

I was on vacation on Friday, so this is a delayed report.

### **Week of July 13, 2009:**

- I met with Susan Scurria, Albemarle Commission on Monday to discuss the local match for the Home & Community Care Block Grant program. This item is on the agenda Monday's Finance Committee Meeting.
- I met with Lem Blades, Nancy Muller, and Jollish Clifton to discuss renovation of the Bicentennial sculpture in front of the Courthouse that was donated by ECSU in 1976. This item is on the agenda for Monday's Commissioner meeting.
- I met with Sheriff Cartwright and David Smithson on Tuesday to discuss progress at the new jail. The furnishings package is almost ready to go out to bid and site work is progressing as well. I will have a report at Monday's Finance Committee meeting with recent photos of the jail.
- I have had numerous conversations with Hobbs Upchurch, the LGC, and BB&T this week regarding the construction bids and financing bids. We received one more permit this week for the R.O. project. This is the permit to finish completion of the discharge line. I will have a full report at Monday's Finance Committee meeting with a recommendation for award.

### **The following are reports from some of our other departments:**

#### **Clerk to the Board:**

Usage of the Prescription Discount Card dropped slightly during the month of June. A total of 256 individuals saved an average of \$10.70 on 999 prescriptions using the discount card. This was a 24.55% savings off the retail price. Pasquotank County residents who used the card saved a total of \$10,687.70 on their prescriptions during the month of June. Since we began participating in the program in July 2008 a total of 11,678 prescriptions have been purchased in Pasquotank County with the discount card resulting in a total price savings of \$127,861.89.

#### **Assistant Manager:**

I received a letter this week from John Sutherland informing me that we could request 80% of our expenses for the Riverview Acres Navigation Project incurred to date up to \$100,000 (grant amount approved this past spring).

We have incurred expenses totaling \$49,290.43. I am mailing a request to Mr. Sutherland this afternoon requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$39,432.34.

#### **Social Services:**

Attached is a report on Income Maintenance Statistics.

#### **Volunteer Fire Department Coordinator:**

After waiting for well over a year the new Mini-Pumper Rescue truck arrived at Weeksville Fire Department. The truck had been approved back in 2007 but due to the original company filing for bankruptcy the truck had to be assembled by another builder. The department seems to be very happy with the truck. Several members from the department all rode together to Lake City, SC to go over the truck before it was delivered.

They did find one feature of the truck that wasn't functioning after it arrived. Thanks to Ronny Jennings' mechanical ability and the builder mechanic talking him through the procedure, they were able to correct the problem.

Newland Fire Department was the recipient of the latest EMC grant. The department is refurbishing a pickup truck to use as a brush truck. The grant money received will be used to help make that happen. The complete pump, water tank and hose unit was purchased with the help of the state grant almost two years ago. There has been no money available to help with the purchase of a new pickup truck so the department is refurbishing a used one. I met with Newland at their regular monthly business meeting.

A new contract for fire mutual aid between the City and County was approved and signed by all effected parties. The contract will remain in effect until June 2012 when a new one will have to be negotiated.

The list of "reference points" for medical helicopter landing sites was updated. The list added a few new sites and the terminology changed to help departments easily recall all their locations.

Some interesting statistics since I took this position in 2006, there have now been over 2000 fire department incidents reported to the state since I started, for all the volunteer departments. This includes incidents from 2005 which had to be caught up. The incidents for 2007 and 2008 both had more than a 37% increase in volunteer fire department responses over 2005 and 2006. Here is the summary of the incidents the departments responded to and training hours for the month of June.

Nixonton:

- 3 Calls cancelled enroute
- 2 Vehicle accidents with injuries
- 1 Medical assist
- 1 Brush fire
- 31 man hours on incidents
- 49 man hours on training

Weeksville:

- 3 Vehicle accidents
- 3 Vehicle accidents with injuries
- 1 Vehicle accident involving extrication
- 2 Controlled burns
- 3 Medical assists
- 1 Vehicle fire
- 4 Brush fires
- 155 man hours on incidents
- 203 man hours on training

Providence:

- 2 Vehicle accidents
- 3 Vehicle accidents with injuries
- 2 Calls cancelled enroute
- 1 EMS assist
- 1 Rubbish fire
- 1 Structure fire
- 3 False alarm malfunctions
- 1 False alarm unintentional
- 118 man hours on incidents
- 118 man hours on training

Newland:

- 4 Vehicle accidents with injuries
- 1 Controlled burn
- 2 Calls cancelled enroute
- 1 EMS assist
- 1 Brush fire
- 2 Structure fires

1 False alarm malfunction  
2 Illegal burns  
75 man hours on incidents  
60 man hours on training

### **Cooperative Extension:**

#### **Family and Consumer Sciences**

5 visits were made with sessions on “move more” and “making smart drink choices”.

111 different youth participated in EFNEP classes

Girls, Inc. session was on vegetables and fruits

CPR certification was done with 4 participants

1 breastfeeding visit was made for a new mother.

#### **Agriculture**

Numerous calls on bagworms, fire blight, fire ants and tomato diseases

Potato and cabbage harvest is winding down, Minor diseases were in crops, but were kept to a minimum

The Livestock Judging team traveled to Lancaster –Pennsylvania on a tour in preparation for the state contest. The Pasquotank Team won first place in the state. There were 14 teams from across North Carolina at the competition.

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2 youth attended Electric Congress in Charlotte. The event, was sponsored cooperatively by the power companies.

28 youth attended summer programs in bird houses and gardening

11 youth are at the nutrition camp each day.

#### **Other**

The summer employment act program is progressing. 8 participants have continued the program and are working at various locations in Pasquotank County.

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