

BCADAD BOARD MEETING

January 25, 2010

The BCADAD held its bi-monthly board meeting on Monday, January 25th at the Bluffton Office at 9:30 AM.

PRESENT were: Mary Johnson, John Coaxum, Bette Goettle, Linda Hoffman, and Chuck Najaka

GUESTS attending were: Councilman Paul Sommerville and Morris Campbell, Director of Community Services

The Meeting was opened by Mary Johnson and turned over to the Director, Mr. Boyne.

Mr. Boyne asked Councilman Sommerville to give a general state of the county. Mr. Sommerville stated that there has been a reduction in revenue from 5% to about 10%. A decrease in building permits is an example of how the economy is being impacted. He also stated that property taxes can also cause issue. Mr. Sommerville stated that some of the important issues the county will be dealing with in the future is the relationship with fellow municipalities and school districts and the consideration of a more dense population of non-English speaking students in our school districts. Mr. Sommerville went on to address future development at Garvins Corner and tensions resulting between counties. He stated that Hilton Head's population seems to have leveled out, but that the main highways need to be widened to accommodate traffic and future development. He reiterated the need to improve relations with our surrounding counties. Mr. Boyne thanked Mr. Sommerville for the overview of the general state of the county.

Mr. Boyne asked Director Morris Campbell to speak. Mr. Campbell stated that there are some things we are going to have to do to maintain a certain level of care for those within Beaufort County with regard to the administrative situation. He stated that we hope not to have to reduce, but to maintain. We have to tighten our belts. He stated that some employees have been moved from one department to another in order to prevent having to reduce employees and we would have to continue "to do more with less" for the next two to three years. Mr. Campbell stated that we would continue to enforce the hiring freeze and also to reduce unnecessary purchases.

Further areas of discussion centered around a proposal made by the Iowa Central Railroad Company concerning a freight/dinner/commuter train from Yemassee to Port Royal; the possible sale of the port at Port Royal and the need to dredge the Intercoastal waterway

Mary Johnson thanked our guests for the State of the County reports and turned the meeting over to Douglas Boyne.

Mr. Boyne went over the financial report, the revenue report and the expenditure reports for December 2009. He stated that our next "mini-bottle" (excise tax) appropriation would be received shortly. He reminded the board that the state legislature had based that figure on the 2005 floor appropriation. Those fees would remain in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

He then discussed the Medicaid and Incentive report. Mr. Boyne announced that we received notification from the state that we would receive two additional sums of money. The Medicaid Cost Settlement back in 2007 would generate about \$12,000 and additionally, we earned \$4,500 in incentive bonus money because of our high achievement rate.

Mr. Boyne stated that we don't know what to expect in 2011; we've never gotten a lot of state money. He stated that is another two (2) to four (4) percent reduction in state appropriations for 2010, which will be approximately under \$2,000.

Mr. Boyne then reported that we are down two board members. He stated with sadness that Micky Fuller had passed away before starting her duties as a board member and that Larry McElynn is now a judge. Discussion centered around the two vacant board positions; it was suggested that a board member from the Sun City sector would be welcomed. Mr. Boyne stated we would delay the process while we collect a few more names for the decision process. Mr. Sommerville stated that he will see if some individuals would like to apply for a position on the board.

Mr. Boyne then stated that the budget process has been started and that the County Plan is due between Mid-April to early May. Mr. Boyne stated that his position for 2011 is to hold steady and that the only big ticket item would be the national accreditation from CARF and that is at a cost of 9 to 10 thousand. He went on to say that we have held the highest level for the last 4 cycles (3 year increments). Medicaid and the State and Licensing bodies require this accreditation. Mr. Boyne stated that down the road, we would like to add another prevention specialist and another addictions counselor for the Bluffton Office.

Mr. Boyne then stated that we have hired a replacement receptionist for the Bluffton office, Mrs. Valeria Tannuzzi. Mr. Boyne stated that Mrs. Tannuzzi is a great asset to our staff. She is also extremely proficient in Spanish and easily translates for our Hispanic clients. Mr. Boyne stated that Kidsville is still a big favorite and has a large following.

At this time, Mr. Boyne stated that concluded his Director's Report and with there being no old or new business, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held in Beaufort, at the BCADAD Offices on Monday, March 15th at 9:30 AM.