

Town of Stanton
Mayor's Monthly Report
June 16, 2009

1. Grants

Grants are submitted to various funding agencies and can only be used for the purpose the funding agency dictates. Grants typically are very competitive and we may or may not be funded. Our goal as a Town is to submit as many grants as possible and hopefully we will be funded by some of them. Being awarded a grant is at the discretion of the funding agency and we have limitations on what we can submit for grants.

- a. THDA – We have received the \$250,000 HOME grant from THDA. The grant contract will begin on July 1, 2009 and is designed for low-income homeowners (income limit of \$35,000 for a family of four). They must live in the City of Stanton and must have title to property in the occupant's name. Further details will be forthcoming.
- b. Housing Renovation (Community Development Block Grant). We will try for a CDGB grant next year and hopefully will have greater participation rates for the project.
- c. Renovation of the Stanton Town Hall and Cannery. The proposed income from the TVA Impact fund may be earmarked for renovations to the Cannery.
- d. Renovation of the Stanton Water Tower. Stimulus money will come via the CDGB grant. We may submit a CDBG grant next year to repair the water tower.
- e. Fire Department – The grant for fire department equipment has been submitted. There is another grant for a fire department building that we are reviewing for possible submission.
- f. Training Center for Stanton – The goal of this grant was to fund a training center for Stanton, specifically to begin offering classes from Jackson State Community College, Dyersburg State Community College, and other educational organizations. Allan will meet with USDA Rural Development to discuss possible funds for this building. .
- g. Police Department – The grant writer is currently looking for potential funding sources to help us develop a Police Department in Stanton. We have not yet identified any firm sources of grant funding agencies.
- h. 501-C-3 – Stanton can create a 501 C-3 organization which will enable Stanton to submit grants that are currently not available to municipalities. This organization is currently on hold until other town business has been addressed.
- i. The Stanton Academy has been funded.

2. Stanton Police Department Task Force. The purpose of the Stanton Police Department Task Force is researching the legal and logistical steps needed to establish a police department here in Stanton. Vicky Fawcett is the head of this task force and will provide a detailed plan to the Board of Aldermen tonight.
3. Stanton Business Task Force. The purpose of the Stanton Business Task Force is be to research and identify potential businesses that could be attracted to Stanton and recommend the legal and logistical steps needed to attract businesses to Stanton. This Task Force has been put on hold until we clean up the downtown area.
4. Ditches – renovation of ditches throughout Stanton. Frank Fawcett has been reviewing the drainage ditches in Stanton and will give the Board of Aldermen a status update this evening.
5. The Stanton Planning Commission will hold their monthly meeting this week. The commission is in the process of ensuring the plans for Stanton dovetail with those of Haywood County. A contract has been signed with Ag Gro Corp. to complete demolition of the buildings owned by Hunt and Mary Galina. Earl Rice is continuing renovations to his two buildings. Sam Mathes is in discussion with a contractor to clean up his site.
6. Letters to landowners regarding grass cutting and removal of debris have been sent to some landowners. More letters will be sent as the situation warrants.
7. The Stanton Website contains a link to email the Mayor. The email address to be used (and is currently working) is StantonMayor@gmail.com. All residents are encouraged to use this email address to send questions or concerns to the Mayor. URL for the Stanton web page is: <http://www.haywoodcountybrownsville.com/HaywoodCounty/Stanton.aspx>
8. The next Stanton Board of Aldermen meeting will be held at the Town Hall on July 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Allan Sterbinsky – Mayor
Emma Delk – Vice Mayor