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## COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

### April 25, 2025

#### **General Assembly**

The General Assembly continues to introduce bills that remove authorities of local governments. We've seen the bills taking away our planning and zoning, ambulance franchising, state certifications of emergency medical responders, transparency, etc. I support transparency, but HB659 requires staff to post invoices on the website. This puts more demands on a small staff to provide information that is already public record.

#### **Filming**

Over the years, Yadkin County has been a popular location for films. Some have been major films such as The Longest Ride and others like Two Soldiers and Susie's Hope. The Piedmont Film Commission has an array of photos of locations, such as the former hospital property and the Courthouse. Currently, we have three different film projects using County buildings for some of their scenes. They will use the former hospital property and the Commissioners' Meeting Room. We always request that they film after hours or on weekends so as not to interrupt County business or impact the citizens we serve. We do have signed location agreements, certificates of insurance and County staff working while they are on-site.

#### **Vacancy Report**

There are currently 21 vacancies throughout County departments. There are 6 vacancies in Human Services (6 in the DSS Division and 1 in the Health Division), 6 within the Sheriff's Office (5 Patrol and 1 Detention), 4 in Emergency Services, one each in the Animal Shelter, Central Permitting, Elections, Information Technology and Tax. Of these positions 18 have been vacant over 30 days and 7 have been vacant for over 100 days, 5 of which have been vacant over 200 days. One position has been vacant 327 days and is starting to approach the 12-month vacant policy of being eliminated.

#### **AOA Signs Building**

The County purchased the building located at 108 Jackson Street several years ago from AOA Signs. Prior to that it was Yadkinville Town Hall. The County needs to establish a formal name for the building. Please contact me with any suggestions.

### **Charters of Freedom**

The Charters of Freedom is nearing completion in the Courthouse courtyard. The additional monument for the Sanctity of Life will be completed after the dedication of the Charters of Freedom.

We will have a time capsule in the Charters of Freedom. The Commissioners can identify community leaders you would like to provide information for the Time Capsule. They will be sent instructions on what to include (mostly related to the Charters of Freedom) and a return envelope. They will letter compile the information and there will be a Time Capsule Ceremony and the vault will be sealed. The plan would then be to open the Time Capsule on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2087 celebrating the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the US Constitution.

### **Salute to Heroes**

Do you know someone who has saved a life, demonstrated extraordinary courage or exemplifies outstanding humanitarian values? If so, please nominate that person for Salute to Heroes and help the American Red Cross honor our community heroes. Nominees must live, work or attend school in Alamance, Caswell, Davie, Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry or Yadkin counties. Nominations close April 30, 2025.

### **Upcoming Dates**

**April 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am-1:00pm**, Industry Appreciation Luncheon in the Banquet Room at the Agricultural & Educational Building. RSVP to Tanya or me no later than April 22.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm-7:30pm**, NCACC District 18 meeting at Forsyth County Cooperative Extension. Let Tanya or me know if you plan to attend by May 2.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm**, Budget Work Session

**May 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm**, Budget Work Session

**June 10-11, 2025**, NCACC County Advocacy Days in Raleigh. Please let Tanya know if you would like to attend. It starts at 2pm on Tuesday and concludes Wednesday afternoon.

**June 13, 7pm**, Budget Public Hearing