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COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

April 6, 2023

Brooks Crossroads Sewer Project

We finally received the Letter of Intent to Fund from DEQ. The updated cost of the project is \$4.887 million and they have approved a loan for the full amount, with a maximum of \$500,000 being forgiven. The balance of the loan will be at 0.00% interest. We will bring all required documents before the Board for approval, as well as an Amended Project Ordinance.

With this loan we will still have the \$1,000,000 from the Legislature for water and sewer projects. These funds can be used to expand water and sewer down Hwy 601 and Rocky Branch Road.

Vacancies

We continue to have several key vacancies in Emergency Services, Human Services and Central Permitting (Planning). We have not received any qualified candidates for the planning position. Brock is becoming more involved with Central Permitting and assisting as necessary. We are reviewing the draft of the 2023 Land Use Plan and making it more user friendly. The Opioid Action Coordinator also remains vacant.

GREAT Grant

NCDIT has been working on the contract for the GREAT grants. Yadkin County has agreed to provide a 10% match to YADTEL / Zirrus application to expand broadband in the county. The contract will need to be approved by the Board and submitted to the State by May 4th. They are supposed to provide us the final copy of the contract within the week. My hope would be to get this on the April 17th agenda and if not, it will be on the May 1st agenda.

FY2024 Budget

Outside organizations were to submit their FY2024 budget requests last week and County departments' budget requests were due today. We will begin working on the budget next week.

NCACC Services

The NCACC has expanded its services offered to counties. They will assist counties in developing strategic plans. I would like to contact them to work with us on this. They will also conduct peer evaluations of departments/services. I would like to invite them to conduct evaluations on a few departments to help us develop efficiencies and streamline processes.

Upcoming Dates

The NCACC has changed the County Assembly Day from a one-day event in Raleigh, to a two-day County Advocacy Day. It will be held **May 23 & 24** in Raleigh. Please let me know if you would like to attend this.

June 7 & 8, the NCACC will host another Opioid Summit in Durham County. Registration is now open, so please let me know if you would like to attend this.

Lastly, the NCACC is hosting District meetings over the next several months and they have not provided a date for our District yet.

The NC City/County Managers' Conference will be June 22-24 in Wilmington, NC>