



BOARD BULLETIN

February 29, 2008

Violent Crime Data

The following information is a follow-up to the violent crime report that was presented to the Board at its February retreat.

In calendar year 2006, the statewide violent crime rate per 100,000 was 476. Anson County's rate was 396. Anson County's rate decreased from 489 in calendar year 2005 to 396 in 2006. Over this same time period, the State's rate grew from 469 per 100,000 to 476. Thus, in calendar year 2005 Anson County's rate exceeded the statewide rate.

Given this performance measure is considered a lag measure (based on past data, not current or future) it must viewed with caution. Using this specific performance measure, the Board will not be able to see the results of additional funding or new crime prevention and enforcement strategies implemented in FY 2007-2008 until calendar year 2009.

Thus, it is important to actively review and monitor the Sheriff's Office monthly performance report to get a better sense of real-time indicators of performance.

Admin. Building Project -Update

The new Administration Building renovation project is proceeding on schedule. Early next week, the window openings on the second floor will be installed. Additionally, framing for the elevator is scheduled to commence.

During the second full week of March, the new handicap accessible stairwell will be installed, and by the end of March the initial installation of drywall is scheduled to begin.

Staff will continue to keep the Board informed of the construction progress.

Community Based Services – State Ordered Repayment

A total of eight (8) current and former Anson County mental health community based service agencies have been ordered to repay the State of North Carolina for mental health services that were deemed unnecessary by a State audit.

In total, the State has demanded repayment of \$59 million from community based service companies across the State. The amount of repayment being sought from the eight Anson County firms is \$2.2 million.

Anson County will receive a credit on its monthly Medicaid bill for our portion of any repayments. In fact, the January 2008 bill included a credit of approximately \$4,500. It may take a year or even longer before the County realizes all of the repayment credits.

Fox and Ponderosa Road Improvement

The County received a letter from Senate Pro Tem, Marc Basnight seeking the Board of Transportation's approval to utilize \$50,000 from the Senate to make both of the aforementioned road projects eligible for contingency funding.

Given Senator Basnight's and House Speaker Hackney's endorsement of these projects, I am hopeful the Department of Transportation will view the requests favorably. Staff will continue to keep the Board updated as to the status of these projects.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Regular Board Mtg.	Tuesday, March 4 4:00 PM Cooperative Ext. Building
Joint Meeting w/School Board	Tuesday, March 4 6:00 PM Cooperative Ext. Building
Regular Board Mtg.	Tuesday, April 1 6:00 PM Courtroom #1