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COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT February 7, 2025

Fire Department Inspections

Several of the fire departments within Yadkin County have been inspected this fiscal year by the Office of State Fire Marshal. Fall Creek, Courtney and Buck Shoals all passed their inspections.

Forbush Volunteer Fire Department was inspected in December 2024 and did not meet the minimum standards or requirements for a certified department due to no equipment inventory and no maintenance records. They currently hold a Class 5/9E rating.

They had 30 days from the date of the inspection to provide a detailed written corrective plan to their Inspector. Chief Dale Couch provided me a copy of their plan by forwarding me the email he submitted to the Inspector. It states "We were inspected on 12/3/2024 and found some apparatus were not inspected during monthly inspection checks during the 2024 year. We will make sure these apparatus are checked monthly and will send you the monthly apparatus report over the next three months to demonstrate the trucks are meeting the apparatus monthly inventory and maintenance checks."

If after six (6) months and the department still does not meet the NC Administrative Rules minimum requirements, OSFM will change the status from non-compliant to probation.

Animal Shelter

The Animal Shelter had its facility inspection by the State in late January. These inspections are unannounced. The Shelter did have compliance issues and has 30 days to become compliant in areas where it needed improvement or was not in compliance. This was Ethan's first inspection since assuming the Director's position. Brock has been working with Ethan to ensure compliance when the inspector returns.

Vacancy Report

There are 16 vacancies this week. Human Services has 6 vacancies, all in the Social Services Division. The Sheriff's Office has 4 positions vacant, Emergency Services has 3 vacancies, Animal Shelter has 1 vacancy as well as Finance and the Tax Assessor's Office. Twelve of these positions have been vacant over 30 days, with 6 of them being in Human Services. Six of these positions (3 in Human Services, 2 in Emergency Services and 1 in Tax) have been vacant over 100 days. Two of these 6 positions have been vacant over 230

days. We have received 4 additional resignations (3 in Social Services) with effective dates later this month and they are not included in the vacancy count.

County Manager Job Posting

The County Manager Position Advertisement has been submitted to the NCACC, ICMA, NCCCMA, NCLM and I submitted it to the ASU Local Government Alumni Association.

I submitted a form to your email address polling your availability for meetings as outlined in Amy Cannon's timeline proposal. If you have not responded, please do so and let me know if you have any issues accessing the information.

FY2026 Goals

I also sent you an email asking for your top 5 goals you would like for consideration as we continue to prepare for the FY2026 budget. Please respond to the email in the next week or so.

NCACC Steering Committees

The NCACC has a Legislative Goals process that began last fall and your goals were submitted. They held Steering Committee meetings and a Legislative Goals Conference last November. Now that the General Assembly is back in Session, it's time for additional Steering Committee meetings. The meetings will be held virtually in March. Please register for any Committee(s) you are interested in. The link is here: [Register Today - Virtual NCACC Steering Committee Meetings](#)

Upcoming Dates

Budget 101 Session will be held next Thursday, **February 13 at 7pm**. This session should last 1-2 hours.

April 14 at 5pm a joint Board meeting will be held with the Board of Education and the Surry Community College Board of Trustees. Dinner will be provided.

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.

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

The School of Government is also offering an Advanced Leadership Corps for local elected officials and the deadline is March 14, 2025. This is part of the Local Elected Leaders Academy (LELA). The link for more information is: [Advanced Leadership Corps | UNC School of Government](#)