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## COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

### June 30, 2023

#### ***Fiscal Year-end***

Today marks the end of the County's fiscal year. We will continue to process invoices and receive revenues through September 30, with the audit being required to be completed by October 31.

#### ***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. I am going to send out a Doodle poll for days. Also, if there are specific areas you would like for them to address, please let me know.

#### ***Fire Departments***

The ten Fire Chiefs and I had a great meeting this week. We negotiated the contract that was presented to the Board on June 19<sup>th</sup> and a revised one will be presented to the Board Monday.

#### ***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. This Plan will come to the Board in August and a Public Hearing is required that will be scheduled for September 18. The towns within the County should adopt the Plan before the County does.

#### ***Solid Waste***

Republic/Hilco has received another "hot" truck that is now have to wait for the materials to stabilize before they can empty it. Republic began making the repairs to the transfer station that they are required to make per the terms of the contract. Republic/Hilco has now

damaged one of the walls at the transfer station with the loader. They will also be responsible for this repair.

### **Chief Information Officer Certification**

IT/GIS Director, Steven Ratcliffe completed the School of Government's Chief Information Officer Certification program this week. This is a unique program to the School of Government and is a year-long program. Steven has worked hard to earn this certification.

### **Titus Property**

We closed on the Titus property on Hwy 601 across from the SCC Yadkin Campus this week.

### **Construction Projects**

Dwayne Stanley, Gary Hayes, Ricky Leonard, Keith Vestal and I met to discuss the building improvements and bay additions to the Medic 4 (Hamptonville) and Medic 5 (Yadkinville) outposts. We met to discuss building code for the bays. We will not be able to build an enclosed bay/garage at Medic 4 due to set-back requirements, septic tank/lines and building code requirements for fire walls between the outpost and the bay. We will move forward with the building improvements and continue to use the carport cover for the ambulance. Medic 5 has ample room behind the existing building to place the bay and meet the 10' distance requirement from the building.

We had the construction meeting this week with the architect and contractor for the sally port and government building. The sally port cost estimate is close to the funding amount received from the State. However, we are running into logistical issues with placement of the sally port and interruption to the holding cells while the work is completed. I am meeting next week with the Sheriff and Clerk of Court to discuss other options within the Courthouse.

### **Golden Leaf**

The Golden Leaf Community-Based Grants Initiative deadline for assistance is approaching (July 10<sup>th</sup>). I've asked interested groups to send me their proposal ideas by July 5<sup>th</sup>. This grant is up to \$1.5 million per county. Non-profits and governments are eligible to apply and submit applications to the County Manager. The County Manager may submit up to three projects to Golden Leaf, but they cannot exceed \$1.5 in total.

### **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.