

Week of September 28, 2009:

- Bill Trueblood, Rodney Bunch and I attended a jurisdictional meeting that was hosted by Dominion North Carolina Power on Wednesday in Kitty Hawk. The CEO for Dominion discussed upgrades to their system, emergency planning, alternative sources of energy and a planned 1% reduction in rates due to a fuel adjustment. There was a lot of discussion about wind generated energy and the challenges of getting the power from the windmills to the electric grid.
- Bids were opened on Wednesday for operation of the C&D, LCID, and Transfer Station at the landfill. Staff will review the bids and submit them to the Solid Waste Commission for their review and recommendation at their next meeting on October 14th. The bids will then be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for consideration at the October 19th meeting.
- I attended the Change of Watch ceremony for the Ancient Albatross at the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station. Vice Admiral Vivien Crea was relieved by Rear Admiral Gary Blore as the senior Coast Guard aviator remaining on active duty. There was a large number of retired "Coasties" due to the Pterodactyl roost being in Elizabeth City this weekend.
- Bill Trueblood and I attended an open house at Coca-Cola Enterprises today. Representative Bill Owens and Tim Spear were also in attendance. We took a tour of the facility and watched a presentation on their commitment to reducing waste and saving energy.
- Attached is the most recent land transfer tax report. We finally have some good news to report. September, 2009 was up 8% over last year. Although one month is not a trend, it is the first positive news in land transfer tax that we have had in a while.
- Another bit of good news is in regard to lottery revenues. Governor Perdue released \$202,931 in second quarter lottery revenues to us that was withheld during last fiscal year. We did not budget this revenue so this will more than offset the \$150,000 in lost revenue that we will experience due to the cut in our Beer & Wine tax revenue, and the \$18/day jail payments for inmates.
- The final inspection for the Albemarle District Jail continues to proceed. Jim Stewart will be here again on Monday to review items that have been completed on the punch list.
- Patrice Stewart was sworn in on Thursday as the new Acting Tax Administrator. Attached is a picture of her taking the oath of office.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

We are in the last week of One-Stop absentee voting for the 2009 Municipal Election. At close of business Wednesday, September 30th, 913 voters have voted One-Stop. One-Stop voting ends at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 3rd.

Election Day is October 6, 2009. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

Emergency Medical Service

- Rescue 7 is about a week away from being in service. We had it striped with our agency logo and colors this week. Next week, we will stock the unit with medical supplies and have it inspected by the North Carolina Office of EMS. This will bring our fleet up to 7 Advanced Life Support Ambulances and 3 paramedic level Quick Response Vehicles (QRV's).
- Congratulations go out to Melissa Van Sickels. Melissa will be joining our team of full time technicians effective October 15th, 2009.

- Walter Meads and Jerry Newell attended a RACE-ER (**R**eperfusion of **A**cute Myocardial Infarction in North **C**arolina **E**mergency Departments – **E**mergency **R**esponse) seminar in Greenville on Tuesday. The focus of the RACE-ER group is to speed up the time that it takes for heart attack and stroke patients to receive the most appropriate care at the most appropriate facility. With our ability to already transmit a 12-Lead EKG from the field, Pasquotank – Camden EMS is already ahead of the game with the program. By March of 2010, we will be developing protocols to more effectively treat heart attack and stroke patients while in the ambulance.
- Hats off to Gary Strickland and Faith Broughton. Earlier this week, the pair of technicians was caring for a patient experiencing a heart attack who went into cardiac arrest while en route to the hospital. The patient was immediately defibrillated and is with us today because of their rapid response to the cardiac arrest. Good job!!
- Jerry Newell and Walter Meads taught AED/CPR classes of Thursday and Friday to the employees of Sun Gro in Elizabeth City. Sun Gro made this proactive effort in order to increase the chances of survival in the event of a cardiac arrest at their workplace. Sun Gro has also placed an AED at their facility.
- Our Training Officer, Jeffrey Davis, along with part time Paramedic Josh Hammond are heading to Greensboro this weekend as the winners of Region 5 for the State Paramedic competition. They will be going up against the following for the state championship:
 - Mecklenburg EMS (*Region 1 champions*)
 - Davidson County EMS (*Region 2 champions*)
 - Eastern Wake EMS (*Region 3 champions*)
 - Surry County EMS (*Region 4 champions*)

Emergency Management

Monday night I attended the ECPPS Board Meeting at H.L. Trigg and presented an overview of ECPPS Critical Incident Response Plan. Pasquotank-Camden Emergency Management has been a part of the ECPPS planning team that has worked to develop these policies, plans and procedures relevant to natural and human caused disasters/emergencies. The plan covers mitigation/prevention, preparedness, and response and recovery procedures.

Tuesday Rebecca and I spent the day at ECSU working on updating the university's Emergency Operating Plan. The plan is due for a revision and also must be brought into compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Wednesday we presented two sessions of Damage Assessment Training to Camden County employees. This is a part of our ongoing effort to pre-identify, and train, personnel to be able to conduct damage assessment following any major event that may cause extensive structural damage in our area.

Friday I met with SBI Special Agents B.W. Collier and Jim Gregory and Major Sam Cherry of the 42nd WMD Civil Support Team. We are working to develop a class for our First Responders the third of November involving speakers from agencies such as ATF, FBI, SBI, DENR, 42 CST, etc. to provide an overview of our state/regional capabilities in regards to WMD, Explosives, Radiation, etc. and how area agencies will integrate with these agencies during a local event. Recognition, protection, management and investigation of these emergencies will be topics covered in the presentations.

PASQUOTANK-CAMDEN LIBRARY

On Wednesday, September 30, members of La Casa visited the 2 year-old Storytime to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Thirty-eight children and adults were entertained by Victoriana Salas performing a Mexican dance, Jarabe Tapatio. Zulma Johnson read *The Piñata Book* by Anna

Marie Hernandez to the audience. Zary Ortiz led the group in a song that taught words in Spanish and English.

Stats

Sept. 24 – Oct. 1, 2009

Total materials checked out = 3,694

Total Computers checked out = 1,577

Total Patrons visiting the library = 4,035

Average number of patrons per day = 576

Total number of holds processed = 646

Total number of patrons using the Job Search Computer = 20

Total Library Cards Issued = 87

Total Faxes Sent = 44

Total Faxes Received = 15

Cooperative Extension:

Agriculture

Several farmers have started soybean harvest and some are completing corn harvest. Yields for both crops have been above average.

A new master gardener training series has started. 7 attended the first session.

Several home gardener calls on fire ants, and other insect problems were addressed.

A voluntary agriculture district meeting was held today. 13 farmers, agribusiness men and land owners were present. We will be having a next meeting in November. Today the official board was established with Steve Harris unanimously chosen as chair of the group.

The Pasquotank 4-H Fall Livestock Show was held on Tuesday. 30 contestants showed cattle, goats and sheep.

4-H and youth

2 schools were visited on Kids in the Garden and horticulture educational programming

An electric workshop was done for 12 youth at a local church. Also 15 Home Schooled parents attended training on job readiness.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Medicare part D was done at a church in the Newland community for 13 seniors. Also, several visits were made in the office on part D.

A parenting class was held for 3 parents during the week.

An EFNEP class was held for 6 adults at the extension center during the week.

Other:

Our NE District Extension Director, Dr. Wanda Sykes retired on yesterday. Dr. Joe Zublena will serve as interim director until the position is filled.

Parks and Recreation

- Set up tents for the Waterway 5k race
- Set up fence for Special Olympics fund raiser bocce ball tournament

- Planning and preparing for the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the River Road Sports Complex
- Site work has begun for the South Park Sports Complex

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