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COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

May 9, 2025

General Assembly

Bill crossover started this week in the General Assembly and they continue to review and revise bills.

HB 219 regarding ambulance franchises in counties has been revised and sent back to committee. This bill is not getting any support and will likely die in committee. No change since April 29.

HB 675 pertains to credentialing of emergency medical technicians and it too has been revised and sent back to committee on Rules. No change this week.

HB 659 Local Government Spending Transparency was referred to the Committee on Rules this week and has been revised slightly. It requires local government to place a link on our website to all invoices and for them to be itemized with the payee's name, amount paid, items or services purchased and performance dates and updated quarterly. These invoices would not be redacted unless required by law. We would also be required to provide a link to the top three bids for every project, service or any goods purchased. Yadkin County currently provides our expenditures on our website, but not actual invoices or bids, even though they are also available for public inspection. There are concerns about the amount of staff time this will take as well as concerns about increased fraud from the information provided on the invoices. This one came out of Committee, but was re-referred to Committee this week.

HB 913 Liability/Unfair/Deceptive Development Actions passed its Second and Third Reading in the House yesterday. This bill holds local governments accountable for development decisions when the person shows a claim that the local government intentionally violated NCGS 160-D, intentionally delayed action or acted in a flagrantly unfair or deceptive manner. It allows them to recover damages, attorneys' fees and costs from the local government. It has been referred to the Committee for Rules.

HB 765 has been revised and renamed from Local Government Development Regulations Omnibus to Save the American Dream Act. This week it's been assigned to the Committee on Finance. As communicated this week, it's better, but still restricts local government's authority.

HB 729 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities this week. This is the Farmland Protection Act. This Act will phase out the property tax exclusion for solar energy

electric systems. Currently, the equipment (not the land) is only taxed on 20% of its value with 80% being exempt. This bill will increase the percentage taxed by 20% every year starting July 1, 2026 until July 1, 2029 when it will be taxed 100% with no exemption. It's still in Committee.

SB 257, which is the Senate's Recommended Budget contains a section that changes NCGS 166A increasing the National Guard's emergency response role. The National Guard has always played an instrumental role in disaster response and recovery. This bill changes the powers of the Secretary of Public Safety and shifts those to the Adjutant General of the National Guard. The Adjutant General will be responsible for the NC Emergency Operations Plan during a disaster response including all emergency management activities including operating the State's Emergency Operations Center. Previously, this was conducted by the State's Emergency Management Division of the Public Safety Office.

Vacancy Report

There are currently 22 vacancies throughout County departments. There are 6 vacancies in Human Services (5 in the DSS Division and 1 in the Health Division), 6 within the Sheriff's Office (4 Patrol, 1 Detention and 1 Communications), 4 in Emergency Services, one each in the Animal Shelter, Central Permitting, Elections, Information Technology, Solid Waste and Tax. Of these positions 18 have been vacant over 30 days and 8 have been vacant for over 100 days, 5 of which have been vacant over 200 days. One position has been vacant 341 days and is starting to approach the 12-month vacant policy of being eliminated.

Agriculture in Yadkin County

Exhibit A contains a one-page informational sheet about agriculture and Cooperative Extension in Yadkin County. Please let Bryan Cave or me know if you have any questions.

Landfill

The County was notified in 2021 that the rules were changing in regard to Landfill, clearing, inert debris (LCID) facility and that we could continue to operate our current landfill without a permit as long as we did not exceed 2 acres. This allowance was for 5 years and expires on January 1, 2026. After that time all LCID areas must be permitted. We can either permit the current LCID landfill at which time we would not be limited to 2 acres, or we can close the current LCID area and open a new area, or we can close the current area and stop accepting LCID waste altogether on January 1st. Municipal Engineering Services Company (our Engineer) has advised that the most cost-effective option will be to permit the current landfill. They have all the information they need to apply for the permit and they are preparing a quote for us so we can decide.

Upcoming Dates

May 12th, 7-9pm, Budget Work Session

May 13th, 7-9pm, Budget Work Session

May 16th, 11am-1:30pm Employee Appreciation Cookout at Memorial Park

June 10-11, 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 12, 7pm, Budget Public Hearing



YADKIN COUNTY CENTER

Yadkin County Family and Consumer Science Program reached **1,035** participants with in-person programming, Servsafe, cross county teams, and interdepartmental programs.

Yadkin County 4-H served **1,493** youth through various programs including School Enrichment, Summer Education, and other life-skills development opportunities.

