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COUNTY OF STANLY



REPORT TO
the PEOPLE

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STANLY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

On behalf of the Stanly County Board of Commissioners, I am pleased to present the eleventh annual Report to the People. This annual report provides an overview of the many services provided by the County and highlights the results and accomplishments. It is the County's goal to provide services that improve quality of life and add value to the taxpayers.

During 2014, the Board of County Commissioners made several key investments in programs, services and assets aimed at improving quality of life, education and public safety. This was done while still maintaining the same, affordable tax rate for the eighth (8) consecutive year. Further, the Board prioritized several economic development related initiatives in an effort to stimulate the economy and grow job opportunities.

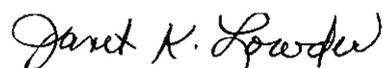
Below please find a list of some, but not all, of the investments the Board made this past year:

- Initiated a branding study to update the County's brand, logo and marketing efforts
- Made a \$250,000 capital commitment to the proposed Livestock Arena at the Agri-Civic Center to increase agri-tourism related events and economic growth
- Made a \$175,000 capital commitment to the NC Department of Transportation to assist with upgrading freight rail service along US 52 from Misenheimer to Albemarle.
- Increased local funding for public schools by \$210,000
- Finalized the acquisition of the Oakboro sewer treatment plant
- Obtained a \$500,000 grant and some additional low interest loan funding to upgrade sewer service along the Airport Road corridor to help foster growth and development at Prime Power Industrial Park
- Refinanced the emergency radio system loan debt to generate a savings of \$1.4 million dollars over the next 10 years.
- Initiated the complete rehabilitation of the Greater Badin water system

In 2015 and beyond, the Board of Commissioners will continue its focus on making investments to improve infrastructure, foster workforce development and enhance public health and safety to ensure our communities are strong, vibrant and a desirable place to raise a family.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and all of the staff, it is our honor and privilege to serve the residents of this county and share with you the accomplishments from the past year. We are proud of the staff and believe the information contained in this report demonstrates our commitment to outstanding customer service and a results-oriented government.

Respectfully,



Janet K. Lowder, Chairman
Stanly County Board of Commissioners

Pictured Left to Right:

Peter Asciutto, Bill Lawhon, Vice-Chairman Tony Dennis, Chairman
Jann Lowder, Scott Efird, Gene McIntyre, Joseph Burleson



CULTURE & RECREATION



Agri-Civic Center

Events held at the Agri-Civic Center provide a significant impact on the local economy as visitors stay in local hotels, shop in retail stores and eat at our restaurants. Agri-Civic Day, hosted annually in August by the Friends of the Agri-Civic Center (FACC), had several thousand in attendance. Plans for a livestock arena are moving forward, with the help of a significant pledge from Farm Bureau in the amount of \$250,000 to name the facility the Stanly County Farm Bureau Livestock Arena. The Board of Commissioners also pledged \$250,000 to the project, bringing us over halfway to the fundraising target of \$750,000. The architect has been selected and plans will be finalized in the first half of the upcoming year.

Public Library

The Stanly County Public Library has locations in Albemarle, Badin, Norwood, and Oakboro. The Stanly County Museum consists of the Museum, Snuggs House, and Marks House. Our job is to provide information, education, and recreation to all of the residents of Stanly County.

- 150,000+ citizens visited library branches; 6,000+ citizens attended library programs.
- Service projects: 'Albemarle Loose Threads' quilting group made "fidget quilts" for Alzheimer's patients at Bethany Woods; the 'Oakboro Knit Wits' make hats for chemo patients at the Hinson Cancer Center.
- The Friends of the Library conduct semi-annual book sales to help raise funds to support the Summer Reading Program and other library programs and services. The Friends also give back to the community by setting up Little Free Libraries, which will soon be available in the western part of the county and Albemarle. The Locust Book Belles have worked hard to donate updated furnishings to the Locust Library.
- The Stanly County Museum and Historical Society have a full calendar of events throughout the year and regularly conduct meetings and programs across Stanly county.

ECONOMIC & PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

NC Cooperative Extension

Cooperative Extension programs in Stanly County address issues identified by the six (6) county advisory committees led by Extension Agents.

Agriculture Profitability and Sustainability - Assisted agricultural producers by helping them become more profitable and sustainable through increased knowledge of best management practices. Field crop growers utilized information gained through test plot field days to maximize yields resulting in net gains. Livestock producers increased their income improving their animal husbandry, planning, marketing and financial practices as a result of Extension programs and recommendations. \$403,772 of additional income was earned by producers as a result of implementing best management practices in their farming operations.

Safe and Secure Food and Farm Systems - Offered educational opportunities for private and commercial pesticide applicators to receive re-certification credits; 80 private and commercial pesticide applicators earned the required hours they need in order to maintain their pesticide license. Pesticide licenses allow applicators to use pesticides in accordance with NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Science regulations and in an efficient and environmentally-friendly way.

