



Town of Marshville Town Council Regular Meeting

Monday, July 6, 2020 7:00 PM

Marshville Town Hall, 118 East Union St., Marshville, NC
28103

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Reading of Public Comments Received by Email
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 - a. Resolution to accept AIA Grant
 - b. Approval to award AIA Inventory Project to The Wooten Company
 - c. Approval Minutes
 - i. March 12, 2020, Special Meeting Minutes
 - ii. April 6, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes
 - iii. April 20, 2020, Work Session Minutes
 - iv. May 4, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes
 - d. Budget Amendments
5. Proclamation of Prayer and Reflection
6. Discussion and Possible Action on the Governor's Executive Order Requiring Face Coverings
7. Presentation Concerning Union County Project 2050 Survey and Citizen Feedback
8. Discussion Concerning Speed Bumps on Forest Drive
9. Manager's Report
10. Council Members' Comments
11. Mayor Comments
12. Adjournment

Work Session July 20, 2020, 7 pm

Zoom video will be available for this meeting.

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RESOLUTION OF RECIPIENT OF GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Statues Chapter 159G has created Asset Inventory and Assessment grants to assist eligible units of government with meeting their water infrastructure needs, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered a State Reserve Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 to perform asset inventory and assessment work, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Marshville intends to perform said project in accordance with the agreed scope work,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MARSHVILLE:

That the Marshville Town Council does hereby accept the State Reserve Grant offer of \$150,000.00.

That the Marshville Town Council does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that any Conditions or Assurance contained in the Award Offer will be adhered to.

That Franklin D. Deese, Town Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required by the Division of Water Infrastructure.

adopted this, the 6TH day of July at Marshville, North Carolina.

Mayor _____

Print Name _____

Date _____

COVER LETTER

June 9, 2020

Mr. Frank Deese
Town Manager
Town of Marshville
118 E. Union Street
Marshville, NC 28103



RE: Sewer System Asset and Inventory Project

Dear Mr. Deese:

The Wooten Company is pleased to submit our qualifications to provide professional engineering services for the Marshville Sewer AIA Project. We began discussions with the Town of Marshville in approximately 2011 soon after we started working for the Town of Wingate. Our first project with the Town of Marshville was a CDBG sewer rehab project in 2018, during which we gained knowledge of the sewer system. In 2019, we were selected for a sewer outfall replacement project that was also to be funded by County CDBG funds, but the County pulled that project due to other priorities. In the fall of 2019, we assisted the County and Town in preparing an AIA funding application for \$150,000 in grant money to assist the County in completing the assessment of Marshville's system. With all of this experience, we have a good understanding of the Marshville sewer system, and we look forward to using that experience to help the Town prioritize the needed sewer system improvements.

We have completed many sewer and water AIA projects as discussed in this statement of qualifications. We recently completed a similar project for Montgomery County, which was just awarded the ACEC 2020 Engineering Excellence Award, where we evaluated the water system and developed a 20 year CIP as part of the full Asset Management Plan. This shows our experience in handling AIA funding and project requirements for the Town in this project.

The Wooten Company has 83 years of experience in working hand-in-hand with local governments across North Carolina as they study, assess, rehabilitate, and extend their critical water and sewer infrastructure. Led by John Grey, PE, Manager of our Winston-Salem Regional Office, this team has decades of experience with water and wastewater system asset management, extensions, repairs, and rehabilitations.

This is a proactive and forward-thinking project and we are excited for the opportunity to demonstrate how we can assist the Town with helping the citizens of Marshville. As you have experienced with our services on previous projects, we are committed to clear, open communication, prompt coordination, and effective results. We look forward to working with you on this project and hope that we have clearly demonstrated this in the following Statement of Qualifications. We invite you to reach out to us at any point during your selection process if you have questions about the presentation.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Brian Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

W. Brian Johnson, PE
Director of Engineering Services

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**TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2020 7 pm
MARSHVILLE TOWN HALL**

Special Meeting Minutes

Present: Mayor Larry Smith; Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan; Council Members Margaret Bivens, Paulette Blakeney Gary Huntley and, Ernestine Staton by phone

Staff Present: Franklin Deese, Town Manager; Ann Sutton, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

Discussion and action from closed session:

Mayor Larry Smith asked all what direction they would like to go in concerning the transfer of water/sewer to Union County. The town has been fighting this for two years. Town Manager Franklin Deese felt the offer from Union County did not give us any guarantees. Mayor Smith was concerned that if we wait too much longer the offer will be gone. Council Member Staton said that the offer sent back to us was not the offer we were given in the beginning.

