

Week of April 6, 2009:

- I attended a meeting with Representative Butterfield, County Managers, Economic Developers and Board members of the Northeast Commission on Tuesday in Edenton to present our region's needs to Rep. Butterfield. The Northeast Commission had compiled a list of projects and the Aviation Park was one of the top projects on the list. Rep. Butterfield also discussed the economic stimulus package and the country's economic condition with us.
- We held a pre-bid meeting at the landfill on Wednesday with contractors interested in bidding on the C&D, LCID, and Transfer Station contract. Five contractors attended the mandatory meeting. Bids are due by May 1st.
- Chairman Stevenson, Commissioner Wood, and I attended the NCACC district meeting on Wednesday in Washington, N.C. The Association staff gave a briefing on the Governor's budget and the Senate budget along with the impacts to counties. The Senate budget would eliminate the school construction funds from the ADM fund that we utilize for debt payments. We budgeted \$400,000 in ADM funds for this year's budget. The staff also reviewed bills of interest to counties that have been filed so far this year. Several bills would impact our revenues such as a deferral of taxes on developed property that is still being held by the developer.
- Attached is the latest sales tax report. The latest information reflects January sales. We were down \$260,000 or 30% for the same month last year. Statewide sales tax collections were down 25%.
- County offices will be closed tomorrow for Good Friday. The convenience sites will open for their regular schedule.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

Social Services:

Income Maintenance Statistics

Report Month: March, 2009

Program	App
Adult Medicaid	
Family & Children's Medicaid	
Food & Nutrition Services	
Work First Family Assistance	

Food & Nutrition Services caseload has dropped by two cases this month; however, the intake was up by 73 applications. Both Medicaid sections saw the overall caseload increase. While Adult Medicaid saw their applications increase by 20, Family Medicaid saw intake decrease by 19 applications. Work First Family Assistance saw the caseload decrease by 1, yet intake was relatively stable - only 2 applications less than in February. The stimulus package will increase Food & Nutrition Services benefits by 13.6% effective April 1, 2009 - the income limits will not be increasing. The \$250 check

received by SSA/SSI recipients, will not be counted as income; however, the \$25 increase in unemployment benefits counted as income. Still no word on how the stimulus package will affect Medicaid. Program Integrity continues to work on collections and has collected \$70,453.04 since July 1, 2008 - of this, \$13,730.25 was kept by the county as incentives. We were number one in February for Medicaid collections - \$28,402.62 - we kept \$4,733.80 as incentives.

Interpreter Contacts: 89 Total

Spanish	88
Vietnamese	0
Other	1

Cooperative Extension:

Family and Consumer Sciences

A parenting class was offered all week for 4 participants

40 adults attended at "steps to health" program at the Virginia Dare and Harriot Heights facility.

The breastfeeding program visited 2 moms at home, made 2 follow up calls and 9 duration calls and 2 new mothers re

78 children at 6 day care centers received Eat Smart Move More Training.

17 adults attended a "Portion Distortion" class with the Eat Smart Move More Initiative.

Agriculture

A GPS training was held. It was offered by Texas A & M University and featured plotting objects, fields and other data

Corn varieties were selected for farmers to begin planning for Corn Variety Tests.

Farmers were visited with potato specialist from NCSU to look at potato trials and the progress that has been made.

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Embryology projects ere completed at 2 elementary schools fro 2nd grade students.

Other

13 youth attended the livestock judging contest in Rocky Mount . The Pasquotank Team placed 1st in the junior division

The Wake Up to Agriculture Day was held today for over 500 3rd graders in the Pasquotank School System. 45 display staff participated with exhibits at the event.

Volunteer Fire Department Coordinator:

The new Weeksville truck is almost finished. Attached are some pictures.

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