



# BOARD BULLETIN

February 1, 2008

## ***Health Department***

Dr. Lynn Hernandez has submitted her resignation as physician at the Health Department effective April 27, 2008. The extended termination date is a result of a 90 day notice stipulation in Dr. Hernandez's employment contract.

Dr. Hernandez has been employed by the Health Department since September 2005.

The Board of Health is aware of the resignation, and a plan is in motion to identify an interim physician to ensure continuity of care at the Health Department.

If you have questions regarding this personnel issue, please contact Dr. Francis Kateh.

## ***Wireless Phone Plan –Cost Savings***

County staff, based on recommendations from Robert Segal, CPA, have worked out a new wireless phone service contract with Alltel. The new wireless plan will maintain our current service level, phone features, and customer service with Alltel, but it has been restructured to create approximately \$8,500 in annual cost savings for the County.

Additional information regarding many of our expenditure reduction and revenue enhancement efforts will be delivered to the Board later this Spring in advance of our budget development process.

## ***Transportation Insurance Appeal***

Please be aware the County's insurance appeal (catalytic converter theft) to the NC Association of County Commissioners has been upheld. Thus, the County will only have to pay one (1) \$1,000 deductible and the remainder of the expense will be covered via insurance.

As a result, the County's out-of-pocket expense for this incident will be \$1,000 versus \$1,683.

## ***Financial Audit RFP - Results***

Per the Board's request, the County issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seven (7) auditing firms in North Carolina in late December 2007. The bid/RFP package was sent via certified mail to each entity to ensure receipt. Each of the firms currently conduct audits in neighboring counties or those within our region.

Two (2) firms responded to the County's RFP. These firms are Martin Starnes & Associates based in Hickory and JB Watson and Company located in Wadesboro.

The three-year bid (standard practice based on the State Treasurer's Office bidding template) from JB Watson and Company was the lowest by \$9,000 annually. Thus, staff will make a recommendation to continue our auditing relationship with JB Watson for FY 2008-2010.

The auditing contract will be bid again prior to the FY 2011 fiscal year audit.

## ***JCPC and CJPP Funding***

Continuation funding for both the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) and the Criminal Justice Partnership Program (CJPP) is being evaluated, and the re-appropriation of State funding in FY 2008-2009 is being debated. Please realize State funding is the major revenue source for both of these criminal justice programs. One of the JCPC funded programs is also funded in part by Anson County (Youth Promise). The program has generated thousands in restitution for victims in Anson County and numerous beneficial community service projects. Additionally, the recidivism rate (re-arrest) for those youth successfully completing the program is below 20%. Program participants also demonstrate significantly reduced out of school suspension rates and school absences.

If you have an opportunity, please speak with our local legislative delegation about the importance of continued State funding for both of these programs.