



# BOARD BULLETIN

December 28, 2012

## ***Economic Development Update***

### ***Project Updates –***

The current number of active projects is eighteen (18). This is an increase of one (1) additional project in the past 30 days. The lead for this project came from a local economic development stakeholder. In total, the active projects represent a minimum of \$62.75 million in potential investment and over 100 jobs.

Two (2) additional projects were added to the suspect list during the past 30 days. The leads for both of these projects came from the NC Department of Commerce. The specific investment and job creation associated with one (1) of these projects was not included with the request for proposals. The other suspect project involves the investment of \$200 million and would lead to the creation of 71 jobs.

The EDC staff hosted two (2) site visits in the past 30 days for different prospects.

### ***Other Initiatives/Activities –***

- The EDC Director attended the annual Power Generation Trade Show in Orlando, Florida the week of December 10<sup>th</sup> with representatives from the Charlotte Regional Partnership. The energy sector is a target industry for Stanly County and the Charlotte region.
- The City of Albemarle and EDC staff met with representatives from ElectricCities to discuss the availability of a Smart Communities grant. The funds will be targeted to update the site certification for the Prime Power Industrial Park.
- EDC staff attended the German-American Chamber of Commerce, Economic Outlook Summit on December 13.
- EDC staff met with an existing industry specialist from NC Commerce to develop a more structured existing industry visitation process on December 11. Site visits will begin in early January.
- EDC staff participated in the Stanly County Chamber of Commerce Board retreat on Friday, December 7.
- Site visits with two (2) active projects are scheduled in early January 2013.

## ***911 Radio Study Update***

The 911 Radio Steering Committee received notification from Motorola (technology provider for UASI) last week that their site assessment and budget recommendations for Stanly County would be complete by no later than January 15.

As information, obtaining additional technical data, a site assessment, and budgetary recommendations from VIPER (the State's 800 MHz radio system) and Rowan County have not proven to be as productive. Both Rowan and VIPER stated it would be mid January before they could respond to Stanly County's technical questions, and it will likely take another 30-60 days to complete a site assessment in order to finalize budget recommendations.

## ***2013 Tax Listing Period Set to Begin***

The listing period for tax year 2013 (FY 13-14) will begin in early January. Please note, temporary, part-time staff (as approved in the FY 12-13 budget) are in place through February 2013 to provide additional customer service assistance. Listing forms will be mailed Friday, December 28.

## ***Prescription Drug Card Savings***

As of November 30, 2012, Stanly County citizens have saved just over \$91,367 with the NACo prescription drug card program. This equates to an average of \$2,030 per month. The program was implemented by the Commissioners in March 2009.

As of November 30, over 5,125 individuals have utilized the card (duplicate count) and over 17,300 prescriptions have been discounted with an average price savings of \$5.27 (17.7%).

## ***Upcoming Meetings & Events***

### **New Year's Holiday**

County Offices Closed  
January 1, 2013

### **Regular Board Meeting**

Monday, January 7  
7:00 PM  
Commons Mtg. Room