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COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

February 16, 2024

Animal Shelter

The phone number for the Animal Shelter provides an auto attendant with options for Animal Control and the Animal Shelter. If you select Option 2 for the Animal Shelter it has been a recording so you could leave a message. The Shelter has been logging these calls and returned them. Until this week.

Now, if someone selects Option 2 for the Animal Shelter it is answered by Donna James who is currently located at the Yadkin Medical Campus. She will take messages when needed and email them to all of the Animal Shelter Staff. This will allow us to better track the calls and ensure that all calls are returned within an appropriate time frame.

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. No changes from last week's report.

Uniforms

The County changed uniform providers due to ongoing issues with the previous vendor. The new vendor's proposal was great and was a cost saver. However, the issues with them seem to be worse than the previous vendor. We continuously have bill discrepancies and have met with the repeatedly on these issues. We are going to explore other options for uniforms.

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 16, 6:30pm, Fire and Rescue Association Annual Dinner at the Agricultural & Educational Building's Banquet Hall.

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.