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COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT July 28, 2022

Brooks Crossroads Sewer Grant

The State Water Infrastructure Authority released their grant awards yesterday. We received the Asset Inventory Assessment grant in the amount of \$150,000 to assess all of the county-owned water and sewer infrastructure.

We were not awarded the grant for the Brooks Crossroads sewer project. This is the third time we have submitted a grant application to them for this project and have failed to receive the grant. It may be time to abandon this project or seek other funding.

COVID

Our active COVID cases are going back up again and as of late last week, there were 240. Our death total is still 116 and 0 hospitalizations. While there have been more cases, there are fewer serious cases.

Tomorrow is the last day the East Bend Optum testing site will be open. The Yadkinville site (behind the former hospital continues to be open).

Our Community Paramedic continues to offer the monoclonal antibodies and to check on people if needed.

Gary Hayes

Gary Hayes has been asked to serve on the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Council of Code Officials. Gary continues to represent Yadkin County well serving on several State Boards/Committees and the Yadkin/Wilkes Homebuilders Association. This will require Gary to be out of the office more, but I think it is well worth the investment of his time.

Legislative Goals

It's time to submit Legislative Goals to the NCACC. Goals are due September 12th. So far, I have ones for accreditation, school calendar, CD nurse funding and possibly 100% state funding of forestry. Please let me know any thoughts you have on these or other potential goals.

Affordable Housing

The School of Government is offering an Affordable Housing Seminar on Tools, Strategies and Case Studies for Local Government Leadership on September 30th in Marion, NC. It is an interactive in-person seminar for elected and appointment officials from county and municipal governments who are setting strategic direction around affordable housing. It will focus on local government support and public-private partnerships for workforce residential housing. The cost is \$240 per person. If any of you are interested in attending, please let me know.

GovDeals

We currently have some items available on GovDeals, which is an auction process similar to Ebay. Items are technology related. Please see the link below. People interested in purchasing items do have to have an account through GovDeals and pay

<https://www.govdeals.com/index.cfm?fa=Main.AdvSearchResultsNew&kWord=Yadkin%20County&whichForm=vehicle&searchPg=Main>

GREAT Grant

According to NCDIT, Yadtel / Zirrus and Surry Telephone both submitted applications for the GREAT Grant (expanding Broadband). Per the Governor's Press Release issued July 18, 2022, twelve counties were awarded the GREAT Grant and Yadkin is not one of them. Yadtel / Zirrus also applied for Rowan County and they were not listed either. Rowan was using their ARPA money to provide the grant match. Yadtel / Zirrus did have grants awarded for Davidson County and Alexander County.

Duke Endowment Grant

Jessica Wall, Laken Royal and I met with representatives from the Duke Endowment Foundation and the NC Healthcare Association regarding the grant applied we had submitted for chronic disease management. We followed what they had outlined in the application documents, but the coalition they envision is much bigger than what we were thinking. We politely withdrew our application.