



BOARD BULLETIN

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JCPC and CJPP Funding

The Governor has restored funding for both the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) and Criminal Justice Partnership Program (CJPP) in his budget proposal.

After favorable continuation reviews from a State mandated evaluation and oversight committee, the Governor has proposed restoration of both programs on a recurring basis. The Governor's budget includes \$22.7 million for JCPC and \$9.2 million for CJPP in FY 2008-2009.

The Governor's funding proposal is encouraging news for both of these programs. The specific services provided by each of these programs are critical components of our local criminal justice system.

Mental Health Oversight Committee

A bill (S1610) was introduced this week in the Senate to implement several changes based on the joint legislative Mental Health Advisory Committee's recommendations.

The bill includes legislation which calls for nearly \$60 million in new spending and greater service oversight for Local Management Entities (e.g. Sandhills). The recommendations also include \$6 million to help support the establishment of local substance abuse programs and \$30 million to expand the Hospital Utilization Pilot Program statewide. Additionally, the bill would return service authorization, utilization review and utilization management functions to the LMEs on July 1, 2009.

County staff will continue to monitor the mental health related legislation during the short session and provide continual updates.

21st Century Transportation Committee – Preserves Secondary Road Funding

The 21st Century Transportation Committee presented several recommendations on May 13. Highlights include ending the Highway Trust Fund transfer and using the proceeds to provide funding for a proposed transportation bond (\$800 million to \$1.8 billion) and gap funding for toll roads.

The proposal to redirect approximately half of the secondary road construction funding (\$81 million) for debt service on the proposed transportation bond was removed from the final package. A considerable amount of lobbying pressures was put on members of the committee by county commissioners from all areas of the State. Any redirection of secondary road funding would have an immediate impact in Anson County.

At this time, it is unclear what action the General Assembly will take on transportation finance during the short session. Therefore, we must continually remind our local legislative delegation that funding the construction and maintenance of the state's secondary road network is the State's responsibility.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Manager's Recommended Budget Presentation	Wednesday, May 21 6:30 PM Courtroom #1
Regular Board Mtg. & FY 2009 Budget Public Hearing	Tuesday, June 3 6:00 PM Courtroom #1
Budget Workshops	- Tentatively Set - June 5, June 10 and June 12 5:30 PM Room #31 - Courthouse