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## **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **February 9, 2024**

#### ***EMS Medic Outposts***

Dwayne Stanley, Keith Vestal and I toured Medic 1 (Forbush) and 3 (Fall Creek) outposts yesterday and the possibilities of pull through garages. Both of these outposts were constructed in 2006 and were built using the same plans only the Fall Creek one was reversed of the Forbush one with the garage bays being on the right instead of the left.

Medic 1 has 2 garage bays that were built to be pull through and have garage door openers for all 4 doors. The paved driveway to the left of the building slants towards the neighbor's driveway and is barely wide enough for an ambulance to get through. The driveway is partially paved and becomes gravel. The issue is that the property behind the building was not graded to accommodate the ambulance pulling into the garage. We own the land behind the outpost and there is adequate land to be graded and paved to allow them to pull through the garage.

Medic 3 has 2 garage bays that were built to pull through and has garage door openers for the front doors only, the back doors are opened manually. The back garage doors have about a 6-7" drop to the ground. The land behind the outpost is rolling and has a significant grade variance dropping at least 6'.

Dwayne is going to have both outposts evaluated for grading and paving, as well as garage door openers for the 2 back doors at Medic 3.

#### ***Cooperative Extension***

Bryan Cave started this week as the Interim Cooperative Extension Director. He previously served in this role for almost 2 years before the State hired Addie Wilson as the Director.

#### ***Vacancy Report***

This week we have 24 vacancies, excluding the 2 of the 5 positions that were created in December. Over half of these positions (12) are in Human Services. Human Services consistently has the highest number of openings within the County and has hovered around 11-12 vacancies for the last few months. One of these vacancies is in the Sheriff's Office and 4 are in Emergency Services.

### ***Solid Waste***

Republic Services' truck hit a utility pole at the East Bend Convenience Site and they are working with Duke Energy and their insurance company to repair/replace the pole.

Solid Waste was inspected this week by the State and no deficiencies were found.

### ***OPIOID Funding Requests***

The County has received two requests for funding utilizing the Opioid Settlement funds the County has received. Some counties are not using the funds for programming efforts, but have issued RFPs for grants. Neither the Opioid Committee nor the Board of Commissioners has discussed this as an option. We have formed an internal committee to evaluate the need for this and a process for outside funding requests. Information will be provided at a future date for Board consideration.

### ***Legislative Goals***

It's time to start thinking about Legislative Goals to submit to the NCACC. The submission process will kick-off in May.

### ***Upcoming Dates***

**March 4 at 1pm** is the Groundbreaking at the EMS Outpost in Jonesville.

**March 27, 12:30pm-2pm**, will be the NCACC District 18 Meeting in Forsyth County. More details to come. County Advocacy Days will be held in **June** over 2 days (evening & next morning) in Raleigh, like last year.

The NCACC Annual Conference will be held **August 8-10** in Forsyth County.