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## COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

### July 14, 2023

#### **GREAT Grant**

Zirrus (Yadtel) has started implementation of the broadband expansion through the GREAT grant. In partnership with them, I have provided letters on our letterhead that they will mail to citizens in the areas of the expansion. The intent is to notify them of what is happening and encouraging them to take advantage of this opportunity. The printing and mailing of the letters is being conducted at Zirrus' expense.

#### **Solid Waste**

Republic Services continues the repair work on the transfer station. They have installed a bump (similar to a speed bump) to retain the leachate from running out onto the ground. We have had a few citizens complain about the bump being too high. They are also obtaining quotes to repair the damage caused by one of their drivers to the building. They are doing the work while the transfer station is open, but we have not received any citizen complaints as of today.

The convenience sites will close early when they have reached capacity for the intake of household garbage and they are supposed to be posting signs indicating the closure when this happens. I was notified last weekend when one of the sites closed early and there wasn't a sign posted. Effective immediately, when the Director is notified of the early closing, he is going to contact Brock who will post it on Facebook so citizens are notified.

#### **Classification and Pay Plan Study**

Department Directors were notified today of the Final Implementation of the Classification and Pay Plan Study. The average increase was 10% or \$4,266. The increases are retroactive to June 17 and employees will see the increase in their August 7<sup>th</sup> paycheck.

#### **Golden Leaf**

I received two project submittals for the Golden Leaf Community-Based Grants Initiative and submitted one for early review. I discussed the other project with the person who submitted it and he is going to make some changes so that it is more to the benefit of the county. I will have a meeting next week to discuss the one submitted with Golden Leaf

staff. The final applications are due in October. The County Manager may submit up to three projects to Golden Leaf, but they cannot exceed \$1.5 in total.

### ***Holcomb House***

Still waiting on them to pour the footings. Andrew Mackie told me that they should be poured this week, but the ground does have to be dry before they are poured.

### ***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.

Strategic Planning work session will be held on **August 2, 2023** at the Front Yard, starting at 8:30am. The session will conclude by 4pm and lunch will be provided.

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.