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News Release

County Adopts Policy for Replacing Reduced Funding

February 6, 2013, Monroe, NC – The Union County Board of Commissioners has decided to not automatically replace funds from state, federal or private agencies with local money when those agencies reduce or eliminate funding to Union County or Union County Public School (UCPS) programs.

“This policy is timely given the legislative sessions currently underway at both the state and federal levels and represents a clear message that the fiscal sustainability of Union County is a primary goal of the commission,” said Finance Director Jeff Yates.

The residents of Union County receive important, beneficial services from a wide variety of state, federal and private agencies, as well as county programs which rely on funding from these agencies that are critical partners with the county and UCPS in the provision of programs to the community.

“When these agencies terminate programming, reduce services or curtail funding, it cannot be assumed that the county will maintain these programs,” Yates said. “The county’s ability to assume the financial responsibility for these services without significantly impacting other service areas, which are solely the responsibility of the county or without having to increase tax rates, is limited.”

The policy adopted by commissioners will prevent, to the extent possible, the shifting of financial responsibility for state, federal or privately funded programs to the residents of Union County by not replacing those funds with local funds when those agencies reduce funding to the various community programs that rely on that funding.

County Manager Cindy Coto will provide information, on a periodic basis, to the board concerning any reductions in funding from state, federal or private sources that are expected to adversely affect services to the residents of Union County. When services are severely affected by such reductions, the county manager will determine what actions, if any, may be necessary to mitigate the impact on local services.

The board may from time to time express concerns, via resolution, to the county’s legislative delegation concerning possible impacts of reduced funding or increased/unfunded mandates.