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COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

October 4, 2024

Helene Assistance

Yadkin County has been asked several ways to help our neighboring counties in the west. The Rescue Squad has sent a team up and taken one of the County's UTV's to help rescue people. Our Pet Companion Trailer has gone to McDowell County and our generator has been taken to Avery County. Our light tower has also been deployed. Chris Bolden has been deployed to Salisbury to assist the State in the Planning Section of incident command. Andy Melton (Public Buildings) is in the National Guard Reserve and has also been sent to assist in clearing and rescue. Dylan Zachary in the Sheriff's Office has gone to Transylvania County to assist.

I also received a call about possible warehouse space for a State operated shelter. I have spoken with representatives from UNIFI who currently own the former Sara Lee building. They have questions about what is being asked of them and the duration. I have passed their questions on to the State. I also made the State aware of our hospital facility if they could use it.

Many of our employees have assisted in providing supplies and financial donations. We have great employees and citizens who always step-up to help others.

Vacancy Report

There are 14 vacancies this week. Human Services has 6 vacancies this week, all in the Social Services Division. The Sheriff's Office has 3, one in each Division (Patrol, Detention and Communications). Emergency Services has 2 vacancies and the Tax Assessor's Office has 2 vacancies, while Central Permitting has 1. Eleven of these positions have been vacant over 30 days, with 5 of them being in Human Services. Five of these positions have been vacant over 100 days.

Projects

The EMS Outpost is on track to be completed in early November and then the current structure will be demolished. The Magnolia Building will be completed in late January.

The Solid Waste Improvements are still with the company designing the facility and layout. Not sure when that will be presented to the Board for approval.

The VIPER Tower/Communications Center project has gone out for bid for an architect/engineer and should receive proposals soon. This will also come to the Board for approval.

NCACC Legislative Goals Conference

The NCACC Legislative Steering Committees started their work this week and held meetings to discuss all of the Legislative Goals submitted by counties. All of the ones Yadkin County submitted are either moving forward for more discussion, being combined with related goals or moving for further study. None of the ones we submitted were removed for consideration.

The NCACC Legislative Goals Conference is November 14-15 at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley. The purpose of the Conference is to hold voting sessions to finalize legislative goals. Please let Tanya know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.