

Week of May 4, 2009:

- The majority of this week has been consumed with budget meetings and general work on the budget. The EMS Board met and reviewed the EMS budget and the Water Committee reviewed the Water Department budget.
- County staff and City staff met today to discuss some technical issues related to the water agreements. Most of the discussions were related to metering and determinations of cost of water.
- A regional county managers meeting was held at the Museum of the Albemarle today. Jim Blackburn from the Association came down and updated us on legislative issues in the General Assembly that could affect counties.
- Our monthly jail project meeting was held on Thursday. There were no major issues although the architect did approve some additional change orders which will be on the next agenda for the Board's consideration. I have been working with our Bond Counsel on renewing our construction loan with Bank of America to get us through the construction phase.
- I have begun contacting banks regarding the financing for the new R.O, Water Plant. RFPs will be sent within the next 3 weeks seeking proposals.
- Attached is a report that was completed by the Department of Revenue that shows the sales ratio of all 100 counties. The sales ratio is the ratio between tax value and actual sales results. Pasquotank County's ratio is 88.14. I have highlighted all of the counties that completed revaluations in 2006.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

- Installation of the automatic door openers for the exterior and interior doors into the Board of Elections office has been completed. HHS Grant money in the amount of \$2,338.50 has been received to help pay for the project.

Library:

On Monday, May 4, 2009 the Pasquotank-Camden Library Bookmobile was in an accident. The bookmobilit, Monek Adams, is home recuperating from the accident. However, the bookmobile has been deemed a total loss.

- The May 2009, monthly visits have been canceled.
- If you have Bookmobile books please contact or return them to the Pasquotank-Camden Library.
- You will not be charged any overdue fines.
- If you have any questions please call 335-2473.

Assistant Manager:

Due to the recent opening of the new Tax/Register of Deeds/GIS office we have reassigned parking spaces for some employees and county vehicles. I am sure this will be visible to you the next time you come to a meeting at the courthouse. The front row in the parking lot across the street from the courthouse is now assigned to employees in the Tax/Register of Deeds/GIS offices. County vehicles and judges have been reassigned spaces in the parking lot between the library and public safety buildings. **The big news is that we have created an additional eight public parking spaces in the front row adjacent to East Colonial Avenue.**

Cooperative Extension:

Agriculture

Efforts were made to plan the Northeast Ag Expo

Data was collected to prepare a newsletter to get farmers information to use for wheat and soybean planting

Final dollars are being collected from the 2009 Livestock Show and Sale. The final information will be available next week.

Family and Consumer Sciences

196 participants were reached at day care centers

17 attended the Child Care Training on Read me a Story

Home visits and 3 duration calls were made for breast feeding moms

Serv Safe Training reached 24 participants

Dining with Diabetes reached 5 participants

23 attended a wellness program at a local church

4-H and youth

5 classroom teachers were confirmed to begin Embryology

8 youth worked on the 4-H public speaking program

Other

We are part of an economic stimulus, 10 county grant valued at over \$350,000. We will be hiring youth 16-24 to work in Pasquotank County during the summer. More details to come.

Volunteer Fire Department Coordinator:

A study was done recently that calculated the value of volunteer hours. The value of those hours was determined to be \$20.25 per hour. Here are the fire call hours and training hours for the departments for 2008. As I figure, if personnel were paid the \$20.25 per hour per call these would be the results of the value of the volunteer firemen.

Nixonton - \$12,883.86

Weeksville - \$17,585.51

Providence - \$22,279.86

Newland - \$28,781.93

Attached are the latest Weeksville truck photos. It is completed except for a pump panel throttle issue which they have been working with GM to correct.

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