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COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

December 6, 2024

Ambulance Update

Keith has located an ambulance that is available now. It is a stock ambulance F-450, Type I, 4x4 that is appropriate for basic life support (BLS) services while Yadkin County provides advanced lift support (ALS) services. The critical issue with this truck is that it does not have a refrigerator on it, which we need for the medicines we carry. Keith has asked the vendor for a price to add the refrigerator and additional cabinetry. He is waiting to obtain this pricing. The cost before the alterations are made is \$378,502, which is \$75,252 more than the 2027 ones quoted that we sent the Letter of Intent to purchase. We should receive the cost for the additions within the next week and don't expect them to be more than \$50,000.

FLSA

The Fair Labor Standards Act's requirement for the Exempt status has been revised to include a higher salary threshold to \$58,656. Currently six employees who have been considered Exempt in accordance with FLSA would become Non-Exempt employees January 1, 2025. An injunction has been filed against this so implementation has been delayed pending further notice.

Vacancy Report

There are 13 vacancies this week. Human Services has 7 vacancies, all in the Social Services Division. The Sheriff's Office has 3 positions vacant, Emergency Services has 2 vacancies and the Tax Assessor's Office has 1 vacancy. Eight of these positions have been vacant over 30 days, with 4 of them being in Human Services. Five of these positions (3 in Human Services) have been vacant over 100 days.

Solid Waste

The compactors are being delivered to the sites and the electrical connections should be made next week so they will be operational in time for the Christmas holidays.

Hilco struggles to meet the demands of the transfer station and the trailers are staying full. Typically, Hilco assigns two drivers to Yadkin County and it takes approximately 3.5 hours per trip to the landfill. Brock stays in touch with Mark Bacon with Hilco to address issues such as this.

Just as a reminder, Jason Roels starts as the Solid Waste Director on December 16.

Yadkin County Historical Maps

If you are interested in purchasing one of the Yadkin County Historical Maps presented at the November 18th Board meeting, please contact Roger Cox at rogercox.gso@gmail.com.

Gingerbread House Contest

Yadkin County will host its FIRST Gingerbread House Contest on Monday, December 9th. Employees were invited to build a Gingerbread House and bring it in for judging. The houses will be displayed in the Commissioners' Room Monday from 9am-11am for employees to view. If you are in the area or would like to submit a Gingerbread House for the contest, please come by on Monday.

Bryan Cave

Bryan Cave continues to serve as the Yadkin County Cooperative Extension Director on a part-time basis and it is working very well. In the past we shared a Director with Davie County and the Director was only here on a part-time basis.

In November, Bryan was inducted into the Agricultural Hall of Fame with 34 years of service to NC Cooperative Extension. He was recognized for his leadership, dedication and tireless work for local farmers have helped improve practices, increase farm income and inspire agricultural programs across the State. He continues to share his expertise, making a difference every day with farmers and Cooperative Extension staff.

Sheriff's Vehicles Maintenance

Assistant County Manager Brock Hall and I met with Sheriff Smitherman this week per his request to address his Vehicle Maintenance expenditure line. During the FY2025 Budget Process, the Sheriff requested \$110,000 in his Vehicle Maintenance expenditure line due to "current trends and increasing costs and due to maintaining a fleet of vehicles with higher mileage." At budget time, he had spent \$55,000 in vehicle maintenance and \$74,999 in the previous fiscal year. The recommended budget amount for this line was reduced to \$50,000 based upon actual expenditures in preceding years. The Sheriff's Office has spent \$32,904 in vehicle maintenance this fiscal year and has \$22,570 encumbered to spend and \$2,160 available to be encumbered/spent. He states this will not get them through this fiscal year and may ask the Board for an additional appropriation of funds.

County Surplus Properties

The County continues to have 5 properties for sale by public auction on GovDeals. The auctions close on December 12, 2024 at 8:00pm. The auctions may be accessed through the link below.

[Yadkin County | GovDeals](#)

Upcoming Dates

January 13, 2025 at 6pm we will have training by Jim Joyce with the School of Government on planning, zoning and the relationships/purpose of the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and Board of Commissioners.

The School of Government has several webinars coming up that you may be interested in. Please let Tanya know if you are interested in any of these or any other training.

January 23-24: Essentials in County Government in Winston Salem

February 7: Top 10 Primer: Managing Conflict Online

March 5: Top 10 Primer: Tools for a Successful Strategic Plan Online

March 19: In the Hot Seat: Leading Through Public Scrutiny in Chapel Hill

April 2: Fiduciary Responsibilities of Local Elected Officials Online