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COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

February 3, 2023

Sales Tax

Sales tax for the month of December is estimated to exceed \$900,000, the second highest amount collected this fiscal year. The final amount will come in a few weeks once the State Department of Revenue deposits it into our account.

Sherill Property

All of the lots of the Sherill property closed this week for \$2.75 million to Maness Properties Limited Partnership, RLLP. They are a dairy farm business with their registered business in Statesville.

Managers' Conference

The NCCCMA Winter Seminar was a great event this week. Brock and I attended sessions on Recruitment and Retention, Employee Mental Health, Fire Service, Cybersecurity, Strategic Planning, Building High Performing Teams and Brock toured the Winston-Salem Police Department's "Real Time Crime Center." The Cybersecurity session included discussion about security awareness training that will help us with the development of our County policy.

The NCACC provided a Legislative Update, as well as providing updates on their Strategic Member Services. This is a service offered to counties at no expense to the counties, but provides MPA level graduates to assist counties with various projects. I have contacted Jason King inquiring about next steps if we would like to have assistance with strategic planning and budget. During this session Judge Heath with AOC presented more information about the CRAVE and WAVE projects they are currently doing in Courthouses. Back in the fall, we entered into an agreement with AOC for them to run the cabling and installing of the equipment for the CRAVE system that will allow video appearances in Court. The CRAVE system will be installed in Yadkin on February 20th.

State Treasurer Dale Folwell was the guest speaker at the luncheon Thursday and he talked about the status of the retirement systems as well as the status of Spring Lake and East Laurinburg.

Opioid Settlement

Yadkin County will receive an additional \$23,000 in settlement of opioid lawsuits. These funds will require approval of another Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and they must be spent in the same method as the original MOA. The State expects one more settlement that will generate another amount of funding as well. We should receive another MOA or an addendum to our current one in the next few weeks.

Our Opioid Committee continues to meet and guide where we should place our efforts for the best outcomes. Brock and I have interviewed the final candidate for the Opioid Action Coordinator and hope to have that finalized in the next 30 days. The Board will need to adopt a Resolution of the funding for the Opioid Funds.

Child Care Expansion Initiative

The Yadkin County Child Care Expansion Team met Monday with the Early Childhood Caucus leaders from the NC General Assembly. Attending the meeting were Caucus Co-Chairs Representative David Willis, Representative Ashton Clemons and Senator Jim Burgin, along with Representative Julie Howard, Senator Eddie Settle, Bobby Todd, Monta Davis-Oliver, Smitty Williams, Kevin Austin, Carolyn Choplín, Sandi Scannelli, Dr. Todd Martin, John Willingham, Becky McCarson (Smart Start Chair), Tim Bell (Shallow Ford Foundation Chair), Ariel Ford (DCDEE) and me.

The Child Care Rules Commission will discuss our petition and its amended petition for the FlexPlex model Monday, February 6th at 11:30am. Through my communications with Ariel Ford, we believe this petition will move forward and the Rules will be changed to allow for our community to have 1 building that will accommodate up to 6 individual day care centers that can share play spaces indoors and outdoors. We will be the first in the State to implement this model. We expect the Commission to vote on the changes in May. Sandi Scannelli, Bobby Todd and I will be meeting soon to discuss location, property and next steps for a building.