



BOARD BULLETIN

November 8, 2013

Capital and Special Projects Update

Below please find an update related to several projects and initiatives initiated by the County since July 1, 2013:

- **Branding Initiative** – The request for proposals (RFP) for an economic and community development branding initiative was issued in mid-October 2013. Responses to the RFP are due November 15. The RFP was done in conjunction with the City of Albemarle to leverage more favorable pricing. Upon receipt of the RFPs, staff will seek the Board’s input with respect to the process for reviewing and selecting a desired vendor.
- **Tareheel ChalleNGe Academy** – The County will act as the fiduciary agent for the \$3.092 million capital renovation project. The former New London Choice Middle School will be renovated to house the Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy. The Academy is anticipated to begin operations in January 2015. County staff is working to issue a request for qualifications (RFQ) to architecture firms by no later than November 20.
- **Oakboro Sewer Agreement** – The Town of Oakboro took action on Monday, November 4 to approve the terms and conditions of an agreement that will allow the County to acquire Oakboro’s regional sewer treatment plant. Staff is working with Oakboro officials to compile all of the legal deeds, easements, loan documents and other supplementary information required to finalize and execute the agreement. It is anticipated the County will take operational control of the sewer treatment plant effective July 1, 2014.
- **Emergency Radio Communications System** - Staff is still working to secure land for the radio/cell tower construction. It is anticipated all required land will be secured by early December 2013.

Staff is also working to obtain cost estimates and bids for the grading and site development that must occur on the sites prior to the construction of the new towers.

The County has obtained quotes from Motorola and Chambers Engineering for the grading and site work. Staff also issued a request for proposals (RFP) to several local grading contractors. The local grading companies have until Friday, November 8 to respond.

Property Tax Collections Summary

As of October 31 the real property collection rate was 62.18%. This rate is 1.06 percentage points higher than the reported rate at the end of October 2012.

The vehicle tax collection rate as of October 2013 was 66.26%. This rate is 2.58 percentage points lower than the reported collection rate at the end of October 2012.

With respect to the overall levy collected, the collection percentage through October 2013 is 2.46 percentage points ahead of the overall rate as of October 31, 2012.

Past due tax revenue collection efforts continue to surpass prior year benchmarks. There were 332 active past due collections in place as of October 31, 2013. Last year there were 198 similar measures in place at the end of October, and at the end of October 2011 there were 80 active collections in place.

2013 Tax Revaluation - Update

The 2013 Revaluation continues to progress favorably. Below please find a summary of recent activity:

- The first of six (6) revaluation appeals to the NC Property Tax Commission (PTC) was heard and decided in late October. The PTC ruled in the County’s favor.
- The next 2013 real property revaluation appeal at the PTC is scheduled for December 10.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Veterans Day Holiday	Monday, November 11 County Offices Closed
Regular Board Meeting	Monday, November 18 7:00 PM Commons Meeting Room
Stanly COG Meeting	Tuesday, November 26 6:30 PM Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Richfield