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COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

June 7, 2024

Bridge at Hwy 421 / Speer Bridge Road

Yesterday, during a meeting with NCDOT representatives, it was confirmed that roundabouts will be installed at the Speer Bridge entrance / exit ramps with Hwy 421. Unused federal funds have been secured for this project and it has been fast-tracked. A contract should be awarded and construction begun within the next 6 months.

Vacancy Report

This week we have 20 vacancies. Human Services continues to have a significant number of vacancies this week, with 12, 9 of which are in the Social Services Division. One of the vacancies is in the Sheriff's Office (Detention) and 3 in Emergency Services. The Tax Assessor's Office has 2 vacancies. Eighteen of these positions have been vacant over 30 days, with 12 of them being in Human Services. Nine of them have been vacant over 100 days. Two of these positions has been vacant over 300 days, which in accordance with the County's Personnel Policy positions vacant for 12 months are eliminated. One of these is recommended in the FY2025 Budget to be reclassified to a higher pay grade and given an additional 6 months (thru December 2024) to be filled before elimination.

Watershed Dam

We rented an additional pump for the dam near HWY 67 in Boonville that has not been draining. Progress is being made and we should be able to remove the debris from the pipe.

Legislative Goals

It's time to start thinking about Legislative Goals to submit to the NCACC. The submission process will kick-off this month. Please be thinking about what you would like to submit. In the past, the Board has submitted an average of 4-6 goals. The goals will be in any of the following areas: Agriculture, Environment, General Government, Health and Human Services, Justice and Public Safety, Public Education and/or Tax and Finance.

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

The NACo Annual Conference & Exposition is **July 12-15** in Hillsborough County, Florida. Please let Tanya know if you are interested in attending.

The NCACC Annual Conference will be held **August 8-10** in Forsyth County, with the special event on August 7th pertaining to the use of Opioid Settlement Funds.