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COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

June 23, 2023

Strategic Planning

The NCACC offers multiple services to counties at no cost. One of those services is the facilitation of creating a strategic plan. Yadkin County does not currently have a strategic plan. I am working with NCACC staff members Amy Cannon (former Cumberland County Manager) and Neil Emory to prepare at least 2 sessions with the Board to create a strategic plan for the County. **If you will please, look at your calendars and let me know 2-3 days in August that will work best for you to participate in these sessions.** Also, if there are specific areas you would like for them to address, please let me know.

Fire Departments

After the Board meeting Monday night, Chairman Austin and I answered questions from many fire department Chiefs and members. There are a lot of rumors and misinformation going on in the community and the fire departments about how they are funded, contracts, and the County's involvement. Per the Chiefs' request, I am meeting with them next week to address specific issues. This meeting is limited to the Chiefs or their designee if they are unable to attend and me. I have asked the Chiefs if they would be agreeable with Brock Hall attending to take notes for me. I am also working on changes to the contract that provide more clarification and a few other changes.

Buck Shoals' Chief and Board President requested to meet with me, Chairman Austin, Commissioner Collins and Fire Marshal Ricky Leonard. We met Wednesday afternoon and had great discussion.

Community Transportation Plan

The Davie/Yadkin/Surry Regional Community Transportation Plan is in its final draft and the Steering Committee is meeting next week to review the 100+ document. This project started before COVID and the Steering Committee has not met in over 2 years.

Healthcare Transition

We are all preparing for the smooth transition that will occur next week in our health insurance third-party administrator to ACS, change to the CIGNA network, dental to Principal and vision to VSP. Luke has diligently been reviewing the files for accuracy and providing information to employees.

Cooperative Extension

Chelsea Johnson, former County Environmental Health Program Specialist will start her new position with Cooperative Extension as the Family Consumer Science Agent.

Phil Rucker has announced his pending retirement August 1, 2023. We will continue to share this position with Davie County and start the recruitment process.

Upcoming Dates

The NACo Conference is **July 21 -24, 2023** in Austin, Texas. For the Commissioners registered, the hotel check-in is July 20 and check-out July 25.

The NCACC Annual Conference is scheduled for **August 24-26** in Raleigh, NC. Registration is now open, so please let Tanya or me know as soon as possible if you would like for us to register you.