

Week of May 31, 2010:

- The County Budget for FY 2010-11 was completed this week and will be officially presented to the Board on Monday. We will have a work session on the budget at 3:00 pm prior to the Finance Committee meeting. Both meetings will be held in the Community Room in the Public Safety Building. The budget does include a 3 cent tax increase to offset declining sales tax revenue and to maintain essential services. Operating expenses for most departments are level or less than last year with the exception of mandated increases such as the retirement costs for county employees. No raises for employees are included in the budget. Debt financing is included in the budget to pay for some much needed replacement of vehicles and computers and to pay for replacement of the roof at Northeastern High School and the HVAC system at Central Elementary School. It is anticipated that the budget hearing will be held on June 21st. We are still waiting to see if the General Assembly takes any action on the state budget that impacts our budget.
- Land Transfer tax revenues continue to increase slightly compared to last year. Attached is the report for May. This is the fifth month in a row that we have had an increase compared to 2009.
- We have received notice from the Association of County Commissioners that we will be receiving our EMS federal Medicaid enhancement payment in the next few weeks. Our payment this year will be \$102,584. This payment is to compensate our EMS program for actual costs compared to the standard Medicaid payment for ambulance trips.
- It was reported in the Daily Advance today that the culverts on Main Street Ext. will be replaced with a bridge beginning in 2012. The schedule is dependent on funding. We have not received an official notification of this from DOT and the funding process is usually very lengthy due to shortfalls in revenues over the last few years. I hope that the report is accurate, but we have not received confirmation yet.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

One-Stop voting began Thursday, June 3rd and we ended the day with 25 voters.

The Board will meet at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 8, 2010, for an absentee meeting and regular monthly meeting.

Water Department

- The Neutralization tank was installed today.
- The paint crew has cleaned the red iron and is ready to start painting if the paint comes in tomorrow.
- The 24" water main has been completely installed, now it needs to be pressure tested, chlorinated, and shoulder dress up needs to meet DOT and our standards.
- The two crews installing the 12" line will be going back to work next week.

PASQUOTANK-CAMDEN LIBRARY

On Tuesday, June 1, 54 students from River Road Middle School toured the library.

Stats

May 27 – June 3, 2010

Total materials checked out = 2,893

Total Computers checked out = 1,267

Total Patrons visiting the library = 3,505
Average number of patrons per day= 584
Total number of holds processed = 224
Total number of patrons using the Job Search Computer = 2
Total Library Cards Issued = 198
Total number of computer classes offered = 3 (Total attendance = 66 people)

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