Council will continue to do their due diligence for a good outcome.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Council Member Bivens and seconded by Council Member Huntley. All agreed.

Approved this _____ day of July, 2020.

By: _____
Larry Smith, Mayor

Attest

Town Clerk



Town of Marshville Town Council Regular Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2020 7:00 PM

Marshville Town Hall, 118 East Union St., Marshville, NC 28103

Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Member Present: Mayor Larry Smith, Council Members Margaret Bivens, Paulette Blakeney, Ernestine Staton, and Mayor Pro-tem Morgan by phone. Council Member Gary Huntley was absent.

Staff Present: Town Manager Franklin Deese; Ann Sutton, Town Clerk; Matt Tarlton, Police Chief; and Attorney Bobby Griffin by phone.

Call to Order by Mayor Larry Smith.

Invocation by Council Member Gary Huntley.

Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Adoption of agenda: A motion was made to adopt the agenda by Council Member Staton and seconded by Council Member Bivens. All agreed.

Discussion/Possible Action Concerning Town's Continued Response to COVID-19 Pandemic: Police Chief Matt Tarlton gave a report on Emergency Management in Union County. No Covid-19 cases have been reported in Marshville or Wingate at this time. Continue to wash your hands, and Town Manager Deese thanked our police officers for their work.

Town Manager Deese said the county had issued a State of Emergency. The Town of Marshville has an emergency ordinance, also. Therefore, the Mayor called a State of Emergency for the town, also. This allowed us to tell our community that we would not cut anyone's utilities off or charge a late fee. We will have limited access to the Town Hall. Cash payments for utilities will be limited. We encourage people to pay online or with checks or money orders. We have rented a Post Office box to collect our mail. Council Member Staton asked if we could waive the fee associated with the Official Payments online payments. That is not possible. But, we could return the one dollar or two dollar. Ann Sutton and Michael Garrison can dial in from home. Betty Preslar will be here on Wednesday for accounts payables. All Public Works will be on call. All will be required to wear masks and gloves whenever in contact with people. All employees will be paid as usual. There will be no meter reading for the next bill. We will average six months of meter readings to come up with the next bill.

Town Manager Deese introduced a Resolution to Conduct Electronic Town Council Meetings. A motion was made by Council Member Staton to accept the resolution. A second was made by Council Member Bivens. All agreed.

The NCLM has a voting meeting coming up. Each municipality needs to choose a person to vote at the May 28th meeting. Council Member Staton recommended Town Manager Deese. A motion was made by Council Member Staton to have Town Manager Deese represent the town at the business meeting of the NCLM on May 28th. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bivens. All agreed.

A video was made and placed on Facebook to show people how to check for leaks by watching their water meter.

At this point, our park is closed, but the trails are available to walk.

Town Manager Deese told Council that the Town Board decides if advisory boards can meet. A motion was made to not allow advisory meetings to meet at this time by Council Member Bivens. A second was made by Council Member Blakeney. All agreed.

Going forward, the Town Council requested that Town Council meetings continue using ZOOM as it's structure for communications for meetings and with the public. Work sessions will continue.

Mayor Smith asked is the next work session would include a discussion and closed session concerning the water/sewer transfer. Council Member Staton recommended continued discussions. This will happen in a closed session on April 20, 2020.

Council Comments:

Council Member Bivens had no comments.

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan had No comments.

Council Member Staton encouraged citizens to stay safe. The Town Council is here for them.

Council Member Blakeney had no comments.

Mayor Smith thanked the staff.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Council Memmber Staton to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Council Member Blakeney. All agreed. 8:17 pm

Approved this _____ day fo July, 2020.

Larry Smith, Mayor

ATTEST

Ann Sutton, Town Clerk



Town of Marshville Town Council Work Session

Monday, April 20, 2020 7:00 PM

Marshville Town Hall, 118 East Union St., Marshville, NC 28103

Work Session Minutes

Council Present: Mayor Larry Smith, Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan, Council Members Ernestine Staton, Margaret Bivens, and Paulette Blakeney. Council Member Gary Huntley by phone

Staff Present: Town Manager Franklin Deese and Town Clerk Ann Sutton

Call to Order: Mayor Larry Smith called the meeting to order at 7 pm. An invocation was given by the mayor. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Public Comments

Adoption of Agenda: Town Manager asked the council to move the Closed Session up to number 4 since the attorneys were on the clock. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Morgan and seconded by Council Member Staton to adopt the agenda.

