

Week of May 18, 2009:

- We did get a little bit of good news today regarding the budget. Our Medicaid enhancement payment for EMS this year is \$116,845. Last year's payment was \$85,164. This payment is to reimburse counties for EMS Medicaid service costs.
- I met with Jackie King and Randell Woodruff on Tuesday to discuss possible solutions for replacing the bookmobile. Jackie is looking at used vehicles, non-traditional vehicles, and grant sources to pay for the vehicle. Many citizens and organizations depend on the bookmobile as their only access to the Library.
- I met with the Soil Conservation Supervisors on Wednesday to discuss their budget and the upcoming retirement of Dianne Watts. Dianne has been with the County for 22 years.
- I met with the Department Heads on Thursday to update them on the budget information that was presented to the Board on Wednesday.
- The RFP for financing proposals for the R.O. Plant was sent out this week.
- The RFP for data wiring at the new Jail was sent out this week.
- County Offices will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

The final phase of our accessibilities project has been completed with the striping of the handicap parking spaces, marked crosswalk and the installment of the new handicap parking sign. The Board of Elections office and parking lot are now ADA compliant.

New Jail Project:

The Jail substantial completion date should occur in late August or early September. Hopefully around Thanksgiving/Christmas of this year the jail should be able to be occupied.

Interior:

Most of the Kitchen and Laundry Equipment has been installed. Ceramic Tile in the Bathrooms & Showers is 65% complete. The lay in ceiling grid is being installed as well as the hard ceilings. The doors and security glazing are about 50% complete. Most of the Mechanical work inside, (piping, duct work, fire systems, etc.) is completed. Bathroom fixtures are being installed. Painting is on going. Millwork is arriving the first of June. VCT flooring will be started shortly. All the above work should be completed by the second week of July.

The major work left to be completed is to finish installing the security systems and testing all the systems after they are operating. This could take between 60 and 90 days.

Exterior:

For the most part the exterior is completed except for the following items:
The fencing around the jail has not been installed. The final layer of asphalt will be laid sometime in the latter part of June. Landscaping has not been started. Grass was planted last week.

Volunteer Fire Department Coordinator:

Attached are the last pictures they will be sending us on the Weeksville truck. It should be arriving at the Johnson Fire & Safety location in SC Friday night May 29th. Members of the Weeksville department plan to be there the next day to go over the truck to make sure everything works before the truck is brought to their department hopefully the first week in June.

Cooperative Extension:

Agriculture

The state potato meeting was held in Elizabeth City.

A meeting was held on "grow your own food" for 14 participants

A cotton variety trial was installed which will feature 20 different varieties

Work was done on the NE Ag Expo, Commercial application recertification class and corn weed control

Family and Consumer Sciences

Eat smart move more was done for 11 participants at 6 different day care centers for 114 children

Senior Medicare D was done for 34 participants

A grocery shopping class was given at public housing for 14 residents

20 participants attended Playground Safety training

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20 youth learned about team leadership at a workshop for Girls Inc.

3 classrooms with approximately 60 students learned about embryology

Other

A youth development study is being conducted at Pasq. High School, Spanish class was held at the Extension Center and plans for the Don Baker Endowment Tournament for May 27 were made.

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