

Week of June 8, 2009:

- The budget was completed this week and it will be presented on Monday. We were still copying and compiling the books today so it was not included with your packets yesterday.
- We had a meeting with contractors interested in bidding on the R.O. Plant on Thursday. 45 contractors attended the meeting. The project is being divided into 5 different contracts so not all of the bidders will be bidding on the same contracts. We were very pleased with the turnout.
- I attended a Manager's meeting today where the main topic was an update on Albemarle Mental Health. We met with Leza Wainwright and Roy Wilson, Director of East Carolina Behavioral Health. Leza and Roy explained the contract that the State has signed with ECBH to manage Albemarle for the next year. We also received some updates on the State budget and impacts to counties for next year.
- I participated in a conference call with Cooperative Extension personnel from N.C. State and N.C. A&T, along with County Commissioners Association staff, Extension Directors, and County Managers around the state. The purpose was to discuss the State budget and the impacts to Cooperative Extension and Counties. Dr. Ort explained that Extension has already reverted \$3.7 M and they are being asked to look at an \$8.2 M cut which would be 18% of their budget. Dr. Ort is committed to protecting local programs and the partnership that we have with the state. If Extension is cut 18%, it will have a huge impact on the universities and the services that they provide to Extension.
- I reported earlier that I have been appointed to North Carolina 911 Board Study Committee. I have received information from the director and they are trying to schedule the first meeting in July.
- Attached is the latest Sales Tax Report. We had been warned that this would be a bad month and it was.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

Finance Office:

We will be receiving \$58,722 in cable/franchise fees for the 3rd quarter. This will put us over budget by \$18,982 with another quarter to go! Finally some revenue that is coming in OVER budget.

Tax Office:

The Tax Office was asked to respond to the NCACC about a bill in the General Assembly that would give developers a tax break by not taxing land or houses that the builder has in inventory while waiting for it to sell. Pasquotank County – potential value loss = \$18,242,000 X .00585 (estimated rate) = \$106,715 revenue loss

Volunteer Fire Department Coordinator:

This month I had to submit compliance reports to the Department of Insurance showing that all the volunteer fire departments purchased and received the equipment that was requested on their state grant. This information has to be reported separately to the State Auditors Office and the Office of State Fire Marshal.

I assisted the Fire Inspectors Office in conducting fire inspections of all the departments. There are some minor corrections that need to be made and they will be working on those.

I met with Weeksville Fire Department and Nixonton Fire Department at their regular business meetings.

We received notice that every department was approved for the state grant for the next fiscal year.

I have been assisting Emergency Management with gathering a complete inventory of equipment from each department. They are updating their Emergency Operations Plan. At this point all the departments have over 2500 pieces of equipment.

The new Weeksville mini-pumper was completed in Illinois and brought from the plant to the dealership in Lake City, South Carolina. Department members traveled to there to do a complete inspection of the truck before it will be accepted. Once the new truck arrives at the Weeksville station, they have to accept it as is with no more changes or modifications.

Here is a summary of the incidents the departments responded to and the training hours for the month of May.

Nixonton:

- 2 Vehicle accidents
- 3 Vehicle accidents with injuries
- 1 Call cancelled enroute
- 1 Structure fire
- 44 man hours on incidents
- 35 man hours on training

Weeksville:

- 2 Vehicle accidents
- 1 Vehicle accident with injuries
- 1 Call cancelled enroute
- 1 Aircraft standby
- 1 Smoke scare
- 1 Structure fire
- 1 EMS assist
- 76 man hours on incidents
- 67 man hours on training

Providence:

- 1 Call cancelled enroute
- 1 Electrical wiring problem
- 2 Vehicle accidents with injuries
- 1 EMS assist
- 2 Brush fires
- 2 Smoke scares
- 3 False alarm malfunctions
- 94 man hours on incidents
- Monthly training reports are incomplete

Newland:

- 2 Vehicle accidents
- 2 Vehicle accidents with injuries
- 1 Gas leak
- 1 Controlled burn
- 6 Calls cancelled enroute
- 1 Mobile home fire
- 1 Alarm due to malfunction
- 2 Illegal burns
- 69 man hours on incidents
- 67 man hours on training

Cooperative Extension:

Agriculture

A fire ant educational program was done for 14 guests at the Museum of the Albemarle

Potato growers have begun digging this week. The harvest is looking promising for 2009.

10 master gardeners attended a webinar on Plants, pests and pathogens.

A \$500 scholarship was awarded to a rising freshman by the Master Gardeners

The wheat variety trail was harvested. Also plots were done for the Northeast Ag Expo.

Farmers are making many requests for weed control options for soybeans.

Agri businesses met at a council meeting and discussed current agricultural issues and the farm bill. 6 attended the session.

A Pasquotank county group participated in the Junior beef round up in Raleigh last weekend. 7 different youth attended

4-H

County presentation day was held in preparation for the upcoming presentation day in Hyde County. 26 youth will be participating.

65 different youth completed vermin composting at Pasquotank Elem. School.

Family and Consumer Sciences

9 participants were re certified for C P R.

Eat Smart Move More classes were done at 3 Day Care Centers for 51 different participants

2 received Medicare Part D information.

5 EFNEP Home visits were done on Shopping for value, and healthy facts.

Other

The work first development program was initiated with several youth and adults making application. The program begins on June 15. 9 workers will work 38 hours weekly in Pasquotank County.

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