

Manager's Monthly Report
Monday, May 20, 2019

1. Industrial Park Development:

- A. Pad #6 is now under contract. We anticipate closing in June 2019.
- B. Steel Cell has begun construction of a new 40,000 sq. ft. building on Pad #2, which they purchased a few months ago.
- C. The Windstream land swap appears to be moving forward slowly.
- D. James Ervin of Foothills Land Design is working to develop a site plan for the future development of the Reed Property portion of the Industrial Park. Mr. Ervin is also under contract to prepare our Georgia Ready for Accelerated Development (GRAD) certification application to the State of Georgia. GRAD Certification will enable us to become approved and recognized Industrial Park by the State Department of Economic Development.

2. Census 2020: We have held the first and second meetings with city, county, school system, and community representatives to discuss forming a Complete Count Committee in cooperation with the U.S. Census Department staff. We are working towards ensuring that the County can promote a complete count of all Habersham County residents for the 2020 Census.

3. Opioid Litigation Update: The opioid complaint was filed by Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley, P.C. on April 4, 2018 and included an extensive Plaintiff Fact Sheet that detailed costs incurred by Habersham County due to opioid problems experienced in our county. The complaint was served on December 14, 2018. A short form supplement complaint was filed on March 15, 2019 to include the Purdue Company in the litigation. In addition, a number of local and chain pharmacies were included in the complaint supplement. The judge in the case has set the trial to begin in October 2019.

4. Surplus Sale: Steve Seabolt, Fleet Maintenance Director, is coordinating a sale of surplus equipment and vehicles. There is an extensive list of surplus equipment and vehicles that we propose to put up for auction in June if approved by the County Commission.

5. Senior Wellness Center: This project will be completed on Friday May 17, 2019. We anticipate being issued a Certificate of Occupancy from the inspection department on that date. There is some work to do on signage lettering, and exterior door locks. We are hoping to schedule a move-in date and open house by mid-June 2019. This project was funded primarily by a \$750,000 CDBG Grant and will double the capacity of our Senior Center particularly addressing the need for more space for exercise classes, which have increased 90% in the last year, and the need for more available space for congregate meals.

6. Landfill Cell 5: The bids have been received for the construction of cell 5, which will allow for further expansion of the Habersham County Landfill.

7. 2020 Budget: The budget reviews and recommendation to the County Commission will be presented on May 10th, May 16th, and May 20th. We hope to have a consensus of the Commission by May 20, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phil Sutton, County Manager
Habersham County, GA