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COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

October 11, 2024

Helene Assistance

NCDHHS, Social Services Division has asked for assistance staffing a food benefits call center with Eligibility Specialists. We will offer to provide 3 people to help. They are still working out the schedules and I am not sure where they will be operating the call center or if it is only virtual.

Counties that have not been affected have also been asked by the Women's Health Branch of DHHS if they (we) would consider temporarily allowed displaced women needing Maternal Health services to continue their care at our Clinics (Health Departments). Jessica Wall and I discussed this yesterday and it is a decision made at the Department level to provide care to Yadkin County citizens only, but we think that due to the circumstances in western North Carolina, exceptions need to be made. Jessica and Laken will notify the State and we will welcome any women needing maternal health services to visit our Medical Clinic.

The Animal Companion Trailer returned to Yadkin County yesterday from McDowell County and now one of our Message Boards has been deployed.

The County has numerous employees who are also Veterans. Many still serve as Reserves in the National Guard. As such, a few have been activated to assist our western counties.

Vacancy Report

There are 16 vacancies this week. Human Services has 6 vacancies this week, all in the Social Services Division. The Sheriff's Office has 4, with 2 being in the Detention Center. Emergency Services has 3 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 (3 in Human Services) have been vacant over 100 days.

Fagerli Lease

Tom Fagerli leases space for his legal practice in the former AOA Signs Building on Jackson Street. This is a lease the County assumed when it purchased the building from AOA Signs. Mr. Fagerli notified me via email that he will terminate the lease, effective December 31,

2024. He has retired and the attorney he has working in his office has been hired by the County to serve as the DSS Attorney.

<i>Solid Waste</i>

It looks like all of the recycling compactors should be in place no later than January 2025. Triad Recycling informed us this week that the price for cardboard has decreased and it is no longer cost effective to separate it from other recycling.

<i>NCACC Legislative Goals Conference</i>
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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.