Closed Session per General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (3):

A motion was made to go into a Closed Session to discuss the agreement with Union County for the water/sewer transfer. This motion was made by Council Member Ernestine Staton and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Morgan.

Closed Session ended. 7:40 pm

Discussion of the 2019-2020 Budget: Town Manager Deese made a basic presentation of the current 2019-2020 Budget. A definition was given on what a budget is. It is an estimate of what our revenues and expenses will be. Town Manager Deese asked the council to look through the 2019-2020 budget and come up with any questions they may have.

Council Comments:

Council Member Blakeney was glad to see everyone.

Council Member Bivens wants everyone to stay safe.

Council Member Huntley connection was lost in the ZOOM Meeting.

Council Member Staton apologized to Town Manager Deese for mentioning the glass on the sidewalk on Carelock Drive. She was trying to protect herself and the town in case someone was cut. We need to work on the grass growing up in the sidewalks.

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan said that Town Manager Deese's presentation on the budget was excellent.

Mayor Larry Smith reminded all to study the budget and write down questions.

Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Margaret Bivens. The motion was seconded by Council Member Staton. All agreed. 8:30 pm

Approved this _____ day of July, 2020.

Mayor Larry Smith

Attest

Town Clerk, Ann Sutton



Town of Marshville Town Council Regular Meeting

Monday, May 4, 2020 7:00 PM

Marshville Town Hall, 118 East Union St., Marshville, NC 28103

Regular Meeting Minutes

Present: Mayor Larry Smith, Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan, Council Members Ernestine Staton, Margaret Bivens, Paulette Blakeney, and Gary Huntley

Staff Present: Town Manager Franklin Deese, Town Clerk Ann Sutton, Police Chief Matt Tarlton, and Town Attorney Bobby Griffin by phone

Call to Order: by Mayor Larry Smith.

Invocation Given: by Gary Huntley.

Pledge of Allegiance: given by all.

Adoption of the Agenda: A motion was made by Council Member Staton to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Morgan. All agreed.

Consent Agenda Approval: Motion to approve the consent agenda without Budget Amendments was made by Council Member Bivens and seconded by Council Member Gary Huntley. All agreed.

First Draft of Proposed 2020-2021 Budget: Town Manager Franklin Deese presented the first draft of the 2020-2021 Town Budget. Highlights of the presentation are:

1. Some departments will have increases, but Town Manager Deese will continue to talk with department heads to see where reductions can be made.
2. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is not expected that revenues will increase.
3. Town Manager Deese spoke of the water tower lease buyout. This is still in negotiations.
4. Sales and Use Taxes are expected to be down due to the pandemic.
5. The ABC Store distribution will not take place this year. That will take place once the store loan is paid.
6. Town Manager Deese would like to increase the cost of cemetery lots for people outside the town limits.
7. Most department changes include an increase in training, education, and travel.
8. The Governing Body has a small increase in the yearly stipend.
9. Department Supplies in the Governing Body increased to include new technology.
10. Town Manager Deese asked the Council to consider a decrease in the donation to the Beaver Lane VFD.
11. James Recreation Camp was discussed. They have been paid this year, and no camp happened due to COVID-19. Town Manager Deese will request the money back.
12. There has been discussion on purchasing a real Christmas tree to be a central focal point for years to come.

13. Money has been added to Community Development as seed money re-establish a Small Town Main Street presence.
14. The Police Department has requested another radar sign.
15. The Town Manager would like to be prepared for a possible Clean Fuel Technology Grant. The grant would require a match
16. The Parks and Recreation Department will begin mowing the ball fields. That will save money.
17. No employees will receive COLA increases or merit increases at this point.
18. We will not renew our Code Enforcement contract with Benchmark. That will be brought in-house.
19. The town will continue to use CCOG for Planning Administrator services.
20. Park Master Plan to continue into 2020-2021.

Town Manager Deese asked that all would review the draft budget and ask questions.

Manager's Report: The Council needs to be thinking about how we want to re-open Town Hall once the Governor decides to move out of a State of Emergency. Town Manager Deese updated Council on how the Union County new water/sewer rate increase would have affected the Town of Marshville if Union County had taken our system. The first increase would not have affected the town. The second increase would affect the town rates and bills since the county uses a tier rate structure. Council Member Staton asked Town Manager Deese for an update for the public on the transition of water/sewer to Union County. Town Manager Deese reminded Council that a decision would need to be made soon on the water/sewer transition to the county.

