

## County Administrator's Update

# ISLE CARES



October 2018

Dear Citizens,

October brought more severe weather in the form of Tropical Storm Michael. While we did not suffer any major damage to homes or businesses, we did have almost 3,000 people without power at the height of the storm. Our emergency service agencies responded quickly to clear roads and this event served as another reminder of the need to be prepared for any potential weather threat.

The Board of Supervisors held their annual retreat on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Jim Thornton presented the Schools' capital request for the County's upcoming Capital Improvement Plan followed by a discussion with our financial advisors, Davenport & Company about the County's credit rating, existing debt service and the estimated increase in debt service if the School projects are fully funded. The Board also discussed consolidation of services with the School System, and the Towns of Windsor & Smithfield. Lastly, the Board received an update on the amount and location of wetlands in Phase III of the Shirley T. Holland Intermodal Park. While there are still significant wetlands in the park overall, we did receive some encouraging information about the potential for development of property along the Route 258 corridor where the Juvenile Detention Center is planned. The next step in that process is to meet with the Army Corps of Engineers to review the wetlands report that our consultant, Kimley Horn has prepared to see if the Corps agrees with their delineation of wetlands.

An important milestone was reached recently when Isle of Wight Volunteer Rescue Squad celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to the citizens of Isle of Wight County. They began with 13 members providing standard first aid services utilizing a hearse for medical transport. They now have 75 volunteer members manning 5 fully-equipped ambulances. Congratulations and thanks to Isle of Wight Volunteer Rescue Squad for reaching this important anniversary.

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