Family Financial Management Skills - Financial management skills are essential for survival in our world today. Programs offered in family financial management skills enabled citizens to make sound consumer decisions related to Medicare insurance products, developing a household budget, reducing debt and/or saving additional dollars for families. Nine (9) families reported improved behaviors related to their family financial situation. Extension agent and trained volunteers assisted 534 Medicare recipients by providing valuable information to enable them to make better decisions resulting in an estimated savings of \$197,580.

Positive Youth Development - Stanly County 4-H program offered positive

youth development opportunities through both traditional and non-traditional delivery methods. 1,225 youth participated in hands-on school-enrichment activities. Students and teachers reported an increase in science skills, a better understanding of local government and civic engagement, and increased knowledge about agriculture and how it affects our everyday lives.

Healthy Eating, Physical Activity and Chronic Disease Risk Reduction - 399 citizens participated in programs addressing healthy eating, physical activity and chronic disease risk reduction. These programs were conducted through a variety of activities that included: Steps to Health Nutrition Education Programs for third graders; Steps to Health – Color Me Healthy for pre-school children; a community garden project with the local housing authority; a cooking show on the local cable channel that featured healthy recipes using local ingredients; and the Little Farmers' Corner for young children at a newly operating farmers' market that targets low-income families. Program participants and/or parents reported increased knowledge of nutrition, making positive behavior changes related to nutrition such as eating more fruits and vegetables and utilizing healthy, low-cost recipes as well as increased physical activity.

Additionally, 13,717 citizens participated in direct services, events and activities. Another 14,732 citizens were indirectly contacted by telephone calls, e-mails, newsletters, and direct mailings. Agents contributed 31 articles to area newspapers with a weekly circulation of 10,300. Informal educational opportunities for youth and adults were provided through non-credit classes. Agents secured \$8,400 in grants, generated \$7,430 in user fees, and received donations totaling \$14,520 to supplement local and state funding.

Volunteers are essential to increasing the impact of Cooperative Extension programs, as they extend the outreach of the Extension staff. In 2014, there were 180 volunteers that provided 8,075 hours of their time (a \$178,781 value), while providing educational information directly to 48,648 clients.

ECONOMIC & PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT, (CONT'D)

Economic Development Commission

Unemployment Rate* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2013	Dec. 2014
Stanly County	9.4%	6.2%	4.7%
Charlotte Region	9.5%	7.0%	5.3%
North Carolina	9.5%	6.9%	5.2%
United States	7.6%	6.7%	5.6%

* Source: North Carolina Department of Commerce Division of Employment Security

As the economy continues to improve, Stanly County employers have steadily added jobs and are considering new investments to enhance their business growth opportunities. The steady decline in the county's unemployment rate reflects these improvements in the labor market. Examples of announced locations or expansions of projects EDC staff participated in include Triton Glass' glass production facility in Albemarle and Global Packaging Solutions' new production line in Oakboro.

Other Product and Business Development Highlights:

- Started a bi-monthly "Business Breakfast Series" event to inform existing industry about assets and programs available to them to grow their business. Staff plans and executes the event in conjunction with co-sponsors Stanly Community College, and Stanly County Chamber of Commerce. Topics included the County's free Project Review Committee which is offered for projects in the early planning stages, customized training and workforce development resources, export promotion, a tour and overview of Stanly County Community College's Advanced Manufacturing and Industrial Technology (AMIT) Center, and participation in a workforce learning summit hosted by the College.
- Completed an updated Stanly County Manufacturers Directory (available online).
- Participated on the local teams led by the Centralina Workforce Development Board and Stanly Community College to collect employer feedback on workforce assets and needs as part of the Governor's 1000 in 100 campaign.
- Assisted with a fiber assessment study to explore options to enhance broadband connectivity in the County.
- Helped facilitate the County's acquisition of a regional waste water treatment plant in western Stanly County to help streamline and consolidate water and sewer service delivery in that area of the county.
- Coordinated activities with Stanly County Utilities to help secure a \$500,000 grant for airport corridor sewer improvements that will benefit the airport and Prime Power Industrial Park.
- Supported Stanly Community College's acquisition of a \$250,000 Economic Development Agency grant to offset costs for the next phase of the AMIT Center and executed road safety and access improvements at the Michelin plant in Norwood under an existing Golden LEAF grant.
- Continued process of identifying and developing additional well-served sites to expand the product offering available to prospective new industries in various parts of the County.
- Represented the County on the Centralina Workforce Development Board as head of a Communications Focus Group and the Centralina Economic Development Commission, among other organizations.

