

Week of July 27, 2009:

- The Ad Hoc committee for the Old Middle School had a very productive meeting with representatives from PAL on Monday. The committee discussed the lease arrangement and then toured the facility with PAL. The consensus of the committee was to recommend a 90 day lease with PAL to allow them to begin renovations while the final lease is being completed. No programs will be allowed in the facility during this initial lease. We have also determined that a sub-electrical meter can be installed to meter the electrical usage of the gym and annex.
- I met with a parent from Pasquotank Elementary School who is on the school improvement team. They want to relocate the weather monitoring station that is on the old Middle School roof to Pasquotank Elementary School. Our records indicate that WAVY TV 10 installed the equipment originally. They are checking with the TV station about the equipment. I would recommend that the County allow the equipment to be relocated to the elementary school.
- The Solid Waste Department had a pre-bid meeting on Tuesday for contractors interested in bidding on the C&D, LCID, and Transfer Station contract. Only one qualified bidder was in attendance and Mike Etheridge is recommending that the bidding be delayed so that we can try to identify some additional qualified contractors.
- The Emergency Management Department had training for the operation of the Emergency Operations Center on Tuesday in preparation for Hurricane Season. Rebecca reviewed procedures for the EOC and we were also briefed on software changes from the State. Since the EOC is not activated very often, it was extremely helpful to review the information before a big event.
- Several representatives from the YMCA met with me, Commissioner Wood, and Jeff Simpson on Wednesday at Meads Pool to discuss a potential partnership on the operation of the pool, possible upgrades and development of the land around the pool into a regional park. The YMCA operates some outdoor pools and they have much more experience with pools including swimming lessons, and the costs associated with pools. William George, Senior Vice President of Operations will be obtaining additional information for discussion at a future meeting.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

Cooperative Extension:

Ag

Efforts were made to prepare for the Agri. Expo. which will be held on August 12.

Numerous calls were answered on fire ants, bats, lightening damage to trees and gardening diseases were received.

Potato harvest has concluded with farmers having an above average harvest for the year.

4-H

50 youth participated in a rocketry camp

The final session of the nutrition and fitness camp will be on today.

FCS

25 attended an 8 week Weight Loss Session at a local church. All participants reported weight loss during that time.

1 group with 20 participants learned how to fix, quick, nutrition snacks

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