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COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT June 20, 2025

Vacancy Report

There are currently 12 vacancies throughout County departments. There are **2** vacancies in Human Services (1 in each Division), 4 within the Sheriff's Office (3 Detention and 1 Communications), 4 in Emergency Services, one each in Central Permitting and Information Technology. Of these positions 9 have been vacant over 30 days and 2 have been vacant for over 100 days. Human Services has done a great job filling the vacancies this last year, especially the Fraud Investigator and QA/QI Trainer positions.

Economic Development

Please remember to review the list of activities that can be considered economic development. The Board needs to come to consensus on the definition of economic development to provide guidance to staff on preparation of the job description. Michael will work with the Board more on this in July.

Communications Grant

The County's request to change location of the new Emergency Communications Center was approved yesterday without any required changes to the grant. The County may have to absorb the cost of the architect fees paid for the previous location, but Dylan and Lindsey will keep check on that.

Dylan was contacted by the State about an opportunity to apply for grant funding for equipment to be used in emergency situations, such as Helene or even rescue efforts along the river in Yadkin County. This equipment would be stored in Yadkin, but may also be deployed elsewhere in the state when needed. Staff will be trained to use this equipment and may be deployed along with it. One of Dylan's goals is for Communications to be more involved with rescue and disaster situations, providing better communications for emergency responder during these incidents.

Speer Bridge Road and Roundabouts

NCDOT had approved constructing roundabouts at Speer Bridge Road on and off ramps on Hwy 421. From my understanding last fall, they were going to be completed when school was out of session. This week we were told the contracts were going to be awarded this

week for the construction. It is doubtful they will be completed prior to time school opens in August.

Also, directional signs at the Falcon Road roundabout have been hit for apparently the third time. NCDOT is aware of it and will straighten/repair the signs as needed.

Sally Port

The architects have provided a revised plan for the sally port at the Courthouse to be constructed on the Jackson Street side. I have shared the plan with Mike Koser and it meets his initial approval. This design will be presented to the Board in the near future with an early cost estimate for the project.

NCDOL

NCDOL/OSHA conducted a surprise audit/visit at Emergency Services and the Memorial Park last month. Staff was very cooperative with their questions and inspection. The inspector has been working with HR Officer Luke Wise and plans to have a conference meeting concerning any findings next week.

Upcoming Dates

July 11-13, NACo Annual Conference in Philadelphia.

August 21-23, NCACC Annual Conference in Pitt County.