Planning & Zoning

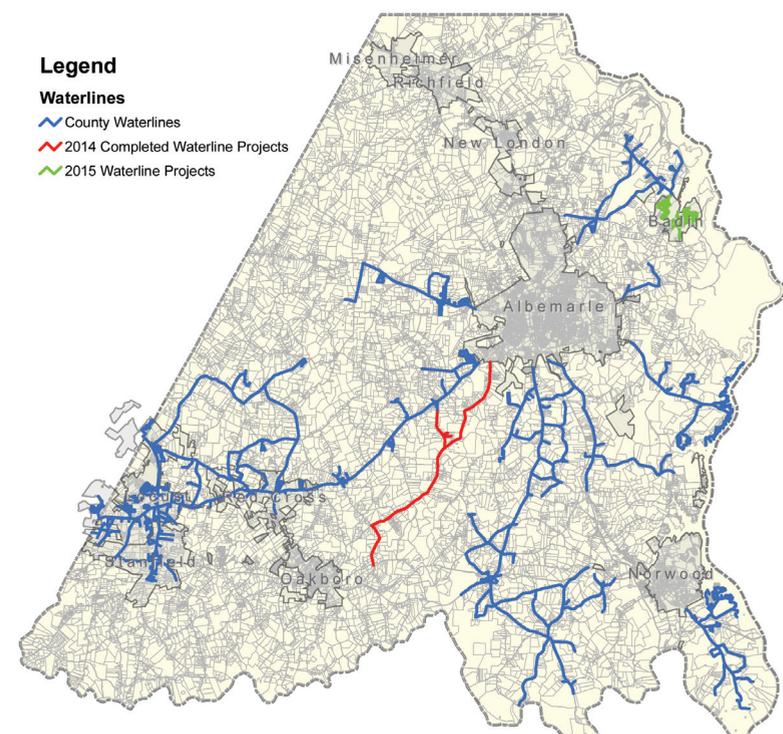
- Issued zoning permits and processed zoning violations, public nuisance violations, and minimum housing code violations for Norwood, Badin and New London. Continued housing and code enforcement in the City of Locust.
- Provided permitting for the City of Albemarle, Village of Misenheimer, and Town of Red Cross, but not active enforcement. New contracts are in discussion again with Richfield and Oakboro for the County Planning and Zoning Department to issue permits and manage zoning, housing and code enforcement.
- Successfully enforced the County's Ordinance Establishing Minimum Housing Standards and High Grass that became effective January 1, 2013.

2014	New Cases	Cases Resolved	Ongoing
Stanly County	21	8	13
Stanly Zoning	65	61	37
Badin Housing	16	10	17
Norwood Housing	14	23	13
Locust Housing	3	8	7
New London Housing	7	6	9

Utilities

Stanly County Utilities (SCU) is responsible for the distribution of more than 1.3 million gallons of drinking water each day to more than 5,500 homes, schools, churches and businesses in Stanly County. SCU's goal is to provide consistent, first-rate service to all County customers, promote economic development; and expand the system to serve more of Stanly County's unserved citizens each year. Please look for the Stanly County Utilities 2014 Wastewater Performance Report and 2014 Drinking Water Quality Report in your water bill or on our website.

- Purchased the West Stanly Wastewater Treatment Plant (formerly the Oakboro WWTP)
- Obtained funding for the upgrade of the wastewater collection system that serves the Airport Road area including the Prime Power Industrial Park.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Soil and Water Conservation Service

- Obligated eight (8) contracts for a total of \$39,905 for the installation and adoption of best management practices to address natural resource concerns on 341 acres of working lands within Stanly County. These funds were supplied by federal programs.
- Obligated \$51,625 for two (2) Agricultural Cost Share Program contracts, \$15,000 for one (1) Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program contract, and \$1,700 for one (1) Community Conservation Assistance Program contract. These funds were supplied by the State of North Carolina.
- Hosted a Poster Contest for 5th grade students, Essay Contest for 6th grade students and a Computer Designed Slide Show (PowerPoint) Contest for 6th grade. Contestants from two (2) middle schools competed in a 7th grade Public Speaking Contest. The theme of the contests was "Wetlands Are Wonderful". Stanly Soil and Water Conservation District partnered with Rowan and Cabarrus Soil and Water Districts to host a Land Judging Contest for high school students in the tri-county area. The District sponsored one (1) student to attend the summer Resource Conservation Workshop at NC State University and a middle school team of five students to compete at the NC Envirothon, where students tested against other middle school teams to advance to the North American Envirothon.
- The No-Till Drill, available for rent through the Soil and Water Conservation District, was used to reseed 292.7 acres of pasture and cropland for erosion control.
- 32 citizens of Stanly County purchased a total of 1,600 seedlings during the tree sale in January 2014.



Stanly Soil & Water's First Place poster winner Hannah Lyle, Norwood Elementary

Solid Waste

Materials Handled at Convenience Sites

	FY 2013	FY 2014
Household trash	6,520 tons	6,668 tons
Recyclable materials	538 tons	513 tons
Used oil	5,273 gallons	5,136 gallons
Oil filters	10, 55 gallon drums	17, 55 gallon drums
Electronics	98,248	93,248



GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Facilities Management

Facilities Management is responsible for all county road signs, nine (9) convenience sites and over twenty (20) buildings and grounds which are owned or occupied by county departments.

