

Manager's Report FY 2010

The County of Dukes County joined the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative which is exploring means to produce power. If they succeed, we will have the option of buying their power. The cost to join was \$25.00/year.

An Island wide Delivery of Services Study was undertaken with the Martha's Vineyard Commission and the Collins Center of the University of Massachusetts. The results suggested possible activities to regionalize.

The parking lot at Eastville Beach was repaired and rebuilt by the County with a donation of material from the R.M. Packer Co. Inc. The Eastville Beach Committee made many improvements including new fencing and clearing in conjunction with the towns of Oak Bluffs and Tisbury.

The roof at the Court House has finally been repaired with monies from the Ma. Dept. of Asset Management. The County was able to secure roughly \$200,000 for this work. The older section of the Courthouse received an asphalt shingle system and the flat areas were covered with layers of bituminous asphalt in accordance with specifications from the State approved architect. In addition the mold in the building was removed and the ceiling repaired from the water damage.

The County distributed Graphic Information System (GIS) software to the towns and other public entities. This mapping software, ESRI, is used by the assessors and Emergency Services across the Island. The County is the licensee of this product which saves the towns money if they were to purchase it singularly. The County has worked closely with the Sheriffs Office and the MVC to distribute and manage this product.

Legislation transferring the Sheriffs Office to the State was signed and was to be implemented Jan.1, 2010. Because of continued problems in the implementation of the take over, it was been postponed until July 1, 2010. The Sheriff, the County, our legislators and particularly the Treasurer's Office worked hard to make the complicated legislation equitable.

In keeping with the Charter Study Commissions recommendations, the County had changed it's health insurance split with its employees from 90/10 to 75/25. This is in keeping with the town standards. The County also adopted a new grade and step scale which also is more in keeping with the towns.

The H1N1 Flu is of concern and the County is assisting the Medical Reserve Corps and the Boards of Health with the Island wide flu clinic for inoculations.

The County was asked by the All Island Selectman to prevent the closing of the Animal Shelter as the MSPCA is leaving the Island. The County began overseeing the operation of the Animal Shelter at the location of the former MSPCA. We have an open-ended lease on the building at no cost with the MSPCA.