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COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

May 23, 2025

General Assembly

HB765 is still being discussed and revised in the General Assembly, as well as others. The House introduced their version of the State Budget.

There are several bills still being discussed that have the potential to impact the County's budget and revenues.

KnowBe4

Just a reminder to complete your KnowBe4 cybersecurity training for May. These trainings are issued at the beginning of every month and should be completed by the 20th.

Vacancy Report

There are currently 19 vacancies throughout County departments. There are 5 vacancies in Human Services (4 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, Information Technology and Solid Waste. Of these positions 15 have been vacant over 30 days and 6 have been vacant for over 100 days, 2 of which have been vacant over 200 days. One position has been vacant 338 days and is starting to approach the 12-month vacant policy of being eliminated.

VIPER and Communications Center Projects

The County contracted with Federal Engineering to provide technical guidance through the construction of the new VIPER tower and new Communications Center. Their contract with the County at this point expires December 31, 2025. It will have to be extended as we have now been told that groundbreaking for the tower will not occur until January 2026.

They told Brock this week that they underestimated the cost of construction as they omitted some licensing and servicing costs, as well as the cost of equipment. As the County has realized in the last couple of years, the cost of everything is drastically higher.

Dylan Zachary has been working with Lindsey Cearlock and Brock on submission of an additional 911 Board grant to help cover some of the costs not covered by the first grant. The deadline for this grant is May 30 and he is waiting to obtain final estimated numbers May 29.

If awarded, this grant will require a budget amendment and grant agreement approved by the Board. A decision should be known by the end of June.

Solid Waste Landfill Project

The drawings and specs for the landfill improvements should be completed by the end of June. This project has long been coming, but hopefully will come to a fruition in FY2026. Jason Roels has been doing a great job with Solid Waste and is ready to assume responsibility for the landfill improvements project. He will also work with Municipal Engineering on the future of the Land Clearing and Inert Debris (LCID) portion of the landfill. The current permit expires in 2026. Municipal Engineering will provide options for the Board to consider ranging from re-permitting to closing the LCID portion. There are costs involved with each option and cost estimates will be including in their proposals.

Sewer Projects

We submitted four funding requests through Senator Tillis' Office and were notified this week that they would like to advance the sewer line project at Brooks Crossroads. If funded, it will require a 20% match.

Advanced Machinery has applied for a water tap for their facility on Hwy 601 and intend to move forward with a sewer connection. The Town of Yadkinville is preparing a Request for Proposals for this project.

Upcoming Dates

May 29, 11am Charters of Freedom Dedication in the Courtyard of the Courthouse

June 3, 7pm Budget work session

June 5, 10am Magnolia Building ribbon cutting

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. Let Tanya know by June 3 if you would like to attend.

June 12, 7pm, Budget Public Hearing

July 11-13, NACo Annual Conference in Philadelphia. Registration is open now. Please let Tanya know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. The hotels fill up very quickly.

August 21-23, NCACC Annual Conference in Pitt County. Registration has opened. Please let Tanya know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. The hotels fill up very quickly.