Information for FY 2013 (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014)

Facilities Management	Work orders	1,920
	Average work orders per day	7.62
	Hours spent on other facility projects	3,408
Sign Department	Road signs replaced or repaired	340
	Signs set up for Planning & Zoning	33

Accomplishments:

- Sheriff's Office: Installed new HAVC unit
- Stanly Commons: Reworked ductwork, added diffuser, new controls and added split cooling unit in the IT Dept
- Stanly Commons: Installed roof, insulation, drains and flashing
- New flooring: EMS Base 1, Partnership for Children and Senior Center
- Courthouse entrance: Removed seal and replaced steps and repair of parking lot
- Courthouse: Painted and repaired entrance, Grand Jury Room and elevator doors
- Library: Painted and repaired drywall
- Agri-Civic Center: Installed electrical service for event vendors in large parking lot

Save the Date!

The next Household Hazardous Waste event is set for April 11, 9am-1pm in the parking lot at the Agri-Civic Center.

Elections

Conducted two (2) elections for Federal, State, and Local offices in 2014. The General Election ballot also presented two (2) referendums to Stanly County voters. One of them was a NC Constitutional Amendment and the other a Stanly County Sales and Use tax.

Date	Type	Absentee	Election Day	Total Ballots Cast
5/6/2014	Primary	1,985	6,211	8,196
11/4/2014	General	7,738	11,740	19,478
Totals		9,723	17,951	27,674

Can unaffiliated voters vote in a primary?

Unaffiliated voters, commonly referred to as independents or non-partisans, are voters who choose not to affiliate themselves with a specific political party when registering to vote. When voting in a Primary, these voters are allowed to choose which party's ballot they would like to vote. One misconception is that unaffiliated voters can vote for candidates of different

parties in a Primary. This is not correct, they must choose one party's ballot to vote. Also, if a second Primary is required, an unaffiliated voter must vote the same party's ballot they voted in the first Primary. Unaffiliated voters who did not vote in the first Primary may still vote in a second Primary and chose the party's ballot they would like to vote. General Election ballots include all parties on one ballot and voters may vote for the candidate of their choice regardless of party affiliation.

Information Technology/GIS

Last year was busy for the IT department. The eTimesheet project moved departments away from paper timesheets to electronic, to save time and duplication. One of the largest projects was the implementation of a virtual desktop infrastructure. Virtual desktops provide improved efficiency and security by centrally housing employee workstations in the datacenter and delivering them to almost any device anywhere. This also allows for ubiquitous access which makes our employees more mobile. GIS worked to reconcile the county line between Stanly and Cabarrus counties; this project will be finalized this year.

Tax Administration

The Stanly County Tax Administration Office is comprised of the Assessor's Office and the Collector's Office. The Assessor's Office includes Real Property, Personal Property, and Land Records/Mapping. The Assessor's Office is responsible for valuing all real estate, improvements to real estate, personal property, business personal property, and motor vehicles. Land Records/Mapping is responsible for keeping land ownership up to date by working closely with the Register of Deeds Office to record all land transfers and splits of parcels. The Collector's Office is charged with collecting the levy due Stanly County, ten (10) municipalities, thirteen (13) fire districts, and two (2) Special districts. They also collect for nuisance liens and EMS bills.

- The Collector's Office yielded a 95.14% collection rate.
- Land Records/Mapping identified and processed 1,170 deeds and completed many miscellaneous name changes resulting from death certificates, will files, and estate closures.
- The Real Property Division successfully completed the revaluation project. This process involved appraising all 38,000 parcels in the county as of January 1, 2013. Through January 2014, approximately 1,100 filed visits/building permits have been processed for the 2014 tax year. The Real Property staff will start field work preparations for the next revaluation scheduled for 2017. This will result in the appraisers visiting every parcel in the county starting in March 2014.
- The Personal Property Division processed 1,580 Homestead and Veterans exemptions in 2013, resulting in an exclusion amount of \$56,996,779. The NC DMV "Tax and Tag" program was fully implemented with the Assessor's Office processing an average of 6,000 registered motor vehicles monthly.

Register of Deeds

- As of January 1, 2014, citizens in North Carolina who wish to vote but do not have a photo ID can visit the Register of Deeds office to acquire a birth or marriage certificate if needed to obtain a state-issued ID for voting purposes.
- You must provide at least two of the following documents for verification: income tax return or W-2 form, car registration or title, utility bill, bank statement, government check, pay check stub, government document,

state-issued concealed weapon permit, prison identification card, college or school identification, college or school transcript, or North Carolina voter identification card. For more information about the Voter Information Verification Act, please visit the NC Board of Elections website or call our office.

- We now offer eRecording - an option for recording cancellations or satisfactions of your Deed of Trust documents electronically via the internet. The eRecording service allows for submission, receiving and processing of cancellation or satisfactions of Deeds of Trust documents in a more direct and timely manner. Companies may find that recording documents electronically can save time and resources.
- "Get Certificate Now" is a secure on-line process for you to obtain your most important documents; such as birth, death and marriage records. Our secure ordering process is designed to ensure that each certificate is ordered only by the person(s) legally entitled to receive such documents.
- Began compiling a book containing all highway Right of Way Maps that have been recorded in our office in order to assist researchers with the task of locating these maps.

I paid off my house; where is my deed?

