

## **Week of November 26, 2007:**

- We had a lengthy meeting with NC Monroe Construction Co. on Tuesday regarding the status of the jail construction. The architect, jail commission members, county managers, & several county commissioners were in attendance. The two main issues were the proposed removal of the brick veneer on the building and the status of the GPR testing. The architect has directed that the brick be removed from the building due to improper installation of the rigid foam insulation and missing damp proofing on the CMU walls. The contractor has proposed another solution which they are supposed to formally present to the architect. The architect also notified us that the GPR testing is proceeding and we should be nearing completion of the first quadrant today so that the results can be provided to NC Monroe next week for repairs.
- The annual financial report for the County has been completed and sent to the Local Government Commission today for their review. The full report will be presented to the Board at the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The sale of vehicles on GovDeals.com has been proceeding well. So far, 10 vehicles and 1 boat have been sold for a total of **\$10,773**. We are gradually making progress on cleaning up the area behind the old bus garage on Pritchard St. We also have more vehicles for sale on the web site at this time.
- I attended a Group Health insurance meeting on Monday. The Board voted to make some changes to our medical plan effective January 1, 2008. I will review the changes with the Board on Monday at the Finance Committee meeting.
- I attended the 911 User's group meeting today at the Public Safety building. The various agencies meet on a regular basis to share information and discuss ways to improve communications.
- Two significant permits were received this week. The first was the FONSI/EA for the Knobbs Creek pump station. This clears the way for the remaining permits for the 17 North sewer line and associated pump stations. The second permit was the sedimentation/erosion control permit for the site work for the R.O. plant. Bids will be received on December 13<sup>th</sup> for Phase I of the R.O. plant project and this is one of the permits needed for the site work.
- Upcoming events – Arts Council Kick-Off for new Arts Center December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am.  
Groundbreaking for River Road Sports Complex December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm.
- Work began today on the drainage project for the DSS/Health Department building. This should solve the water infiltration issue that we have been having at that building during heavy rains.
- Bids were received this week for the tree removal at the River Road Sports Complex. The low bidder was Bear Garden at \$14,700. They will be removing 50 trees and filling the stump holes with sand. Approximately 33 trees will remain on the site.
- We received the truck this week for the new Soil Conservation Technician. This is a jointly funded position with Camden County. The truck is also jointly owned with Camden.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

## **Weeksville Radio Receiver Site/Water Plant Site:**

In May, 1977, the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare conveyed to Pasquotank County the old Naval Radio Station Site (called the Weeksville Radio Receiver Site) at 1466 Weeksville Road consisting of 9.584 acres of land and a two-story cinder block building. A condition of this transfer was that the county continuously utilize the property for health purposes. This is the site where the county's water treatment plant was constructed. The fair market value of the property at the time of the transfer was \$29,000 and the county was required to deposit this amount into an escrow account. The county was repaid from the escrow account in annual installments of \$966.66 plus interest once the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services received certification that the property was continuously utilized for health purposes.

The county has been required to file a utilization report with the Department of Health & Human Services each year for the past thirty years certifying that the property is used for health purposes and reporting on the operation and maintenance of the property. The report also certified that no person had been excluded or denied benefits on the grounds of race, color, or national origin. If it had been determined at any time during the thirty year period that the county had violated any of the conditions or restrictions, the amount remaining in the escrow account would have reverted to the United States of America. The final utilization report was filed this year and we just this week received the final payment from the escrow account. The county has now fulfilled all of the requirements of the escrow agreement.

### **Pasquotank-Camden Library:**

The Library staff sponsored Thanksgiving Dinners for two needy families in Pasquotank and Camden Counties.

- The Christmas holidays are being celebrated with the children who attend the Story Time programs. Books will be read, songs will be sung, and crafts will be made during the month of December. On December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, Santa Claus will be at the Library during the regular Story Times. Please call 335-2473 for times.

Weekly Stats (Nov. 15 - 28)

- Total Items Checked Out - 5,818
- Total Patrons visiting the library - 4,707
- Average number of Patrons per day - 523
- Total Library Cards Issued - 107
- Total number of Groups using the Community Meeting Room - 8; total attendance – 158

### **Cooperative Extension:**

#### **Agriculture:**

30 attended a 2 day pesticide certification training

The small grain variety test was installed in the Weeksville area. The test will feature several varieties which will allow farmers to make choices for the next harvest season.

1 cabbage farmer with 17 acres was visited to discuss losses due to severe drought. Only 100 boxes/acre were cut, compared to 600 boxes under normal conditions

Several visits were made on household mold, algae and grape vine pruning.

A Farmland Preservation Seminar was held on today. 32 attended the session which consisted of easements, farm transition and agricultural law.

#### **4-H:**

3 youth attended the State 4-H Council Conference in Raleigh

A Science education training was held in preparation for upcoming trainings

#### **Family and Consumer Sciences:**

A Nutrition session was conducted for the 70 E C State Univ. football team.

Eat Smart session was done at ECSU for 11 participants

5 Medicare D sessions were done for clients during the week

1 visit was made and duration calls for breastfeeding moms

39 youth from 5 day care centers learned about healthy eating and Eating Smart

### **Commerce Park:**

Geronimo, LLC closed on lot 10 in Section A of the Commerce Park this week. The site is the location for the commercial launderer.

### **Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant:**

Intent to Apply Form was submitted to The Rural Center Wednesday for a \$500,000 infrastructure grant. This is the maximum amount allotted for a county that is not economically distressed or classified as a Tier One County. Staff will be preparing the actual application over the next couple of weeks that is due December 17, 2007.

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