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COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

May 12, 2023

Construction Projects

Elm Street Buildings – EME Industrial removed the asbestos this week and have demolished the majority of the two buildings on Elm Street. We have asked them to push dirt up next to the sidewalk so there will not be a sudden drop. Their work should be concluded by the end of next week.

Holcomb House – The contractor finishing the Harding Office foundation had a death in the family and the project has been delayed. According to Andrew, they plan to resume work next week. I told Andrew we really need the house moved by June 16th.

Sally port – The architects sent a draft design of the first and second floors of the sally port last week and I sent them to the Sheriff for feedback. I believe this design meets the needs the Sheriff discussed with the architect and the construction company several weeks ago. Duke Energy and Zirrus will have to move poles and cabling coming into the Courthouse where the sally port will be. The sally port will be located on the Jackson Street side in the space currently occupied by Collections. I have discussed with Clayton the possibility of relocating Collections during construction so that the sally port and the Government building can occur simultaneously. This project is being funded through State grant funds.

Outposts – The architect finalized the updated drawings of the interior and exterior of the outpost and has sent that to the contractor to update pricing. Dwayne is also obtaining pricing to upfit the former dental clinic to be used as an outpost for Medic 5 and possibly Medic 4.

Brooks Crossroads – Due to the fact that we don't have the revenue to pay the debt service required by the LGC for the Brooks Crossroads sewer project, I recommend that we notify the State and decline the loan. We had a conversation with DEQ representatives Tuesday and there may be more grant funds available in the fall. They also said we could reduce the scope to the \$500,000 grant amount, but the project requires a pump station and boring under Hwy 421 and that alone would cost more than the current grant amount.

Watershed Structure Repairs – The County received funding for watershed structure repairs for 10 of our earthen dams. These are our oldest dams, with many be high risk and do not meet State requirements. We issued a RFQ for engineering services and Schnabel was selected. Since that time, we have issued a RFP for the construction piece and the

bids came in over budget. We have been working with the lowest responsible bidder on changes to the scope of work to lower the cost. Eliminating the least critical portion, still makes the bid approximately \$100,000 over grant funds received.

Surry-Yadkin Works

Crystal Folger-Hawks previously asked Keith Vestal and me to be interviewed for a promotional video for the Surry-Yadkin Works program. They are interviewing sponsoring agencies and pre-apprentices for the video. It was an honor to be asked to participate and we were filmed this past Monday. Can't wait to see the final product.

Child Care Flex Plex

Sandi Scannelli, Bobby Todd and I met with Jeff Andrews concerning the Child Care Flex Plex. We reviewed the discovery phase contract that will be between Jeff's company and the Economic Development Partnership and agreed to several changes. We toured the location on Progress Lane and discussed the location of developments and businesses that may utilize the child care center. The rezoning for the property is on the Town of Yadkinville's Planning Board Agenda for Monday at 5:30pm. Bobby Todd and I plan to attend.

The Child Care Commission will meet Monday and rules we proposed to be changed are on their agenda. The meeting is 10am-3pm and Sandi will attend in person and I will attend via WebEx.

Upcoming Dates

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.

The NCACC District meeting for our area is **Thursday, June 22** in Wilkes County. Please let Tanya or me know if you would like to attend. The meeting is 5-7pm in the Agricultural Center.

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