While many people believe that you receive your deed once your mortgage is paid off, you actually should have received your deed at the time you closed on your home or property. When you have paid off your mortgage, your lender will send us a document called a Certificate of Satisfaction to be recorded. Typically lenders request that we send this Satisfaction document back to them after recording. If you would like a copy of your deed or satisfaction, please use our Online Document Search Tool or contact our office.

Health Department

- Provided clinical services to 5,206 people. The WIC (Women, Infants, & Children) Program served 7,048 women and children and had a caseload of 1,552.
- The children's dental clinic provided services through 8,055 clinic visits. Provided dental treatment to 122 patients through the operating room at SRMC.
- Stanly County Home Health Agency maintained an average monthly caseload of 114 patients and made 12,319 patient visits.
- Animal Control handled 1,672 stray or unwanted pets. A total of 150 animals were reclaimed by owners and 348 were adopted or placed in new homes. Special rabies clinics in the county resulted in vaccinations of 288 dogs and 37 cats.
- Environmental Health completed 1,041 Food & Lodging visits related to the inspection of food service, institution, daycare, and lodging facilities. Environmental Health made 1,394 site visits related to on-site wastewater and the private well water program and 199 water samples were collected.
- The health department established an employee health clinic for County employees to help address increasing costs of medical care. In 2014, there were 859 visits to the employee clinic.
- The health department completed the 2014 State of the County Health (SOTCH) Report. This report complements the 2013 Community Health Assessment (CHA) Report. The SOTCH Report highlighted the progress made on priority issues identified in the 2013 CHA Report. The priority issues were Obesity, Tobacco Use, Illegal Drug/Substance Abuse, Child Abuse/Neglect, and Bullying. The following emerging issues were identified: asthma in children, adult day care health services, and mental health services availability. New initiatives identified were Adult Day Care Services, Bridge to Recovery, Child Passenger Seat Diversion, and Stanly County Minority Health Council. The complete 2014 SOTCH Report is available on our website.
- Coordinated efforts of the Stanly County Partners in Health coalition, which promotes activities to address community health issues such as obesity, injury prevention, infant mortality, and tobacco prevention.
- Worked closely with minority communities to develop a Stanly County Minority Health Council. The council consists of diverse representatives working towards strengthening the relationship between minorities and community organizations in an effort to improve health outcomes for minorities.
- With the goal of increasing the availability of high quality foods to families with the greatest risk of having poor health, the Stanly Commons Farmers Market expanded in 2014 to be able to accept SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as Food Stamps).
- Through partnership with the wellness department of SRMC, the department offered free Quit Smart (smoking cessation) classes to the public. The team also assisted a local workplace transition to a tobacco-free work environment.

Do you have old medications in your cabinet?

You can safely dispose of prescription medications at a drop box located at the Albemarle Police Department. The Stanly County Partners in Health following the recommended steps in the Project Lazarus model that has been very successful in other counties.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (CONT'D)

Senior Services

The Senior Services Department enhances the quality of life for older adults in Stanly County by providing a range of services, programs, supports, and opportunities for adults 60 years old and older. The Stanly County Senior Center is a NC Senior Center of Excellence. This level of certification identifies our Center as having best practices in numerous areas such as staffing, programming, outreach and planning to the citizens. A complete listing of our activities, programs and services can be found in our bi monthly newsletter by following the Centerpiece newsletter link on our website, free by email, or by subscription for a small fee.

- Offered over 100 different activities, programs and trips.
- Offered evidence based health promotion classes such as Living Healthy Chronic Disease Self Management, Matter of Balance Fall Prevention, Powerful Tools for the Caregivers and Living Healthy with Diabetes.
- The Senior Center has approximately 1,700 visitors each month.
- Celebrated the birthdays of approximately 87 seniors from Stanly County who turned 90 years or older this year, with "An Afternoon with Old Blue Eyes", that included a Frank Sinatra tribute artist. Four guests in attendance were over 100 years old!
- Served as a partnering agency for the Uwharrie Senior Games (USG) and Silver Arts. USG joined over 100 seniors aged 55+ in Stanly and Montgomery Counties to compete in fun and competitive events.
- In-Home Aide Services and Family Caregiver Support Programs assisted 142 seniors and their families with 15,479 hours of direct assistance with home management, respite, and personal care. Participants receiving these services made voluntary contributions totaling \$10,422.
- Sponsored 12th annual CareFest with 25 vendor agencies represented to share information about services in the county and 140 participants in attendance. Nationally-known Alzheimer's training specialist Melanie Bunn provided A.M. workshop and keynote.
- Provided 104 days of group respite through the CARE Café.
- Hosted the 3rd annual GrandCare Recognition Luncheon in collaboration with the Stanly County Family YMCA, DSS and Second Parenthood Support Group. This event to honor grandparents who are raising grandchildren had a total attendance of 43 people.
- The nutrition program served 19,318 congregate meals from the four sites in the county and 33,585 home delivered meals to 439 participants. A total of 520 cases of supplemental nutrition drink such as Ensure Plus and Glucerna Shake were issued to eligible seniors. Participants receiving services through

the congregate and home delivered meal programs contributed approximately \$39,237 for the services received.

