



Board Bulletin

April 25, 2014

Economic Development Update

Active Projects – The current number of active projects is twenty-eight (28). There were two (2) additional active projects added in the past 30 days. The leads for these projects were both generated by local economic development allies.

There were also two (2) additional projects added to the suspect list during the past 30 days. One (1) of the suspect leads was generated by the Charlotte Regional Partnership and the other lead came from the NC Dept. of Commerce.

There were a total of eight (8) meetings and/or site visits with prospective businesses or existing industries seeking to expand in the past 30 days.

Other Initiatives/Activities

- The Economic Development Commission held a strategic planning session on Monday, March 31 to discuss and prioritize activities for a strategic work plan.
- EDC staff attended the Stanly County Manager's Association and Centralina Workforce Development Board meetings on April 8.
- On April 14, the EDC staff assisted with a familiarization tour for the branding consultants.
- On April 15, EDC staff attended a meeting at the Energy Production & Infrastructure Center (EPIC) at UNCC with a local existing industry and Stanly Community College staff to assess opportunities for a new energy related initiative(s) in Stanly County.
- EDC staff met with Mark Donham, the City of Albemarle's new Economic Development Director, on April 16.
- The EDC will host its next Business Breakfast Seminar on Thursday, May 1 at Stanly Community College. The event will begin at 7:30 AM. The focus of the seminar will be customized training and workforce development grant opportunities for existing business and industry.

Personnel Updates

Grayson Sarif joined the Stanly County government team at the end of March as the new Soil & Water District Conservation Technician. Grayson filled the position formerly held by Gerald McSwain who retired earlier this year.

Charles Hartsell has been named interim supervisor of Animal Control effective Wednesday, April 23. The Health Dept. will be advertising and recruiting for a new Animal Control Supervisor over the next 30 days.

The DSS Board is continuing its search for a new DSS Director. Jeanette Eatman has been the interim Director since Sharon Scott's retirement in late February. The DSS Board has an additional round of interviews set for early May. It is anticipated a new Director will be in place by July 1, 2014.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

EDC Breakfast Series	Thursday, May 1 7:30 AM Stanly CC
Recessed Board Meeting w/Library Trustees	Monday, May 5 5:30 PM Albemarle Library
BOCC Regular Meeting	Monday, May 5 7:00 PM Commons Meeting Room
Joint Meeting w/SCC Trustees	Wednesday, May 7 6:00 PM Crutchfield Campus