



# BOARD BULLETIN

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## ***Social Services – Food Stamp and CPS Audit***

Recently the State conducted performance audits for both the Food Stamp Unit and Child Protective Services (CPS).

An on-site review of over 50 cases in different areas of the Food Stamp program revealed only one minor opportunity for improvement.

As previously mentioned, the second area of review was in the CPS Program. The audit focused on the use of SSBG and IV-E funds. All of the cases that were reviewed passed with no corrective action plan requirements. This outcome is especially noteworthy given the tremendous turnover that has occurred in the Child Protective Services Program in the past six (6) months.

The DSS staff members working in these two (2) program areas are to be commended for their hard work and commitment to the organization.

## ***FERC- Update***

The comment period for concerns and statements related to Progress Energy’s hydropower relicensure with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) closed on December 10, 2007. Staff attended a public hearing in late November to voice concerns so these comments would be included in FERC’s review.

You may recall, FERC staff issued a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in early November which included significant improvements to the existing boat access points on the Anson side of Blewett Falls Lake and the Pee Dee River. The draft EIS also called for the development of an additional access point for Blewett Falls Lake in Anson County.

FERC staff will evaluate the aforementioned comments associated with the draft EIS and may or may not recommend changes. In April 2008, FERC's staff will issue a final EIS to the Commission for review.

## ***Administration Building – Status Report***

The new Administration Building renovation project is gearing back up after a slow down during the Christmas and New Year’s holiday. Over the next thirty (30) days the following construction related items will take place:

- Steel for the roof top HVAC units will be delivered and installed
- Steel for the elevator shaft will be delivered and installation will begin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor windows will be cut, framed and installed
- The tracking for the interior walls will be installed and the initial framing will commence

Over the past two (2) weeks, the pit for the elevator has been excavated and the new heating and air conditioning ductwork is being installed.

## ***Hornwood Sewer Project - Update***

Hobbs Upchurch and Associates is in the final stages of submitting all of the appropriate paperwork to finalize the Rural Center grant for the Hornwood sewer project. The County received initial approval for the Rural Center funding via the pre-application process. However, a final application must be submitted before funds can be issued.

Design and bidding for the project should commence in March. The Board will continue to be kept up-to-date on the progress of this project.

### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

<b>Regular BOCC Mtg.</b>	Tuesday, February 5 6:00 PM Courtroom #1
<b>Board Retreat</b>	Fri., February 15 – 9:00-3:00 Sat., February 16 – 9:00-1:00 SPCC – Polkton