

Week of August 31, 2009:

- An important milestone was reached this week for the R.O. Plant project. The Local Government Commission approved the financing for the project on Tuesday. The closing on the loan from BB&T is scheduled for September 15th. We also had the pre-construction meetings with the contractors yesterday in preparation for signing the contracts on the 15th after the closing is completed. The contractor for the well drilling is already on site and preparing to begin work. This contract was outside the financing package.
- I attended the public comment session for the COA president search committee on Tuesday. I provided comments about the need for a president that understands the County's role in funding community colleges.
- Pasquotank County hosted a meeting on Wednesday with the Insurance Commissioner for North Carolina to answer questions about the large increase in homeowner insurance rates that occurred this year. Approximately 30 officials from Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Chowan, Dare, Perquimans, Hyde, and Elizabeth City attended the meeting and asked questions.
- Chairman Stevenson spoke today at the renaming of the Federal Building in honor of J. Herbert W. Small, retired Superior Court Judge from Pasquotank County. Representative G.K. Butterfield presided over the ceremonies that included long-time colleagues of Judge Small, family and friends.
- We received our annual certification of valuations of Public Service Companies. The total this year is \$51,951,636 which is an increase of \$2,765,038. I estimated \$50,000,000 in the budget. The majority of the increase is due to Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation's upgrade of their system in Pasquotank County.
- Attached is the most recent Land Transfer Tax report for August. The transfer tax is down almost 33% from last year.
- Most County Offices will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day. The convenience sites will be open for their usual schedule.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

Clerk to the Board:

NACO Rx Card Program

The July results are in for the NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card Program. A total of 258 individuals who used the discount card during the month of July saved \$12,757.16 on 1,122 prescriptions. This was an average savings of 25.79% off the retail price. The average retail price of the drugs purchased during the month of July was \$44.09, however the average actual cost to the individuals using the discount card was \$32.72, a savings of \$11.37. Since we joined the program in July 2008, Pasquotank County residents who have used the card have saved a total of \$140,452.43 on 12,789 prescriptions. This is a significant savings for those who do not have prescription coverage.

Cable TV

You may have noticed that Pasquotank County programming is no longer on Cable TV Channel 14. Our government access channel has been moved to Channel 9 and Time Warner has placed 24-hour news, sports and weather on Channel 14. This change was effective August 11th. If you have any public service information or announcements you would like to have placed on Channel 9, please email the information to me at jenningsk@co.pasquotank.nc.us.

Finance Office:

The final payment has been received for the drainage work that was done in Crystal Lakes several years ago. Pasquotank County performed drainage and street repair work in the

subdivision and billed the residents for a portion of the work. The assessment per lot totaled \$587.86 for a total of \$22,926. The assessments were begun in 2005 and residents were given several options for paying. The maximum term was 6 years, however, the final payment was received in August, 2009.

Sheri bid C.D.'s this week; one for 57 days and one for 71 days, \$500,000 each. The HIGHEST bid she received was .15%, yes that's correct .15%. First Citizens said they could go up to .85% if we did one for 12 months. The checking account is earning 1.50%.

Emergency Medical Service:

- On Monday of this week, EMS changed its personnel scheduling patterns. At the request of staff members, we implemented a new 18/24 type of schedule, which requires employees on this shift to work two days per week; one 18 hour shift and one 24 hour shift during the week. With the implementation of this shift, EMS will be utilizing three different types of shifts
- On Tuesday, we launched our newest substation in Camden. We will be locating an ambulance in Camden from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. at South Camden Volunteer Fire Department (Station 12). The station is located on Sawyer's Creek Road and will aid in reducing response times and to southern Camden.
- We completed the purchase of two convalescent ambulances from Albemarle Hospital. The ambulances will be used to accommodate non-emergency transports, stand-bys, as well as running emergency calls on an as-needed basis. As one of the vans has a wheelchair lift, future plans will be to offer wheelchair transportation services to the community in the near future.
- We would like to say welcome to our newest full time employees:
 - Kyle McGinnis – EMT-Paramedic
 - Shadiah Amin – EMT-Paramedic
 - Bethany Davidson – EMT- Intermediate
 - Selenamarie Suber – EMT-Intermediate
 - Aaron Grosjean – EMT-Basic
 - Gingerlyn Lindwall – EMT-Basic
- EMS attended the Tuesday Night Meeting of the Nixonton Community Watch Group. We delivered information on the services that EMS offers, as well as a brief system overview. File of Life were also distributed to the attendees.

Cooperative Extension:

Agriculture

Corn harvest continued during the end of the week. Yields are still in the 200 plus range for 4 different farms... Also, the corn variety trial was harvested.

Several farmers are concerned with soybean insect problems. Spraying is continuing for mostly later, second crop soybeans.

Cabbage farmers are still reviewing damages from heavy rains. Also some new varieties have been offered for farmers.

A livestock show will be hosted in Pasquotank County on tonight and tomorrow. Exhibitors will be coming from throughout eastern North Carolina with goats, sheep and cattle.

Family and Consumer Sciences

The Ext and Community Assn. Council met

2 Medicare part D clients were served during the weeks.

EFNEP visits were made at the Department of Social Services and the Food Bank

Other

Farm City Week Planning began. The event will be on November 19. More information will follow.

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