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MANAGEMENT REPORT

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Ike McRee, County Manager
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Operations:

- **Sale of Limited Obligation Bonds for Tulls Creek Elementary Financing** – In a softening market, but with competitive oversubscription by investors for the county's bonds, the county's \$58,500,000 bond sale was completed on October 18. The result is a very attractive 4.019% interest rate for the borrowing. You will remember that the county planned a worst-case scenario for an interest rate up to 9%.
- **Building Resistant Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant** – Staff received notice that the county's letter of interest for a "shovel ready" stormwater project for the Ocean Sands North and Crown Point Watershed Improvement District is selected for inclusion in the state's application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The first draft of the application is due to North Carolina Emergency Management on December 4, 2023. The county will be seeking a grant in an amount up to \$5,700,000.
- **NC-12 Delays in Duck** – The NC-12 Living Shoreline and Resiliency Project in Duck is under construction. Travelers should expect daily lane closures between 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through the end of May 2024. Additional information is available on the Town of Duck website: <https://www.townofduck.com/living-shoreline-and-resiliency-project/>. We will also be posting information and updates on county media outlets.
- **Currituck County Sheriff's Office Community Event** - The Sheriff's Office will hold a free community event at Currituck County High School on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event will feature games, food bounce houses, prizes, S.W.A.T. and K-9 units. Attendees are welcome to wear costumes.
- **Historic Jail Visioning** - The final Historic Jail visioning session will be held on Monday, October 23, 2023, at the Currituck Cooperative Extension Center auditorium from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The group will consider whether to retain the current façade or go to an earlier period façade as well as the types of technology and other elements to be utilized for historical interpretation. The outcome of the session will be presented to the Board of Commissioners.

- **Tulls Creek Elementary Groundbreaking** – The groundbreaking for Tulls Creek Elementary School will be held on Friday, October 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the construction site. Parking is available at the Moyock Library located at 126 Campus Drive in Moyock.
- **Beach Management Plan** – Two statements of qualification were received for development of a beach management plan. Staff is evaluating the proposals.
- **Broadband Opportunities** – On October 17, I met with Jeff Brooks from the North Carolina Broadband Infrastructure Office. Mr. Brooks provided information regarding several programs to place fiber within 350 feet of homes in unserved areas of the county. One program he suggested to the county would extend fiber into areas that are not served under the GREAT Grant funded project. In the suggested program, the state will provide 85% of funding with 15% from internet service providers.
- **Animal Services and Control Director** – Shelter Manager Rachael Stone has been hired as Animal Services and Control Director effective Monday, October 23. Former director, Regina Miller, retired on October 1.

Projects:

- **Corolla ABC Store** – Roof installation rough-ins are almost complete.



- **Whalehead Drainage – Bonito Street** –The contractor was to return to complete electrical project electrical work in November. The contractor has now advised that there will be a one-month delay in receiving electrical components and an updated schedule will be provided.
- **Corolla Greenway – Albacore to Dolphin Section** – No statements of qualification were received on October 12. The request for qualifications will be re-advertised.

- **Phase III Walkover Replacement** – Three bids were not received for the replacement of the Bonito, Sturgeon, and Marlin public access walkovers. The project is re-advertised, and bids are due on October 25.
- **Sound Park Bulkhead Repairs** – The project is substantially complete. There are two punch list items remaining: stainless steel handrail and pile wraps.
- **Historic Jarvisburg Colored School Siding Restoration** – Contractor Christman Southeast Construction returned to the site last week. Further removal of the siding has revealed additional areas of moisture damage that will require repair. Staff is engaging a structural engineer for the repairs.
- **Historic Corolla Park Playground** – Concrete work is complete. The contractor installing the pour-in-place surface is scheduled to begin work on October 26.
- **Historic Courthouse Assessment** – A design services agreement is under review by consultant PMA Architecture.
- **SOBWS Well** – Staff received 50% drawings for the Whalehead well site on August 21. Staff is working with the consultant to identify the best route for the pipeline from the well site to the raw water main. 95% construction drawings are expected at the end of October.
- **16" Water Main North and Booster Stations** – Consultant Kimley-Horn provided a proposal for the first phase of work on September 19. Staff is drafting an agreement.
- **Air Up Station Relocation and Parking Lot Improvements** – The project will begin next week and is scheduled for completion in mid-December. Three of the four air-up stations will be accessible during construction.
- **County Fuel Farm Replacement** – Oakes Grading provided a design cost proposal and staff is drafting an agreement.
- **Inspections Renovation** – Staff has temporarily relocated to the former Public Works modular unit. The contractor is painting and will begin flooring installation next week.
- **Mainland Water RO Well #4 and raw water main transmission line** – Three bids were not received at the bid opening on October 19. The projects will be re-advertised.



- **Radio System Upgrades** – Staff participated in the customer design review with Motorola on October 18. The equipment has been ordered and is scheduled for staging in May 2024.

Board Appointments:			
Advisory Board	Member Name	Term Expires	Commissioner
Animal Services	Laura Hill Nancy VanClief	5/30/2023	Consensus
Land Transfer Tax Appeals	Wade Morgan	June 2020	Paul Beaumont
Library Board of Trustees	Kerri Engley	6/30/2023	Bob White
Ocean Sands N/Crown Pt. Watershed District	Linda Garczynski	6/6/2023	Consensus
Planning Board	Juanita Krause David Doll	12/31/2023 12/31/2023	Owen Etheridge Kitty Etheridge
Senior Citizens	Cindy Scott Janet Lovell Michael Williams	2/1/2023 2/1/2023 2/1/2023	Bob White Mike Payment Paul Beaumont
Tourism Advisory Board	Kenneth Lankford Damian Dondero Janice Farr Ben Beasley	11/30/2023 11/30/2023 11/30/2023 11/30/2023	Bob White Selina Jarvis Owen Etheridge Kevin McCord
Whalehead Stormwater	Sid Wilson	1/30/2023	Consensus

***Red – Requires replacement

Green – Eligible for reappointment

Board Directives:

UDO text amendment to increase side property line setbacks to 15 feet on Currituck Outer Banks	
Amend Code of Ordinances to restrict set up of recreational items on the beach within of certain distance of the drive over access ramps	
Amend Code of Ordinances to establish penalty for misuse of county access permit; revocation/suspension of permit	Proposed amendment on 10/16 agenda; second reading on 11/6
UDO text amendment to increase lot size to minimum 30,000 sq. ft. on mainland	
Advertise proposal for consultant for development of Coinjock Small Area Plan	
Name Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as Pedestrian Advisory Committee	Resolution on 11/6 agenda
Engage beach rental equipment companies in the off-season	
Off-road access: Initiate discussion with state for larger turnaround area at 4x4 ramp; amend Code of Ordinances to require 4x4 in off-road area	

Upcoming:

Advisory Board Meetings

Monday, October 23	Opioid Task Force Fire-EMS Advisory
Tuesday, October 24	Senior Services Advisory
Monday, November 13	Tourism Advisory
Tuesday, November 14	Planning Board
Thursday, November 16	Wild Horse Advisory

Proposed Agenda Items

Thursday, October 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Closed Session
Friday, October 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Special Meeting – Tulls Creek Elementary Groundbreaking
Monday, November 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Chandlerthinks – Tourism Re-branding