

## **Week of August 3, 2009:**

- The application to the Local Government Commission was submitted this week for the R.O. Water Plant project. This will be on their September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for approval. We plan to close on the financing by September 15<sup>th</sup> and begin construction shortly after.
- I participated in Coast Guard Day on Tuesday by helping to serve food to the Coast Guard members and their families along with several Commissioners, staff and Chamber of Commerce members. There was a very good turnout from the community to show appreciation to the Coast Guard.
- I attended my first meeting of the 911 Study Committee in Raleigh on Thursday. The meeting lasted all day and included a presentation on Radio over IP which could eliminate the need to replace all of our radios with 800 mhz radios as has been suggested in the past. Radio over IP allows the 911 Center to patch together different frequencies using software to allow different users to communicate in a seamless network. This is similar to the ACU 1000 equipment that we now use in the 911 Center but the Radio over IP would allow greater flexibility and more applications. The biggest discussion that we had involved defining what a 911 system is. The General Statutes currently stops the definition at the preparation of the call for dispatching. The majority of the committee members however argued that the 911 responsibility does not end until the call has been dispatched over the air which would allow radio base stations, towers, microwaves, and repeaters to be eligible for reimbursement from the 911 surcharge money. At the end of the day, the committee agreed with the revised definition and we will be proceeding with that concept as we write our report for the General Assembly. At our next meeting, we will be reviewing the current funding formula and some possible inequities that may exist with some of the counties. I was pleasantly surprised that our 911 Center was singled out by the Director of the 911 Board as a "Poster Child" for consolidation of 2 counties and a City. We are the only 911 Center that covers 2 counties and the State would like to encourage more of the small counties to emulate our system. Some counties have more than one 911 center and that creates a lot of delays in responding to calls from citizens. Our next meeting is August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The State is in the process of passing its budget this week and we have received a report on the potential impact to our budget. We were aware that the State would withhold the ADM money and we budgeted accordingly. The two items that we were not aware of when we passed our budget was the loss of 2/3 of the Beer & Wine revenue and the elimination of the \$18/day for jail inmates. These two items together will cost Pasquotank County approximately \$150,000 that we did not anticipate. The State will also turn over the cost of operating the Child Support Offices to counties by July 1, 2010. There is a regional Child Support Office in our area so we will need to meet with the other counties that are served by this office to determine if we want to share in the operation instead of splitting up the office.

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

### **Cooperative Extension:**

#### **Agriculture**

The master gardeners presented a horticultural program with a local business today. The event was from 11 until 2 p.m.

Several calls were fielded during the week on plant diseases, fire ants and weed control.

Efforts were again made on the Northeast Agriculture field day set for next Wednesday.

More data was processed for the nematode study in the region. The data will be presented at the expo next week.

A meeting was held with an NC State law professor here in Elizabeth City to discuss preliminary plans for the Voluntary Agriculture Districts. I will be making a presentation to the board in September.

**4-H**

The culinary academy was held all week where 20 youth learned about the restaurant industry, food preparation and visited the Culinary Institute in Virginia. The group prepared dinner for their parents on Friday's "finale".

A Planning meeting was held on the 100 year 4-H celebration event set for Saturday, August 22

**Family and Consumer Sciences**

Two EFNEP foods sessions were held for work first participants at the Department of Social Services

Also clients were seen on the Senior Health Insurance Program

**Other**

The Governor's One on One (formerly the Friends of the Court) program was abolished this week due to the lack of state funding. We are waiting to see the final status of the FY 2009-10 budget.

**Social Services:**

Income Maintenance Statistics

Report Month:  
July, 2009

Program	Applications Taken	Applications Processed	Reviews	Terminations Changes	Total Caseload
Adult Medicaid	75	82	111	149	2288*
Family & Children's Medicaid	295	270	232	569	3818
Food & Nutrition Services	311	297	302	500	2617
Work First Family Assistance	43	47	14	105	171

\*Includes 1079 SSI cases

Food & Nutrition Services and Adult Medicaid saw intake increase during July. Family Medicaid and Work First saw a slight decrease in applications during July.

Although there were changes in the intake volume, the change was minimal and intake appears to have been

relatively stable for July.

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The temporary Food & Nutrition Services position has been filled. This position is being funded with stimulus money that is designated specifically for Food & Nutrition Services. Hopefully this additional person will relieve some of the stress our permanent staff have been feeling from increased intake and caseload volume.

We saw a slight decrease in interpreter contacts for July. We have two interpreters on contract. We continue to use bilingual staff as the primary source for interpretation with contract interpreters as the backup.

Interpreter Contacts: 37 Total

Spanish	37
Vietnamese	0
Other	0

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