



BOARD BULLETIN

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Possible Tipping Fee Delay

Companion bills have been introduced in the House (H2541) and Senate (S1923) that would delay the implementation of an additional \$2 per ton tipping tax at county landfills and transfer stations from July 1, 2008, to Jan. 1, 2009. This is being considered to assist counties and municipalities with working out all of the logistics associated with the new State imposed tax.

Further, County staff have asked our local attorney and our landfill attorney in Charlotte to reassess the liability for paying this State imposed tax based on our current contract with Allied (formerly Chambers).

Mandatory 4-Year Revaluation

Bills have been introduced in both the NC House and Senate that would mandate a four (4) year property tax revaluation schedule for counties. This change would have a significant financial impact on the County of Anson.

A four (4) year revaluation schedule would require substantially more funding than the current eight year cycle, but given the current growth rate in Anson County and the housing market an enhanced 4-year cycle may not yield significantly more tax revenue.

State Inmate Reimbursement

A bill has been introduced in the NC Senate that would increase the per diem reimbursement rate for State inmates serving sentences of 30 days or more in local jails. The rate would increase from \$18.00 per day to \$90.00.

House Budget Seeks Expansion of Mental Health Services

The House Budget Appropriations Committee has introduced their recommendations for expansion items in the FY 2008-2009 budget. Included in the list of expansion items is \$41 million for additional mental health services in local communities. These services include additional mobile crisis intervention teams, walk-in crisis and psychiatric services, local psychiatric hospital beds, developmental disabilities and enhanced substance abuse services.

Additionally, the recommended legislation includes special provisions that would retain and expand Local Management Entity (e.g. Sandhills Mental Health) oversight of local services.

Statewide Elections Run-Off – June 24

There will be a second primary (run-off) held statewide on Tuesday, June 24 for the position of Labor Commissioner. Early/one-stop voting will be available at the Elections Office beginning on Thursday, June 5 and will run until Saturday, June 21. All polling places in Anson County will be open for this second primary on Tuesday, June 24.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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
Regular Board Mtg.	Monday, July 7 6:00 PM Courtroom #1