

Town of Stanton
Mayor's Monthly Report
January 17, 2012

The following is a list of projects that are in process or pending for the Town of Stanton.

1. The solar panels have generated enough electricity so far to power 80 houses for one day. That is a total of 2.43 MWh so far. This generates income of approximately \$100 per month for Stanton.
2. We received the \$750,000 grant for the ditches project in Stanton. The bids for work on the south side of town have been opened and Stanton Board of Aldermen will vote to award the best bid.
3. We applied for an additional \$1,000,000 in Disaster Grants. Approximately \$800,000 will be designated for a community disaster shelter built on the corner of Main Street and Covington Street. The remaining \$200,000 will be designated for additional ditch work in Stanton (\$150,000) and approximately \$50,000 for a new Town Fire Department boat and equipment, including communication equipment. We are hopeful that the application will be approved.
4. We received a \$500,000 CDGB grant for building homes for citizens of Stanton who meet income and other criteria.
 - i. The Administrators will begin the Environmental Review work to ensure the houses do not contain endangered species, are not subject to air pollution, etc.
 - ii. The ECD will soon receive a copy of our proposed policies and procedures. Once ECD approves it, the proposals will come to the Stanton Board for review.
 - iii. A public hearing will be held to discuss the project and distribute applications. The only houses eligible are ones within the area designated by the grant.
 - iv. Applications will be reviewed to ensure homeowners are eligible to receive grant awards (e.g., verification of income and ownership).
 - v. The first few homes will be inspected and a list of repairs will be developed. Once the homeowner has signed off on the repairs, the repairs will be put out to bid.
5. We successfully passed our first audit for the CDGB grant, however, there were three findings for the Energy grant. Southwest Tennessee Development District (grant administrator) is addressing these findings. A reminder email was sent to SWTDD this week regarding these audit findings.
6. Renovation of the Stanton Town Hall and Cannery. The original engineer's report was reviewed to determine the work still outstanding (we already spent \$26,000 in repairs). The Mayor met with the Haywood County Building Inspector to document essential renovations and compliance with the International Building Code. Request for bids for each sequential part of the project will be published during January.

7. The boiler in the Cannery was inspected to ensure it was fully functional and safe. The current boiler is in need of some repairs, but should be functional for the next 3-5 years. The repairs have been completed. The water treatment for the boiler was also inspected by Southwest Engineers. Their report indicates scale buildup in the boiler and a water softener was recommended to prevent scale buildup in the future. Secondly, the Mayor called Flozone (provider of water treatment in the boiler) regarding compliance with NSF safety standards. An MSDS from Flozone has been received, but the promised written verification that the chemical was safe to use around food has not been forthcoming.
8. Implementing traffic cameras in Stanton has been discussed with Judge Reid. A study showing a compelling public safety reason for implementing them is required. The mayor will discuss this study with Sheriff Melvin Bond and the timeframe for completing the study.
9. A \$100,000 grant has been submitted for repairs to the Stanton Health Clinic. Award notification is estimated for May 2012 (if we are awarded the grant).
10. Members of the Historic Planning Commission have identified a potential area for Historic Preservation Overlay to the Zoning map. The Public Hearing occurred in July, and the topic was tabled until the Historic Preservation Commission was in a position to discuss their guidelines.¹
11. Bridge by Adams Chapel – The bridge is on the TDOT list of bridges for the federal-aid-off-system bridge replacement program. If our bridge is one of the bridges chosen, the program will provide 80% of funds necessary for development costs and Stanton would be responsible for 20% of the costs. If a new bridge costs \$200,000 (very rough estimate), the Stanton portion would be \$40,000. We will need to save our pennies for this project.
12. Work on the Choate Cemetery cleanup effort has been progressing. Unmarked graves and marked graves have been identified in all sections to ensure clearing the undergrowth does not disturb any existing graves. Approximately half of the undergrowth has been cleared at this point.

All residents are encouraged to use the following email address to send questions or concerns to the Mayor. StantonMayor@gmail.com.

The next Stanton Board of Aldermen meeting will be held at the Town Hall 21 February at 7:00 p.m.

Allan Sterbinsky – Mayor

Emma Delk – Vice Mayor