



BOARD BULLETIN

March 14, 2008

EMS Reimbursement - Hospital

The County of Anson recently received a \$60,000 Medicare reimbursement check from Anson Community Hospital for services rendered while emergency medical services were provided under contract via the hospital.

The Medicare audit covered six full years and one half year of cost reports for the period from 1998-2004. All cost reports for the years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 are finalized and have been settled.

This unanticipated funding has been placed in the EMS budget and will be used at the end of the fiscal year to offset revenue shortfalls in other service areas such as Inspections and Register of Deeds. Both of these services have seen their revenues decline in FY 2007-2008 as a result of the economic downturn.

ACTS – New Fence

Work has begun on the installation of a new fence at the ACTS facility. This fence will enclose all of the vehicles in an effort to improve security. The fence will be constructed of 9 gauge wire and include a row of barbed wire at the top to deter folks from climbing.

The County also sought quotes for an electronic alarm system. The cost of this system was approximately \$3,000 more than a fence, but the infrastructure for the system needed to be kept inside a secured perimeter to prevent damage. Thus, it was determined that it was cost prohibitive to install both the fence and the electronic monitoring system with our limited resources.

The new/upgraded lighting (recently installed by Progress Energy) combined with the new security fence should deter future criminal activity and increase safety for our employees. The Board will be updated as the progress of this project continues.

ACS – ADM Technology Request

The Anson County School Board has requested the Board of Commissioners approve the draw down of \$260,000 from the ADM Fund for the purpose of school technology. Please note, ADM funds drawn down for the purpose of technology do not require a local County match. Thus, no County dollars are being requested.

The ADM Fund currently has a balance of \$634,000. Further, the Lottery Fund has a balance of \$738,000, but these funds can not be used for technology. The technology draw down coupled with the County's \$150,000 draw down for debt service will leave the ADM Fund with a balance of \$224,000 at the end of the fiscal year.

The technology funding will primarily be used to install and upgrade switches, servers and wiring. The remaining funds (approximately \$45,000) will be used for basic maintenance and additional subscriptions to eChalk. eChalk provides online educational and classroom resources as well as lesson activities for interactive whiteboards and data projectors.

If you have additional questions about the technology funding request please let staff know. This item will be on the Board's special called meeting agenda next Tuesday, March 18.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Special Board Mtg.	Tuesday, March 18 5:30 PM Courthouse Room #31
Regular Board Mtg.	Tuesday, April 1 6:00 PM Courtroom #1
Joint Meeting w/SPCC Trustees	Tuesday, April 15 6:00 PM Polkton Depot
Regular Board Mtg.	Tuesday, May 13 6:00 PM Courtroom #1