on which we have come to rely on every day.

In 2009 the Pasquotank-Camden Central Communications Center answered 26,649 emergency 911 calls, dispatched law enforcement, fire departments, EMS and Emergency Management to nearly 86,000 calls for service in Pasquotank and Camden Counties.

The 911 Advisory Board will meet with the Central Communications staff on Thursday, April 15th to make a few presentations and enjoy some refreshments. The dedication and commitment to those of the 911 profession is appreciated by the public safety community and the citizens of Pasquotank and Camden Counties.

Cooperative Extension:

4-H and Youth

15 youth were helped individually with their 4-H presentation that they will present at District Day in Nash County.

4-H youth council was held for 8 participants. They discussed presentations, summer activities and how to get more youth involved in clubs.

EFNEP worked on presentations that will be given to 7 new groups next week at the schools.

Agriculture

The first corn variety trail was planted this week.

Spoke to farmers about integrated pest management products and methods for controlling weeds.

Answered calls on trees, lawn problems, weeds, insects and gave pruning advice.

Held consultations with 2 cabbage farmers and 3 vegetable producers about production methods and pesticides.

Visited a high tunnel vegetable producer to solve a problem with slug damage.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Steps to Health was offered at Harriot Heights

Assisted 1 person with Medicare Part D

Eat Smart Move More Weigh Less Group was started at ECSU, 7 were at the first class but 22 have pre-registered for the remaining sessions.

FCS Advisory meeting was held for 12 community and agency participants

5 EFNEP home visits were made

EFNEP was held at Albemarle Health and ECSU for 9 participants.

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