- Information and Options Counseling assisted 994 seniors or family members last year finding resources and assistance for their particular needs.
- Contracted with Stanly County Transportation (SCUSA) and provided 5,323 one-way trips for senior adults with transportation to medical appointments, nutrition sites and other errands.
- AARP Tax Aide volunteers prepared approximately 380 income tax returns for residents last year and counseled 75 people with tax questions.
- Received United Way funding for In-Home Services, which allows us to serve an additional 20 clients.
- Received a Stanly County Arts Council Grassroots Art Program grant for a Senior Spirit Day at the EE Waddell Center with The Kenya Safari Acrobats performing for a crowd of approximately 80 individuals.

Social Services (DSS)

Services and programs administered by the Department of Social Services have eligibility guidelines. If you feel that you may qualify for certain programs or have questions about your eligibility, please contact our office.

- Work First Employment Services assisted 20 families in becoming employed
- Collected \$4,159,046 in Child Support Payments for children in Stanly County
- There were 23 licensed foster families to care for our foster children
- Had placement responsibility for 51 children who were in foster care
- Provided \$2,258,381 to local daycare providers through the Child Day Care Subsidy Program
- Assessed 586 reports of children reported to be abused, neglected or dependent
- Issued 205 work permits to youth
- Assisted 94 disabled adults to remain at home as long as possible through the Community Alternative Program
- Assisted 17 adults with In-Home Aide Services
- Provided \$14,653,833 in Food Stamps to Stanly County recipients.
- Provided \$441,726 to county residents for heating or cooling assistance
- Saw an average of 190 individuals visiting the agency each day
- Provided medical assistance to an average of 10,673 individuals per month

Veteran Services

This office assists veterans, dependants and surviving spouses with applications and forms required for Federal, State and County benefits through the Veteran Administration.

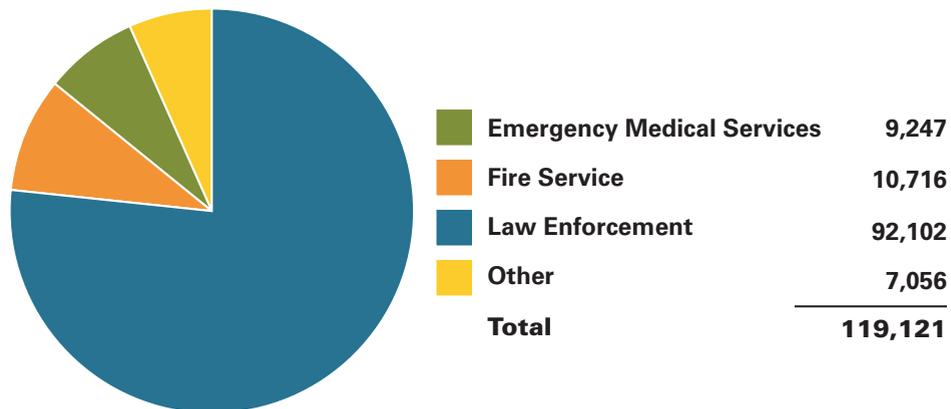
- The Veteran Services Office assisted over 3,900 Stanly County veterans, dependants and surviving spouses this year.
- College scholarships are available through this office for children of wartime NC Veterans. These scholarships are offered through the North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs.
- Approximately \$800,000 in back payments were awarded to veterans and their families as a result of claims submitted through this office. Monthly payments of \$100,000 were also awarded.
- All services within the Veteran Services Office are free of charge and we continue to encourage all Veterans, dependants and surviving spouses to take advantage of all the services and benefits our Stanly County Veterans have earned.
- The Veteran Services Officer is the only fully accredited representative that is authorized to represent the NC Division of Veterans Affairs and present claims before the US Dept. of Veteran Affairs in the county. This accreditation enables this office to access electronic files within the Veterans Administration to better assist all veterans and their families.

These centurions donned feather boas and fedora hats to celebrate in style at the Frank Sinatra themed 90+ Birthday Party at the Senior Center this year.



PUBLIC SAFETY

911 Communications



Emergency Services

Stanly County Emergency Services is a tiered department: Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Service (EMS), and the Fire Marshal's Office (FMO).

Emergency Management - defines an 'all hazards' approach to preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation of any natural, man-made or terrorist disaster. Annually, EM identifies and prioritizes all hazard vulnerabilities and any new threats and updates the Emergency Operation Plan accordingly. Our office has received approval pending adoption of a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan update; that combines us with Cabarrus and Union counties. The EM office has been actively involved in the new Public Safety Radio project and has supervised the construction of three (3) new towers. The Local Emergency Planning Committee continues to meet quarterly.

