

**Town of Marshville
Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Tracy's Restaurant –119 E. Main St.
Special Meeting with Union County Board of Commissioners**

Present: Mayor Frank Deese, MPT Matthew Jefferson, CM Margaret Bivens, CM Dora Bridget, CM Norma Carpenter, CM Gary Huntley, ITM James Bennett, Clerk/FO Tonya Johnson, DPW Bivens Steele, Police Chief Carl Webber, and Lt. Matt Tarlton. Attending from Union County were Board of Commissioners Chairman Jerry Simpson, Commissioner Jonathan Thomas, Commissioner Todd Johnson, County Mgr. Cindy Coto, and Clerk to the Board Lynn West. Also present were John Edmondson of *The Home News* and Lacy Hampton of *The Enquirer Journal*.

Open/Welcome by Mayor Frank Deese & Chairman Jerry Simpson

Beginning at 7:10 pm Mayor Deese opened the meeting of the Marshville Town Council and welcomed everyone in attendance. Union County BOC Chairman Jerry Simpson opened the meeting of the Union Co. Board of Commissioners.

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by CM Gary Huntley. All in attendance gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Deese thanked Tracy and staff for the meal.

Adopt Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda as received was made by CM Margaret Bivens and seconded by CM Gary Huntley. Vote: All ayes

Discussion pertaining to transportation planning

Discussion ensued among the parties relating to transportation planning/issues as it relates to Marshville. BOC Chairman Simpson commented that there is a Transportation Advisory Board made up of individuals from the various municipalities. Other transportation committees are the RRRPO on which Commissioner Jonathan Thomas serves and the MUMPO on which Chairman Simpson serves. They provide additional support for Union Co. regarding help with transportation issues. Mayor Deese commented that Marshville does not have a representative on the TAB. Commissioner Thomas replied that the committee hasn't met in six months. There is a process going on to refine the committee. County Mgr. Cindy Coto commented on the need for a county wide transportation plan but the obstacle is money. Mayor Deese agreed that a county wide transportation plan is a good idea. He stated further that Marshville is the only municipality in Union Co. represented at the RPO. Our representative this year will be MPT Matthew Jefferson. Mayor Deese commented that things will be changing as a result of the Monroe Bypass. He informed the BOC that Marshville would like to be kept in the loop with the TAB committee. Commissioner Thomas commented on the possibility of a realignment that may occur within the next year or two that would result in everyone being in the MUMPO. Chairman Simpson commented that since money is an issue, municipalities may be asked to consider cost sharing. County Mgr. Coto commented on issues of where the bypass will dump off and where interchanges may be located. She stated that their Planning Director will be working with Marshville & Wingate. ITM James Bennett commented that everyone has concerns about the ETJ area and where the bypass will drop off. Mayor Deese informed the group of a Turnpike Authority meeting he attended last week. He stressed that there needs to be an educational meeting regarding the bypass for the purpose of educating the general public.

Discussion regarding economic development

Mayor Deese commented that he's curious about how economic development plans may impact eastern Union County. BOC Chairman Jerry Simpson stated that the contract with Union County Partnership for Progress ends this year. The School of Government was contacted to do a study and the report should be available in January. County Mgr. Coto commented that the School of Government is coming up with options, not a recommendation. Mostly Union County money is going into the study. Once the study is received a workshop will be planned. ITM Bennett asked if each municipality will receive a copy. Mayor Deese asked regarding growth and economic development what the board's stand as it pertains to Project Legacy. BOC Chairman commented that Project Legacy is right in our backyard. County Manager Coto informed the group of a meeting she attended in Raleigh on December 1, 2011. Commissioner Todd Johnson commented that it's important to point out that Project Legacy will be pivotal on the bypass. He thinks the project is a great idea and that CSX, or whatever railroad terminal, is paying close attention to the bypass. Commissioner Johnson further commented that with respect to economic development you must have water/sewer infrastructure. MPT Jefferson asked if we could discuss annexation. He's concerned about the gap between Marshville and Wingate. He commented that we share police and fire protection with Wingate. We will be moving forward on a Master Plan but because Marshville is a small town, MPT Jefferson is concerned it is going to be difficult for Marshville to capitalize on the possible revenues from the bypass. He would like to benefit from new businesses. Commissioner Todd Johnson stated he made a motion to support the state's position on annexation. However, he doesn't think this is over. He would like to see changes on involuntary and voluntary annexation. Mayor Deese commented that for someone outside the city limits you're going to have to raise rates to provide services. Commissioner Todd Johnson commented that the edges from municipal limits to county limits need to be smoothed out through good planning and zoning. Chief Webber recalled that the last time the county rewrote the Land Use Ordinance. Through a series of meetings he felt our voices were heard. He stated that it sounds like that is what the county is trying to accomplish and he commended the effort.

