



Board Bulletin

February 13, 2015

Capital Projects Update

1. Emergency Radio System

- The towers, shelters and generators are in place at all three (3) sites. The only outstanding infrastructure item is the electrical tie in at the Norwood site. It is anticipated Duke will make the connection by no later than the end of February.
- The only lingering project issue is obtaining frequencies so the electronic equipment and microwave links can be designed, shipped and installed. The system will operate on either 700 MHz or 800 MHz frequencies. Until recently the County had not considered the use of 700 MHz due to a FCC requirement that made the use of 700 MHz cost prohibitive. However, a recent decision by the FCC lifted this requirement making the 700 MHz frequency spectrum a viable option.

The County is installing an eight (8) channel system with the future capacity for twelve (12) channels. The County could not obtain eight (8) clear 800 MHz frequencies on its own so it was seeking to lease/borrow these from the City of Charlotte. Only having 8 frequencies will complicate future growth. Further, the County would not own the frequencies. As such the County is moving toward the acquisition of ten (10) 700 MHz frequencies that it will own. This will provide the County with two (2) additional frequencies for future system growth. As information, VIPER just recently constructed a tower in Davidson County that utilizes 700 MHz frequencies.

2. Tarheel Challenge Academy

Staff visited the site earlier this week. Below is a general progress report:

- To date, no major concerns have arisen. The project is still progressing on schedule.
- The finish work for the dormitory began this week. The contractors are installing doors, painting floors and installing bathroom fixtures. The work in this building will be complete by March 1.
- Window replacement in the main classroom building (original 2 story bldg.) is on-going. The window replacement has greatly improved the building's appearance.

FY 14-15 Sales Tax Update

Sales tax revenues for December 2014 (February 2015 report) were \$22,177 (3.6%) higher than November 2014 (January 2015 report).

Further, December 2014 sales tax revenues were \$24,447 (3.9%) higher than the same revenues in December 2013.

When comparing sales tax results for July-January in FY 14-15 versus the same time period in FY 13-14, revenues are up \$288,179 (8.2%).

Staff will continue to monitor sales tax revenues on a monthly basis and provide updates to the Board.

Cardinal Innovations Mid-Year Report

Cardinal Innovations Healthcare has provided the County with its FY 14-15, 2nd quarter performance report.

From July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 a total of 2,867 mental health consumers were served. This is an increase of 44 (1.6%) over the same time period last year. The figure above reflects a duplicate count since many individuals are served in multiple program areas. The overwhelming majority (N = 1,899, 66%) were served via outpatient treatment services.

Daymark and Monarch were the top two (2) providers with respect to numbers served. Meanwhile, Monarch and GHA were the top (2) providers with respect to paid claims.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Regular Board Meeting	Monday, February 16 7:00 PM Commons Meeting Room
Annual Luncheon at Sr. Center	Tuesday, February 17 12:00 PM Senior Center