Emergency Medical Services - responded to over 9,000 calls, representing a 10% increase over the previous year. EMS obtained grant funding through the ASPR (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response) grant, which purchased seven PAPR (Powered Air Purifying Respirators) units for our State Medical Assistance Response Trailer. EMS also received a grant from the NC Office of EMS which purchased mobile radios for ambulances. Operational changes included the implementation of a peaked staffing schedule. This identified peak call volumes during the day and each week over the course of a quarter, which allows us the opportunity to increase our fleet to 6 units utilizing part-time staff to meet the call volume demand. Additionally, all policies have been updated to adjust for increase call volumes and to reduce response times, fuel usage, maintenance costs and unit utilization.

The Fire Marshal's Office - conducted 505 fire inspections, responded to 90 fire investigations/calls for service, and conducted numerous fire and life safety education programs to a wide range of community stakeholders. Programs include: Home Fire Safety, Fire Safety in the Work Place, Fire Extinguisher Training, Evacuation Training and more. Anyone interested in more information or scheduling any of these programs should contact our office.

Sheriff's Office Operations and Public Safety

	2012	2013	2014
Calls for service	18,172	16,059	11,739
Alarm Calls – Residential & Business	791	896	886
Building & Residential Security Checks	2,058	2,625	3,418
Breaking & Entering (Residential & Business)	174	208	244
Breaking & Entering (Vehicles)	123	37	29
Civil Debt Collections	\$56,557	\$60,413	\$37,286
Criminal & Civil Processes Served	9,655	8,044	7,982
Continuing Education/In-Service Training Hours	5,156	6,281	3,332
Criminal reports filed	804	867	794
Domestic Violence Assaults	5	13	22
Domestic Violence Orders Entered	174	70	179
Drug Values & Drug Money Seized	\$4,620	\$108,420	\$3,606
Evictions	176	204	186
Handguns Purchase Permits	2,148	2,413	1,402
Concealed Handgun Permits & Renewals	664	1,147	952
K-9 assistance requests	118	111	104
Sexual Assaults	35	17	17
Stolen property recovered	\$148,853	\$141,204	\$385,570
Stolen vehicles recovered	18	4	2
Warrants	958	909	910

Detention Center Operations

	2012	2013	2014
Bookings Processed	2,007	2,852	2,114
Average daily population	77	71	82
Average inmate stay (days)	12.9	13.1	8.0

Courthouse Operations

Stanly County has five (5) courtrooms. Five (5) full-time bailiffs and six (6) part-time bailiffs provide courtroom security and assist the Judges and District Attorneys. Bailiffs transported 2,098 inmates to the courtroom from the detention center. 751 video arraignments were held where inmates appeared before a judge without leaving the safety and security of the detention facility.

Remember - all homes should have smoke detectors!

NOAA weather alert radios and carbon monoxide detectors are also recommended to keep your family safe.

PUBLIC SAFETY (CONT'D)

Inspections

Permit Type	2012	2013	2014
Residential Building Permits	85	103	93
Mobile Homes	32	25	33
Residential Remodels, Additions, Alterations	188	228	211
Commercial New Construction	98	80	65
Commercial Remodels, Additions, Alterations	104	114	111
Electrical Permits	981	1,238	764
Mechanical Permits	646	800	858
Plumbing Permits	535	543	488
Other Permits	42	50	70
Totals	2,701	3,181	2,693

2014 Major Building Permits

Tarheel Challenge Academy	\$1,989,000
Old Whitney Pump Station	\$1,150,000
Friendly Chevrolet Renovation	\$780,000
Michelin Employee Service Center	\$663,760

Permit Type	2012 Construction Value	2013 Construction Value	2014 Construction Value
Residential Building	\$9,879,768	\$12,800,986	\$13,462,960
Mobile Homes	\$603,914	\$464,858	\$1,066,977
Residential Remodels, Additions, Alterations	\$3,802,875	\$5,858,002	\$7,853,522
Commercial New Construction	\$7,056,833	\$4,387,196	\$4,562,046
Commercial Remodels, Additions, Alterations	\$9,603,133	\$8,333,088	\$7,406,566
Totals	\$30,946,523	\$31,844,130	\$34,352,071

Inspections

	2012	2013	2014
Number of Inspections Performed	8,458	8,172	7,764
Plans Approved	252	169	118

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TRANSPORTATION

Airport

- The Airport continues to see annual revenue increases due to increased military usage from the contract fuel program. Though military fuel sales vary due to military funding restrictions and tight budgets, we have experienced revenue growth since 2008.
- Locally-based Team AeroDynamix will host its popular Formation Flying Clinic in June of 2015. We will host 60 to 65 aircraft and pilots from around the Eastern Seaboard who come to Stanly County and learn this unique skill as well as learn all the many things Stanly County has to offer.
- Pressley Aviation received its Federal Aviation Administration Part 141 certificate for training veterans last year and they have added four (4) full-time and one (1) part-time flight instructor to handle the training demand.
- The terminal building has been a source of community pride since it was constructed; we have frequent visitors to tour the facility. Google Maps and Google Earth offer a virtual tour of the terminal building. Travelers and pilots from outside the region can now see exactly what to expect when flight planning a trip to Stanly County. A link to Google Maps and Google Earth will soon be added to our website.