Discussion of water and wastewater

Mayor Deese began the discussion by stating that an issue in Marshville is having adequate funds to make needed improvements. DPW Bivens Steele stated that the Town of Marshville's last grant was for \$450,000 and prior to that we received a \$750,000 grant to enable us to increase our capacity from Anson County. ITM Bennett commented that we are currently searching and seeking grants to aid in infrastructure improvements. MPT Jefferson inquired about a new project he read about in the paper and whether it will benefit Marshville. County Mgr. Coto replied that it is the East Side Sewer Project. The county received a 1.9 million dollar EPA grant. The lines are being oversized to plan for the future. Commissioner Johnson commented that Union County's water/wastewater Master CIP is a 20-year plan. There will be a rate adjustment. He stated if you want to increase capacity and make improvements you have to pay for it. He thinks it looks very positive. Mayor Deese inquired as to how far the lines will come down. County Mgr. Coto commented that the process began about eighteen months ago. The Plan talks about future water/wastewater needs, dollar projections and where lines should be placed. The plan will be considered for final adoption at the board meeting on December 19, 2011. County Mgr. Coto also mentioned that they will have to go to the Yadkin for some of the water supply. Commissioner Johnson stated that the CIP plan is a one-half billion dollar plan with a 20 year time line. County Mgr. Coto commented that it could be a ten year process to get water supply from the Yadkin River. County Mgr. Coto commented that the county is putting a plan together to try to identify where water needs are and to look at areas in Union County having water problems and how to partner with those areas. CM Dora Bridget commented on a pipeline in Anson that no one is getting water from. Mayor Deese questioned whether it would behoove the county to try to work something out on a more immediate scale with Anson County. Commissioner Jonathan Thomas commented that it takes two parties working together. Commissioner Johnson responded by saying they have some good relationships. He feels they need to

get on the same page and are diligently working toward that. He thinks Anson County recognizes a new partnership approach. CM Gary Huntley asked if the county's master plan covers the entire county. County Mgr. Coto commented that for the most part it does but there may be remote pockets that won't have water/sewer lines due to a lack of growth.

Commissioner Johnson applauded Commissioner Thomas for his work on the hospital contract. He stated it was a great service to the county and municipalities. Commissioner Thomas replied that he worked with a good staff that worked hard.

Mayor Deese expressed his appreciation for the job staff does at the county and municipal level.

CM Margaret Bivens asked if we could expect tax increases to which Commissioner Johnson replied that the BOC voted to lower the tax rate.

Commissioner Johnson thanked Tracy and staff and the Town of Marshville for the great meal and warm hospitality.

Mayor Deese conveyed his feelings that the meeting was productive and informative.

CM Margaret Bivens thanked the Commissioners for coming out. CM Matthew Jefferson expressed the same sentiment. He felt it was a good meeting. He conveyed his eagerness to grow and improve.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by CM Margaret Bivens and seconded by CM Gary Huntley. Vote: All ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

These minutes approved this 3rd day of January, 2012.

By: _____

Frank Deese, Mayor

Attest: _____

Tonya D. Johnson, Town Clerk

