



# BOARD BULLETIN

February 8, 2008

## ***Building Permits and Growth Revenue***

Based on the total permit value for building renovation and new construction in 2007, the County is trending slightly below the past two (2) calendar years. When you factor out the increase in calendar year 2006 for Wal-Mart, the values in 2007 are approximately \$2 million below the average for 2005 and 2006.

This decrease in building permits and values is consistent with other jurisdictions in the region and indicative of the economic down turn.

The County will realize additional revenue from the NC Electric Membership Cooperative Peaking Plant for FY 2008-2009. The plant was not 100% complete as of the tax filing period for the current fiscal year. This increase will help to offset the decline in building permits and new construction.

## ***Asphalt Plant- Air Quality Permit***

Please be aware that Boggs Paving, Inc. of Monroe has submitted an air quality permit application to the NC Division of Air Quality to construct and operate a 385 ton per hour continuous mix asphalt plant on Pee Dee Road in the Lilesville area.

Given there is no zoning or land use regulation in this area, County staff were not aware of the application. As the environmental and building permit process for this project continues, County staff will provide updates to the Board.

## ***ACTS – Catalytic Converter Theft***

The ACTS Transportation fleet was vandalized again this past week. Several catalytic converters were stolen from the new Ford vans. These catalytic converters will be more costly to replace than those stolen from the older Dodge vans in December. County staff are working with the property owner to construct a fenced area to protect the vans and increase the amount of lighting. These preventative steps will require the reallocation of funds within the ACTS budget.

## ***Recycling and Cell Construction – Landfill Update***

Progress is being made with respect to oil and tire recycling efforts at the regional landfill site in Polkton. Using grant funds, the County will purchase and install a 275 gallon oil recycling container, and Allied Waste will provide the required secondary containment protection system. A car shelter will be purchased, again with State grant funds, to cover the oil recycling area.

With respect to tire recycling, Allied is planning to build a ramp deck so residents can physically walk into the tire recycling trailer and stack the tires. This will maximize space and allow the County to get more tires on each trailer.

A new municipal solid waste (MSW) cell is currently in construction at the landfill. County staff are actively monitoring the construction of this cell to ensure compliance with all environmental standards and testing. Thus far, all of the required test have passed on the first attempt, except two (2) related to the clay liner. However, additional work was done to increase the clay compaction and both subsequent tests have passed successfully. Weather permitting, the new cell construction should be complete by mid to late March 2008.

### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

<b>Board Retreat</b>	Fri., February 15 – 9:00-3:00 Sat., February 16 – 9:00-1:00 SPCC – Polkton
<b>Regular Board Mtg.</b>	Tuesday, March 4 4:00 PM Cooperative Ext. Building
<b>Joint Meeting w/School Board</b>	Tuesday, March 4 6:00 PM Cooperative Ext. Building