SCUSA

Operating statistics for FY 2013-2014:

- 2.92 passengers per hour
- Cost per trip - \$17.98
- Traveled 285,806 miles in 16,267 hours
- Provided 47,491 passenger trips

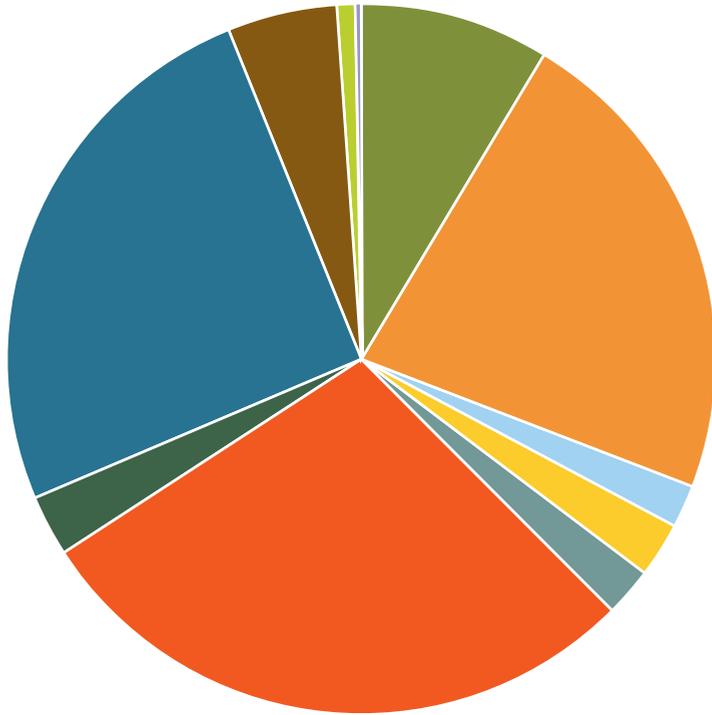
SCUSA implemented a new software program (TriP_Maker) in 2014. This software improves efficiency in scheduling, billing and reporting while provides agencies detailed information regarding services. SCUSA staff trained tirelessly to be able to go live with the software on July 1. This program was developed by the staff at the Institute of Transportation and Research Education through NCSU. The software was free and is updated and maintained by staff at ITRE.

Why are there so many vehicles in the SCUSA parking lot?

SCUSA is required by federal and state funding sources to have a percentage of the fleet designated as back-up vehicles, especially those that are lift equipped, i.e. if we bring 200 passengers in we have to take those 200 passengers home and required to have the equipment ready to provide that service.

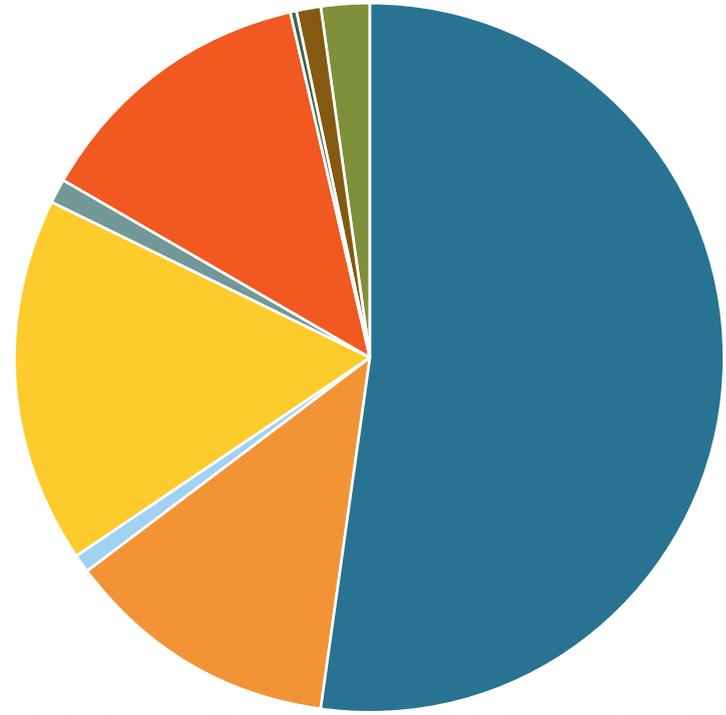
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Where Your Money Goes
FY 2014-2015: \$56,178,304



General Government	8.86%
Public Safety	22.08%
Transportation	1.85%
Economic Development	2.69%
Environmental Protection	2.08%
Human Services	28.52%
Culture and Recreation	2.71%
Education	25.33%
Special Appropriations	0.04%
Debt Service	4.97%
Transfers to Other Funds	0.59%
Contingency	0.28%
	100.0%

Where the Money Comes From
FY 2014-2015: \$56,178,304



Ad Valorem Taxes	52.22%
Sales Tax	12.51%
Other Taxes	0.91%
Intergovernmental Revenues	16.65%
Licenses and Permits	1.29%
Sales and Services	12.90%
Investment Earnings	0.16%
Miscellaneous	1.14%
Transfers	0.00%
Fund Balance	2.22%
	100.0%

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