



# Board Bulletin

February 7, 2014

## Strategic Planning Retreat Update

The proposed agenda for the Board's annual strategic planning retreat currently includes the following items:

- Agenda Overview
- Budget Prioritization Exercise
- 2014 Regional Economic Forecast
- Economic Development Discussion
- Utility Projects Update
- Discussion of a Sales Tax Referendum
- FY 13-14 Budget Forecast and Planning
- Individual Goals and Project Identification
- Group Goals and Project Prioritization Process
- Recap/Overview/Summary

Based on the success and positive feedback from last year's retreat, staff once again contracted with the Lee Institute to facilitate the overall discussion and priority setting exercises.

## Property Tax Collections Summary

As of January 31 the real property collection rate was 90.93%. This rate is 0.58 percentage points higher than the reported rate at the end of January 2013.

The vehicle tax collection rate as of January 2014 was 77.34%. This rate is 1.67 percentage points higher than the reported collection rate at the end of January 2013.

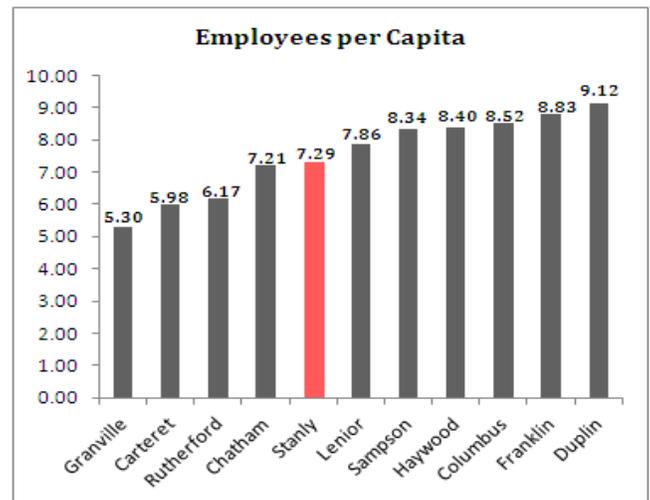
With respect to the overall levy collected, the collection percentage through January 2014 is 0.71 percentage points ahead of the overall rate as of January 31, 2013.

Past due tax revenue collection efforts continue to surpass prior year benchmarks. There were 966 past due collections executed in January 2014 as compared to 0 in January 2013.

## Employment Efficiency

Employment figures are often scrutinized in an effort to determine the efficiency of government. Below please find an illustration of how Stanly County currently compares to the ten (10) most similarly populated counties in North Carolina. Stanly County's rate of employees per capita for FY 2013-2014 is currently below the average (7.55 per 1,000) and median (7.86 per 1,000) for the group.

The data for the graph below was provided by the NC Association of County Commissioners and State Demographics Center. It is important to note some of the counties included in the analysis do not have utility or airport functions. As a result, the total number of county employees can be skewed.



## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### Regular Board Mtg.

Monday, February 17  
7:00 PM  
Commons Mtg. Room

### Board Planning Retreat

Friday, February 21  
9:00 AM  
Stanly County Airport