The Yadkin County Horticulture reached **2,137** total program participants clients across in-person programming, workshops, cross county teams, and interdepartmental programs.

The Yadkin County Livestock Program reached **745** individuals where they increased their knowledge on a variety of topics including pasture management, herd health, financial management, and nutrition.

The Yadkin County Field Crop Program conducted **5** on farm tests to determine best management practices for producers. **11** pesticide trainings for **60** participants. GAP training reached **70** people. Regional Soybean School provided updated information to **133** producers.

Yadkin County Center
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Yadkin County Cooperative Extension's Mission

North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Yadkin County Center, partners with our Yadkin County communities to deliver education and technology that enrich the lives, land and economy of this great county. We assist farmers, empower youth, guide responsible resource management, and advance the wellbeing of all Yadkin County citizens. We do this by supporting agriculture, leading responsible agricultural protection and development efforts, environmental protection, nutrition and health, as well as a variety of consumer, youth, and economic concerns.

Farmland Preservation and Protection

The Yadkin County Voluntary Agricultural Districting Program has protected **19,185** of farmland from development.



We Grow Opportunities

With increases in income, cost savings and fiscal resources brought into the county of over **\$3,120,000**. N.C. Cooperative Extension, Yadkin County returned a phenomenal \$12 per dollar invested by Yadkin County government to the citizens of the county.

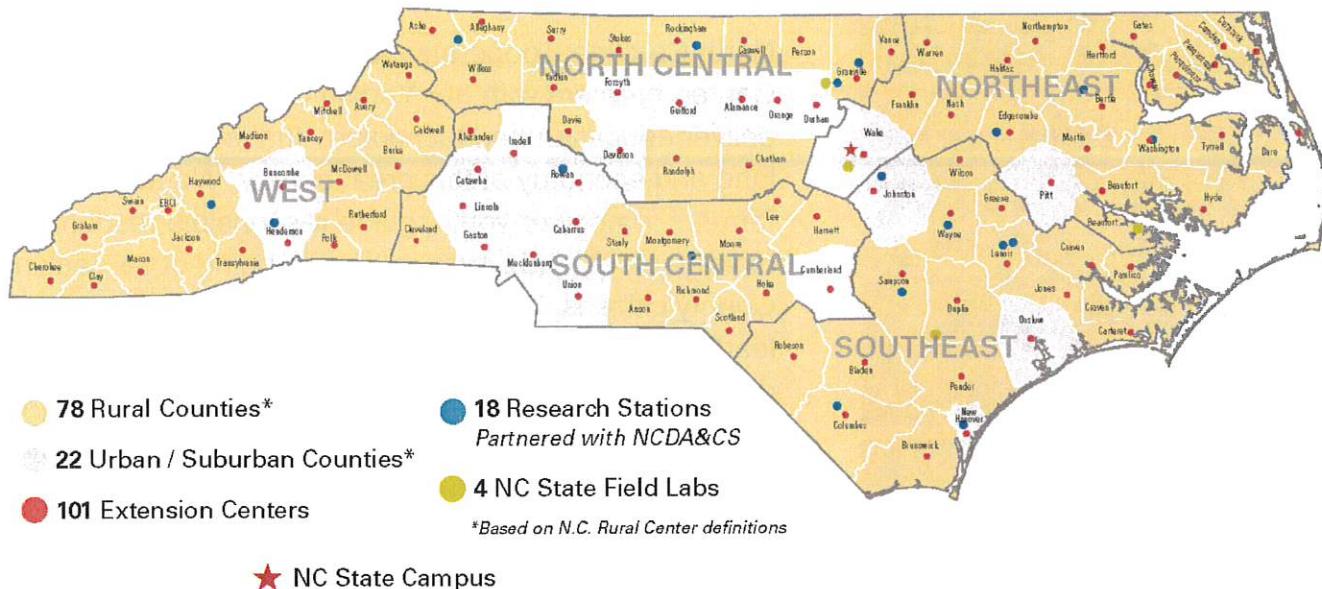
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N.C. Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity provider.

Extending Knowledge, Enriching Lives

We extend research-based knowledge from our universities to all North Carolinians, transforming science into everyday solutions that enrich lives and grow our state.



\$169M
Expenses

- State \$52.1M
- County \$70.4M
- Other \$31.6M
- Federal \$14.9M



1.4M
Participants

Over a million North Carolinians engaged firsthand in our education programs



\$25.5M
Investments

Total gifts plus county partner investments in local center upgrades

¹Incl. \$23.8M in local facility investments by county partners
²Grants, contracts, donations, etc.