

## Week of October 22, 2007:

- B.J. Hughes and VICOM representatives met with us on Tuesday to demonstrate a microphone system for Courtroom C. We also finalized the proposed audio visual equipment for the room and he will have a final proposal for the Board to review at our next meeting.
- We had a conference call with Brennan & Associates on Tuesday to discuss the jail project. Plans were made for Carl Monroe and other representatives from N.C. Monroe to be here on Monday to tour the construction site with us and see some of the deficiencies that we have been describing to them. The architects are continuing to compile a list of items to be repaired so that work can begin in specific quadrants of the building.
- Progress is being made on selling surplus cars that have accumulated at the old school bus garage. Lynn Scott has placed some of the vehicles on the govdeals.com website and Mike Etheridge has been coordinating the cleaning of the vehicles, removal of decals and getting them in running condition. You can check out a link on the county website that will take you to the govdeals website for our vehicles. An ad will also be placed in the Daily Advance this weekend notifying the public about the online auction. Additional vehicles will be placed on the website once they are prepped and ready.
- Chairman Perry and I spoke at the OLF hearing that was held at ECSU on Tuesday. There were a lot of speakers from Gates, Camden, Perquimans and Pasquotank counties at the meeting. Randell Woodruff is trying to organize a meeting for us with the governor's staff and our state representatives.
- We closed on our loan with BB&T for the Weeksville fire trucks on Thursday. The proceeds will be invested until we receive delivery of the trucks and the interest earnings can be used toward the initial payment.
- I met with Marc Finlayson from the Highway 17 association on Thursday. He will be coming to our December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to make a similar presentation to the Board. They are seeking support to complete the four-laning of U.S. 17 in North Carolina.
- The City of Elizabeth City closed on the purchase of the Hollowell property today. The property will eventually be deeded to the Airport Authority for the Aviation Commerce Park.
- **Don't forget the special meeting on Monday with Norris Tolson at 10:00 am. We will be discussing biotechnology. A closed session to discuss personnel will follow.**
- Attached is a document describing the statewide ban on open burning which is in effect until further notice.
- When the lights were installed at the River Road athletic fields, we estimated that the electricity costs would be \$1,000 or less per year. The following chart shows the actual costs compared to the previous year. The school system had an electric meter in place that operated the score boards and the concession stand. The new lights and the bathroom facility had a negligible effect on the overall electric costs.

	2006	2007
April	\$34.78	\$22.78
May	\$39.61	\$21.95
June	\$22.15	\$31.21
July	\$17.94	\$20.85

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

### Cooperative Extension:

#### Agriculture

Working on data to send to farmers on the corn variety trial

Talked with several farmers about wheat production practices

Harvested 2 soybean test plots

Processed and mailed the corn contest entries

A Master Gardener Class was held at the Pasquotank Extension Center

Answered calls from local citizens about fire ants and how to control them

Collected persimmons (an emerging alternative crop) for the Farm City Banquet which will be held on November 20

### **Family and Consumer Sciences**

12 clients were seen at EFNEP on site

A Health Fair was conducted at ECSU - 125 people were seen

Preparation and set up was done for a pre-natal class

2 home visits were made to breastfeeding moms

Flyers were mailed out explaining our breastfeeding program

Helped 4 people with Medicare Part-D

Trained 16 ECSU students to work with 9<sup>th</sup> grade high school students on an obesity program

### **4-H**

Classes were held at the Elizabeth City Boys and Girls Club and Kids Café which resulted in one class graduating and another class beginning the EFNEP (Food Pyramid) program

A class was taught during SOS at Elizabeth City Middle School

Worked with the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes at Gatesville Elementary on the Food Pyramid

### **Other**

The Agriculture agent, FCS agent and 4-H agent met with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers at Northside Elementary to discuss a spring project entitled "Kids in the Garden" where the students will plant and grow their own garden. They will learn about proper nutrition, eating habits, exercise and how they are important for a healthy lifestyle.

On Saturday the Pasquotank Livestock Judging team will travel to Raleigh to compete in the Eastern Regional Judging Contest.

### **Parks & Recreation:**

- Set up tents for Ghost Walk.
- Set up for the Albemarle Commission senior day at Fun Junktion (eight counties).
- Worked at pool to demo broken concrete and to fix voids under the concrete.
- Set up tents last week for the American Red Cross Octoberfest.
- Had several phone meetings with Site Solutions to finalize plans for River Road.

## **Haunted House:**

The River City Fraternal Order of Police and the Elizabeth City Jaycees are hosting a Haunted House.

Dates of operation are from 7pm until 11pm Friday October 26th through Wednesday October 31st in the Old S&R Supermarket located on Hughes Boulevard beside Van's Pizza in Elizabeth City.

The Haunted House is a major production detailing seven horror movie sets and other attractions. Local area drama groups are assisting with actors and props. It is sure to be a thrill!!!

Proceeds from the event will help with activities such as the Shop With A Cop/ Project Graduation/ and youth athletic events sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police from year to year.

There will be plenty of security on hand to make this event as safe as possible, we want everyone to come out have a good time and leave with your heart in your hand. Happy Halloween! HA!!! HA!!! HA!!! HA!!!

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