

Week of August 30, 2010:

- We are all extremely thankful that Hurricane Earl behaved as predicted and stayed far enough off shore to minimize any effect on our area. It did give all of our departments an opportunity to check their hurricane preparedness and update their information. This is usually the peak of our hurricane season, so I would encourage everyone to stay prepared for any additional storms that may come this month.
- Attached is the Land Transfer Tax report for August. This year was almost identical to last year with a slight increase. At least we are continuing our positive trend this year.
- Sheri reported to me this week that our Ad Valorem tax collections were up slightly for July and August compared to the same months last year. Tax collections through August are 58.80% of adjusted levy (\$18,308,517), with \$51,821 of early payment discounts taken. Prior year collections through August were 58.70% of adjusted levy (\$17,508,872), with \$100,444 of early payment discounts taken. We lowered the early payment discount from 1% to ½% this year which resulted in the discount amount dropping by one-half. As we expected however, this did not affect our collection percentage.
- Speaking of tax collections, the County received \$2,233 from the N.C. Department of Revenue from the debt setoff program for delinquent taxes during the month of August.
- The Request for Proposals to operate Meads Pool is being advertised now. It will be in the Daily Advance on Sunday and was also emailed to Carl Ralph this week. We will have a pre-proposal conference at the pool on September 17th to give interested parties a tour of the facility and answer any questions.
- I would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Commissioner Jordan in the death of his father, Charlie Douglas Jordan, this week. Mr. Jordan's funeral was today in Currituck County.
- All of the documents were completed this week for the fifth extension of the construction loan for Albemarle District Jail. We are continuing to work with USDA to modify their loan documents so that we can close on the permanent financing by December 31st.
- Chairman Stevenson and Chairman Mark Small jointly signed a letter this week requesting \$2.5 million in QSCB bonds for a roofing project at Northeastern High School. We will find out next week if we will be allocated the full amount of our request.
- Most County offices will be closed on Monday for the Labor Day Holiday. The Convenience Centers will be open for their normal schedule.

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