

AGENDA
CATAWBA COUNTY OFFICIALS AND NCACC ADVOCACY TEAM
Thursday, November 3, 2011
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Catawba Valley Community College
East Wing, Sipe Boardroom (in Administration)
2550 Highway 70 SE, Hickory, NC 28602

DIRECTIONS:

Park on east side of East Wing (main campus building facing Highway 70 across from Walmart. Enter east side door. Turn left; follow hallway to Administration offices.

Welcome and Introductions (Chair Kitty Barnes)

Legislative Agenda Discussion (Opportunities, challenges, and unintended consequences of State budget)

Tax/Revenue Issues

- Support an increase to \$35,000 in the Homestead Exclusion Income limit. (Board of Commissioners)
- Support an equitable distribution method in the School Capital Fund Formula/Lottery Proceeds. (Rodney Miller, Finance Director)
- Support maintaining local control of the North Carolina ABC System and preservation of local revenues from the system. (Kitty Barnes, Board of Commissioners Chair)
- Acknowledgment for supporting an increase in the reimbursement rate for local government legal work related to in rem tax foreclosures. (Debra Bechtel, County Attorney)

Economic Development and Job Creation Issues

- Support changes to North Carolina's economic development tiering structure and state funding of economic development projects. (Scott Millar, Economic Development Corporation President)
- Support changes to development regulations pertaining to building and environmental health inspections. (Barry Edwards, Utilities and Engineering Director/Doug Urland, Public Health Director)
- Support local legislation similar to legislation passed last year. (Cleanfields Act of 2010) to allow Catawba County to provide triple credit toward renewable energy portfolios). Barry Edwards, Utilities and Engineering Director)

Public Safety Issues

- Discuss impacts of Justice Reinvestment Act and other jail issues. (Debra Bechtel, County Attorney/Captain Mark Shook, Sheriff's Department)
- Continue to oppose changes for unsecured bonds. (Debra Bechtel, County Attorney)
- Trends/issues in animal services. (Bryan Blanton, Emergency Services Director)

Human Services Issues

- The State should maintain "Electing Counties" and maintain the County's financial incentive. (John Eller, Social Services Director)
- Impact of consolidating human services. (Doug Urland, Public Health Director)

Elections Issues

- Support legislation to provide for less expensive alternatives for run-off elections. (Larry Brewer, Elections Director)

Other Legislative Items/Next Steps

Lunch (Noon)

Simulated Hospital Tour (1:00 p.m.)