

Week of May 3, 2010:

- Chairman Stevenson and I met with representatives from the Board of Education on Monday to review their budget request for 2010-11. They will make a formal presentation to the full Board at the budget work session on Tuesday at 8:30 am.
- All of the paperwork for extending the Bank of America loan for the new Jail until September 3rd has been completed. This should give us enough time to work out the details on the USDA loan for the permanent financing. I received an email from the LGC today regarding another county that has had similar concerns with the USDA documents. The LGC is trying to coordinate a meeting with USDA to come up with a statewide solution for these documents since it will affect all counties and cities that received USDA loans.
- I attended the Hurricane exercise on Tuesday at our Emergency Operations Center. County and City employees participated in the statewide exercise and reviewed procedures for an actual hurricane. Christy led us through various scenarios to help each department think through the various plans that need to be made in advance of a storm and after the storm has passed.
- I participated in another conference call today regarding the 911 legislation that is being developed with help from the Association of County Commissioners staff. We are still working on the funding formula.
- Attached is the latest Land Transfer Tax report. This was the best month that we have had since July, 2008. I hope that this trend continues.
- If anyone saw me being led to a patrol car in an orange jumpsuit today in handcuffs and shackles, it was for a good cause. The Police Athletic League was raising money through a jail-a-thon. Attached is a pictured of me being "arrested"



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The following are reports from some of our other departments:

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The Board will meet at 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 7, 2010, for a final absentee meeting to approve any absentee by-mail ballots that were postmarked by May 4, 2010 and received by the Board of Elections not later than 3 days after said date.

The Board will meet to conduct a Sample Audit at 9:00 p.m., Monday, May 10, 2010, of the Court of Appeals Judge, (Calabria Seat), seat in One-Stop Absentee, Mt. Hermon and 3-B. This process, which is set forth by G. S. 163-182.1(b)(1) of the Election Related Laws and Rules of NC, is a hand-to-eye count of ballots in randomly selected precincts to insure the integrity of the voting equipment. Two bi-partisan teams of three will participate in the sample count.

Immediately following the Sample Audit, the Board will approve and count Provisional ballots that have been determined eligible after extensive research of voter registration records by Board of Elections staff.

Canvass of the election will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

Thursday, May 13, 2010, 12:00 noon, is the deadline by which eligible candidates may request a second primary.

Finance Office

The County received \$9,738 from the N.C. Department of Revenue from the debt setoff program. Of this amount, \$701 is for EMS bills. Debtor notification letters were mailed this week. A total of 1,185 letters totaling \$144,266 in delinquent motor vehicle taxes.

Emergency Management

Monday and Friday mornings I spent with the JROTC students at Northeastern High School where we are in our second week of Teen CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training. This is the first class of Teen CERT in our area and we excited to begin this pilot program with the JROTC students at Northeastern High School. The training these students receive will prepare them to respond to emergencies within their communities and also to assist during school emergencies.

Tuesday, Pasquotank, Camden and Elizabeth City agency representatives came together in conjunction with NC Division of Emergency Management in a statewide tabletop hurricane exercise. The exercise scenario depicted a Category 3 hurricane forecast to make landfall in North Carolina and generated discussion in areas of preparedness, sheltering and evacuation. It was also an opportunity to review the various programs and tools utilized for Emergency Operations Center management and operations.

Wednesday, in continuation of the statewide hurricane exercise, Elizabeth City sustained major damage from a tornado and requested assistance from surrounding counties Emergency Managers to the EOC as an Incident Management Team. The purpose of this portion of the exercise was to work on our regional planning. This scenario, and several other scenarios, was worked through utilizing only the resources that had been previously identified within our region. Coordinators from Gates, Perquimans, Currituck, Chowan, Bertie, Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties participated with us in the exercise.

Cooperative Extension:

4-H and Youth

5 youth were helped with 4-H presentations that they will present on the county and district level.

4-H youth council was held for 6 participants. Their main topic of discussion was Summer Enrichment Programs for the summer. Pasquotank 4-H has programs available during the months of June, July and August for youth between the ages of 5-18.

Kids in the Garden was held at Weeksville, Central and J.C. Sawyer for 140 youth. Youth learned about healthy eating and sampled new fruits and vegetables. They were also introduced to a variety of new exercises.

4-H Vegetable Gardens have been planted and care for the gardens are now underway. Plans are to sell some of the fresh vegetables at the downtown market and supply the Food Bank with the extra vegetables.

Agriculture

Farms were located for the soybean variety trials.

Recommendations were made to farmers on if they needed to replant corn because of adverse weather conditions during the planting season.

Nematode samples for the on-going survey were taken. This survey will help provide management of nematodes in soybeans.

Assisted the city with tree inventory, identification and gave recommendations for care.

Numerous questions were answered about weed control, rejuvenating lawns, root rot and home vegetable gardening.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Steps to Health was offered at Harriot Heights and Virginia Dare for 40 adults

Eat Smart Move More Weigh Less Group at ECSU was conducted for 3 people

Playground Safety Training was held for 27 licensed daycare providers.

ServSafe Training was held for 19 daycare providers.

Other

Al Wood, Yvonne Mullen and Mason Lawrence were awarded the Award for Excellence from NC State for the Kids in the Garden Program.

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