



# Board Bulletin

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## ***Fiscal Year 13-14 Sales Tax Update***

Sales tax revenues for June 2014 (August report) were \$36,116 (6%) higher than May 2014 (July report). The June 2014 sales tax revenue amount was also \$51,483 (8%) more than June 2013.

When comparing sales tax results for the period between July and June of FY 13-14 versus the same time period in FY 12-13, revenues were down \$103,956 (1.5%). However, the final FY 13-14 sales tax revenue figure (\$6.936 million) did exceed the amount budgeted by \$22,677.

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## ***Rural Health Action Plan***

During FY 13-14, Stanly County represented the interests of rural counties on the statewide Taskforce for Rural Health initiative funded by the NC Institute of Medicine and the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust.

The Taskforce met on numerous occasions to review research, evaluate best practices and prioritize strategy recommendations to improve rural health. This information has been assembled into a Rural Health Action plan that will be released to statewide media outlets and key stakeholders on Tuesday, August 19.

Staff will share the Rural Health Action plan information and recommendations with the Board once they become publicly available.

Many of the rural health recommendations include strategies that have the potential to impact economic development. A healthier workforce leads to increased productivity, reduced costs and enhanced quality of life which can be a catalyst for more economic growth and prosperity in rural areas.

## ***Group Health & Wellness Clinic Results***

Expenses and revenue for the group health and dental fund are close to being finalized for FY 13-14. It is anticipated revenues will exceed expenditures by slightly over \$704,000. Once the auditors complete their assessment in September, staff will be able to process the wellness benefit gainsharing for eligible employees.

The positive financial results from FY 13-14 may be partly attributed to the success of the new employee wellness clinic.

From October 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, a total of 447 employees and 113 covered dependents utilized the clinic.

The total cost to the County for these clinic visits was \$11,200 (\$20 per visit). If these same 560 individuals had visited a primary care physician, the cost to the County would have conservatively been an estimated \$42,000 (\$75 per visit). Thus, it is estimated the clinic has generated a savings of approximately \$30,800. This savings annualized over 12 months would equate to a reduction of over \$41,000 in health care expenses.

## **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

<b>Stanly COG Meeting</b>	Tuesday, August 26 6:30 PM Nevins Center
<b>Labor Day Holiday</b>	Monday, September 1 County Offices Closed
<b>Regular Board Meeting</b>	Tuesday, September 2 7:00 PM Commons Meeting Room