

County Administrator's Update

ISLE CARES



June 22, 2018

Dear Citizens,

Isle of Wight County lost a very valuable member of our team on June 7th. Tom Elder, Director of Economic Development, passed away suddenly from natural causes at his home. Tom was a life-long resident of the Hampton Roads area and worked with the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance and the City of Chesapeake before coming to Isle of Wight County in 2015. Tom will be greatly missed by all who knew him and worked with him.

Two agreements between Isle of Wight County and the Town of Smithfield were approved at the last Board of Supervisors' meeting on June 14th. An addendum to the Water Services agreement between the County and Town will allow the County to provide water to the Town in the next 3 to 5 years. This will help the Town with its future water needs and provide the County with a much-needed water customer. The second item was a Partnership agreement between the Town and County for funding of the Isle of Wight County Museum. The Town has been funding the operations of the museum for the past several years and the County will now share the cost of the museum on the same basis as the Tourism department. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Smithfield and Windsor as we continue to seek more efficient ways of providing services to all our citizens.

The Board of Supervisors continues to seek input on the use of the Blackwater Property. A decision on a proposed agreement to allow the State Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to manage the County's property has been tabled until the Board's meeting on July 19th.

Four pre-applications for transportation projects have been submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation: Broadwater Rd. widening, improvements to the Windsor Five-point intersection, widening of the 460 and 258 intersection (Dairy Queen) in Windsor, and a pedestrian crossing at Eagle Harbor. Final applications are due by August 1st.

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