



Board Bulletin

April 10, 2015

Property Tax Collections Update

As of March 31 the real property tax collection rate was 95.21%. This rate is 0.82 percentage points higher than the reported rate at the end of March 2014.

The motor vehicle tax collection rate continues to average over 99% as a result of the new “tax and tag together” program.

As of March 31, the Collections staff had two-hundred and ninety (290) more active past due collections efforts in place as compared to the end of March 2014.

The In-Rem foreclosure initiative is also demonstrating favorable results. To date, the County has collected \$109,448 in past due tax revenue. The net revenue after legal expenses is \$107,168. Thus, the return on the County’s investment has been substantial.

Further, please note the County recently settled the last remaining property tax appeal case at the NC Property Tax Commission. This is the first time in my 6+ years in Stanly County there have been no appeals with the NC Property Tax Commission. Tax Administrator, Clinton Swaringen, and his staff are to be commended for their diligent work.

Senior Services Partners w/Community Groups

Each year the Senior Services budget includes \$750 for minor home repairs (ramps, porch/step repair, yard work, roof repair, etc.) to improve safety so elderly individuals can remain in their homes for a longer period of time. The County’s funds are only used for supplies and not labor.

Thus far in FY 14-15, Senior Services has partnered with the men’s group at the Albemarle Presbyterian Church to assist 15 households with needed repairs.

School System – SAT Outcome Results

SAT scores for public school systems across the state of North Carolina were released earlier this year. The state average for all students taking the SAT was 1,483.

Based on the results, Gray Stone Day School ranks in the top 20 highest performing public schools in the state. Below please find the results from each Stanly County high school and an overall comparison of Stanly County to other city and county school systems in the region:

School	Mean Total SAT ¹ FY 12-13	Mean Total SAT ¹ FY 13-14
Gray Stone	1,636	1,683
Early College	1,531	1,614
West Stanly	1,423	1,394
South Stanly	1,423	1,380
North Stanly	1,407	1,348
Albemarle	1,313	1,296
Stanly County	1,399	1,376
State Avg.	1,479	1,483

School District	Mean Total SAT FY 12-13	Mean Total SAT FY 13-14
Gray Stone	1,636	1,683
Union	1,524	1,524
Cabarrus	1,498	1,493
State Average	1,479	1,483
Davidson	1,483	1,469
Kannapolis City	1,367	1,466
Randolph	1,410	1,402
Rowan-Salisbury	1,405	1,399
Asheboro City	1,396	1,391
Stanly County	1,399	1,376
Montgomery	1,277	1,235
Anson	1,251	1,210

¹ - Based on cumulative math, critical reading and writing composite score

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Regular Board Meeting	Monday, April 20 7:00 PM Commons Meeting Room
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