

Week of June 21, 2010:

- Now that the budget has been adopted, I have been notifying departments of their approved amounts and working with the Department Heads to amend their budgets to comply with the approved totals. We will send out the final amounts to all agencies next week.
- John, Rodney and I met with Reggie Ponder today to discuss the County's water situation. The recent hot weather has resulted in extremely high water usage by Pasquotank County customers. The Water Plant has had 4 or 5 days of continuous operation without cutting off. Water consumption has reached 2 million gallons per day while the average usage is 1.3 million gallons per day. An article in tomorrow's Daily Advance requests customers to conserve on water usage and gives tips on ways to reduce water consumption.
- The 911 bill passed the House this week and has been referred to the Senate. We are hoping for quick passage by the Senate.
- We have received notice from the Association that the House and Senate budget conferees have agreed to take more from County lottery proceeds than previously estimated. It appears that \$63.5 million will be taken from the amount that would normally go to counties. The only good news for us is that the distribution formula which has been giving more to counties with higher than average tax rates is being changed to a per pupil formula. Even with the reduction in overall lottery funds, our estimated distribution of \$480,000 is almost the same as before the reduction in funds. Our tax rate is below the state average which means that we have been receiving less than other counties with high tax rates.
- In softball news, the Camden Babe Ruth 10 & under Allstars defeated the Currituck Allstars 6 – 2 today. I have a particular interest in that team. We play Roanoke Valley tomorrow at 4:00 pm.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Voter turnout on Tuesday, June 22, 2010, 2nd Primary Election totaled 323. One-Stop voter turnout totaled 210. Unofficial results for the election may be viewed by accessing the election results link found on the County web page.

An Absentee Meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 25th, at 5:00 p.m.

The Board will meet Monday, June 28th, for the following: Supplemental Absentee Count: 9:00 a.m.; Provisional Ballot approval and count: 9:15 a.m.; Sample Audit: 9:45 a.m. The Sample Audit conducted will be a hand-to-eye count of voted ballots casts in Precincts 3-A, 3-B and Absentee by-mail.

Solid Waste Department:

On Monday we loaded and distributed voting equipment to 13 locations around the County. On Wednesday we picked up all the voting equipment and returned the equipment to the elections office.
Jeff and Pug helped me with this project.

Water Department:

- The contractor installing the 12" pipe on Dryridge Road is about 1000 ft. from Nixonton Road

- The other contractor installing 12" pipe is on Nixonton Road, by Whiteville Grove Church.
- The contractor working on finishing up the 24" distribution line has finished pressure testing and is taking samples as he gets sections of this line chlorinated. He needs water to flush this line, but with this hot spell we cannot let him have what he wants.
- Work is moving along at the plant, workers are laying block in the plant and some of the chemical tanks have come in.



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