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COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

March 22, 2024

Dam Gate Replacements

The County entered into a contract with King Construction to repair gates on several of our high risk earthen dams. This week, they had a failure of the plug they were using to stop the water from leaving the reservoir during the construction of the new gate. This failure resulted in sediment transfer downstream of Lake Hampton. Schnabel Engineering sent the contractor a non-conforming work notice asking for corrective action. This failure needs to be prevented from occurring again and it is the responsibility of the contractor.

School Facilities

Yadkin County Schools has a Capital Plan that has to be submitted to the State every five years. The Schools receive funding for capital projects through the County, Needs-Based Grants and the \$500,000 included in the State budget for Repairs & Renovations (R&R). The School system uses the Repairs & Renovations for roof replacements. According to Denise Bullin, Chief Financial Officer with Yadkin County Schools, \$831,400 of the \$1,070,514 in R&R funds have allotted for roofs. Additional requests will be coming forward for more roof replacements. Needs-Based Grant Applications were submitted for roof repairs in the fall of 2023. None of these roofing projects were awarded. The Schools, in collaboration with the County will continue to submit Needs-Based Grant applications and R&R allotment requests to improve school facilities.

Vacancy Report

This week we have 20 vacancies. Human Services has 13 vacancies this week. Two of these vacancies is in the Sheriff's Office and 1 in several other departments. Some of these positions have been vacant close to 300 days, which in accordance with the County's Personnel Policy positions vacant for 12 months are eliminated.

State Direct Grants

Late yesterday afternoon, I received the Direct Grant from OSBM for signing through DocuSign. The two agreements (one for each grant) were signed and returned. This means that we should receive the funding in the next few weeks from the State. The agreements with the sub-recipients that were approved by the Board Monday night were completed and emailed out to all sub-recipients. They have also been notified that the County received the

Agreements from the State and they have been returned. OSBM required the signed Agreement from us before they release the funds to us and I would like to have the agreements returned signed from the sub-recipients before we release the funds.

Legislative Goals

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

Conferences and Trainings

The Upcoming Dates section below includes several Conferences and meetings that require pre-registration. As a County, we try to be good stewards of County funds and take advantage of early bird registrations, when registration fees are at their lowest point. Most of these registrations, as well as hotel registrations, have cancellation dates to receive full refunds or partial refunds. If these cancellation dates are not met, the registration fees and / or hotel fees are not-refundable.

Attending Conferences and Trainings is beneficial to employees and Commissioners, however, we all need to be cognizant of the costs involved and the commitments to attend once registered.

Please note the early bird registrations in the Upcoming Dates below and ask Tanya about cancellation dates in the event you register and are later not able to attend. Tanya is the point of contact for the Commissioners to register for Conferences and Trainings.

Upcoming Dates

March 27, 12:30pm-2pm, will be the NCACC District 18 Meeting in Forsyth County. More details to come. Let Tanya know ASAP if you plan to attend, registration for this event opened Thursday.

Ribbon cutting of the Yadkin County Library's Story Walk at the County Park, **April 1 at 11:00am**.

April 19, 8:00am-3:00pm, there will be a joint DSS Board meeting in Greensboro for all NC DSS Boards. Being that Yadkin County is a consolidated county and the Board of Commissioners serves as the DSS Board, all of you are invited to attend. The registration deadline is **March 28**. Please let Tanya know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.

NCACC's County Advocacy Days will be held **June 11 & 12** in Raleigh, like last year. It will kick-off with dinner on June 11 at the Raleigh Marriott City Center and June 12 will be the morning advocacy program before heading over to the Legislative Building.

The NACo Annual Conference & Exposition is **July 12-15** in Hillsborough County, Florida. Early bird registration closes **April 16**, so please let Tanya know before that date if you are interested in attending.

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