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## **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **November 1, 2024**

#### **FEMA**

Since Yadkin County was added to the federal declaration state of emergency, there have been 221 individual households within the county that have applied for services. Of those, 12 have been eligible and received a total of \$12,300. FEMA representatives are currently at the EOC Monday-Friday. Chris Bolden is working on disseminating information about the individual assistance.

#### **Hurricane Helene**

The General Assembly reconvened October 24 and approved an additional appropriation of \$604 million in addition to the initial \$273 million previously appropriated for damages from Hurricane Helene. These funds are intended for school capital funding and equipment losses, tuition grants, family and adult care initial home licensing, allows out of state building inspections personnel to work in the state and increases technical assistance to local governments through the NCACC and NCLM. One hundred million has been provided to the LGC to administer a cash flow loan program to support local governments, with an additional \$50 million for state and local government unmet needs. Another \$100 million in emergency loans for water and wastewater repair and \$10 million additional weatherization funds. Over \$70 million was included for various efforts within DHHS programs. Yadkin County has not seen an increase in demand for these services from our citizens due to the storm.

#### **Vacancy Report**

There are 12 vacancies this week. Human Services has 6 vacancies, all in the Social Services Division. The Sheriff's Office has 2 positions vacant, Emergency Services has 3 vacancies and the Tax Assessor's Office has 1 vacancy. Eight of these positions have been vacant over 30 days, with 5 of them being in Human Services. Three of these positions (2 in Human Services) have been vacant over 100 days. Human Services has also received 2 additional resignations this week that are not included in the Vacancy Report.

#### **Solid Waste**

All interviews were finalized this week for the Solid Waste Director's position. Seven applicants were interviewed initially and then it was reduced to four and narrowed down to two. Jason Roels, current Animal Shelter Director was selected for the position and will start

December 16, 2024. Now we will begin the job description review and posting for the position vacated by Jason.

### *Charters of Freedom*

We are getting close to start site prep and construction of the Charters of Freedom in the courtyard at the Courthouse. The Charters include: The Declaration of Independence, The United States Constitution and The Bill of Rights. There will also be a pedestal that recognizes donors for the project and a separate pedestal for the Sanctity of Life Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners. The general placement of the pedestals has been marked in the courtyard, so please stop by and let me know what you think. This project will include replacement of sidewalks in the courtyard and lighting improvements.

### *Yadkin County Library*

A few months ago, the Yadkin County branch of the Northwestern Regional Library System issued a survey to citizens concerning hours of operations and services provided. Effective December 7, 2024, their new hours will be: Monday-Wednesday, 8:30am-5:30pm; Thursday, 8:30am-7:30pm; Friday, 8:30am-1:00pm; and Saturday, 9:00am-12:00pm. The evening hours on Thursday are new, as are the reduced hours on Friday and new hours on Saturdays. The History Room will be closed on Saturdays and the Public Meeting Room is open Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-5:30pm.

### *Generation Theory*

The NCACC's latest film, Generation Theory will be debuted at Surry Community College in Dobson on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Doors will open at 5pm and a panel discussion will be following the screening of the film. This film highlights public service and Surry-Yadkin Works. You should receive an invitation soon for this event.

### *Upcoming Dates*

The School of Government has several webinars coming up that you may be interested in: Gifts and Favors and Conflicts of Interest (11/12/2024, 10am-11:30am, online) and Rules of Procedure (12/4/2024, 10am-11:15am, online). Please let Tanya know if you are interested in either of these.