



BOARD BULLETIN

June 6, 2008

FERC Update

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) have issued their final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) associated with Progress Energy's hydro-electric licensing renewal for Blewett Falls Lake.

The FEIS calls for upgrades (e.g. parking, boat ramp, lighting, bathrooms, etc.) to the two (2) current recreational access points on the west side of Blewett Falls and the Pee Dee River. Additionally, the FEIS calls for a third access point on the west side of Blewett in Anson County.

Further, the FEIS calls for the annual monitoring of erosion control within the project boundaries.

Progress Energy has responded to the requirements contained in the FEIS, and they are seeking to have both the third access point and the erosion control monitoring removed from the final licensing agreement issued by FERC.

Anson County staff have prepared a resolution, which was adopted by the Board on Thursday, June 5 to submit to FERC in response to Progress Energy's comments. Anson County continues to maintain the position that additional access is needed and erosion control monitoring is critical to the long-term viability of this natural resource and the County's surface water quality.

County Administration Building - Project Update

The renovation of the former BC Moore Building is getting back on track after a slow down in construction during the past couple of months. A delay in the delivery of steel for the staircase and elevator shaft caused the project to deviate from the anticipated mid-July completion date. The project appears to be approximately two (2) weeks to one month behind schedule, but remains in budget.

NC House - Budget Update

The House Budget passed on Wednesday 104-10 and has been sent on to the Senate. The Senate will begin budget deliberations early next week.

The final House budget includes several items that are favorable to counties. These items include:

- **More than \$60 million in new mental health funding**
- **Legislation to shift the responsibility for Courthouse phone system funding back to the State and sets up a commission to study how phone systems should be funded moving forward**

The final House budget did not include legislation to repeal the combined motor vehicle-property tax collection system. This is good news for counties.

911 Service Reorganization

As a result of Board action on Tuesday, June 3, the County's 911 telecommunications center, 911 addressing, and road naming functions will be realigned under the oversight and direction of the Sheriff's Office effective July 1, 2008.

The current 911 staff (both full and part-time employees) will be required to complete Sheriff Standards certification. The certification process will begin immediately to ensure an efficient transition effective July 1, 2008.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

General Assembly Day – NCACC	Raleigh 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM General Assembly Bldg.
Budget Adoption & CDBG Public Hearing	June 12 6:00 PM Room #31 - Courthouse
Regular Board Mtg.	Monday, July 7 6:00 PM Courtroom #1