Council Members' Comments:

Council Member Bivens had no comments.

Council Member Blakeney asked all to stay safe.

Council Member Huntley asked all to stay safe.

Council Member Staton said that most of the town was looking very nice. There is a curb on Elizabeth Avenue that is broken up. She is concerned that if it rains really hard, the water cannot drain, and some areas may flood. Town Manager Deese has spoken to NCDOT, but there has not been a response. Council Member Staton also asked about the ABC Store use of the Town Sign. This should be discussed again.

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan had no comments.

Mayor Larry Smith was sorry for the billing issues and commended the staff for working to help the customers and get it straightened out. He reminded the Council that the Town Manager is past due for his six-month evaluation.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Council Member Bivens to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Staton seconded this. All agreed. 9:50 pm

Approved this _____ day of July, 2020.

Mayor Larry Smith

ATTEST

Town Clerk, Ann Sutton

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Proclamation of Prayer and Reflection

WHEREAS, the senseless deaths of George Floyd, Breanna Taylor, Atatiana Jefferson, Tamir Rice, Craig Johnson and many others have created an atmosphere of frustration in our Nation, and has thus perpetuated a sense of helplessness, and caused an outward showing of civil unrest; and

WHEREAS, the elected leaders of Marshville believe strongly in the founding principles of the United States of America, being the right of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness for all the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the elected leaders of Marshville wish to provide the type of community wherein its citizens can live safely, raise their family, and encourage economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the elected leaders of Marshville have worked diligently to recruit, train, equip and build a diverse and professional police department that is free of racial biases; and

WHEREAS, the elected leaders of Marshville, the citizens, and the police officers abhor racism and unnecessary violence; and

WHEREAS, with its training, diversity and professionalism, the Marshville Police Department has been able to work with the community to ensure that the Department's conduct reflects the standards that the citizens of Marshville expect of its law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, Council-Persons, and Manager we accept the responsibility to ensure that the Marshville Police Department is trained, equipped and led professionally in order to serve the citizenry in a manner that is befitting our Oath's of Office; and

WHEREAS, every Citizen, as well as every Law Enforcement Officer, should be afforded respect, protection and lawful protection of his or her civil rights when it may be necessary to enforce the law; and

WHEREAS, I as Mayor of Marshville and the Marshville Town Council hereby acknowledge that we do not support unlawful actions or unnecessary violence by any law enforcement officer towards any citizen, nor do we support any unnecessary violence toward law enforcement by any citizen; and

WHEREAS, I as Mayor of Marshville and the Marshville Town Council hereby acknowledge the right of any citizen to peacefully protest without destruction of private or public property, and without fear of any unlawful or brutal actions by any law enforcement unit; and

WHEREAS, as citizens we should work together with our fellow citizens in the pursuit of justice, fairness and freedom, which is the basis of the country we love.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Larry Smith, as the Mayor of the Town of Marshville, proclaim that the week of July 5, 2020 through July 11, 2020 be a week for prayer and reflection in honor of unity and peace, and encourage every person reading and/or hearing this proclamation to spend time this week in prayer for our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Marshville to be affixed,

this the 6th day of July, 2020.

Larry Smith Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Ann Sutton, Town Clerk

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30(a)(2), during a Gubernatorially declared State of Emergency, the undersigned has the power to "give such directions to State and local law enforcement officers and agencies as may be reasonable and necessary for the purpose of securing compliance with the provisions of this Article."

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, and for the reasons and pursuant to the statutes listed above and in Executive Order No. 141, IT IS ORDERED:

Section I. Extension and Amendment of Phase 2 Order.

Executive Order No. 141 shall remain in effect, as amended below, until 5:00 pm on July 17, 2020. The effective date provision of Executive Order No. 141 is amended to have that order continue in effect through the above-listed time and date.

Section II. New Requirements to Wear Face Coverings.

Executive Order No. 141 is amended to add the following section.

Section 3.5. Face Coverings.

For the reasons and pursuant to the authority set forth above, the undersigned orders as follows:

A. **Definitions.** "Face Covering" means a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is simply wrapped around the lower face. A Face Covering can be made of a variety of synthetic and natural fabrics, including cotton, silk, or linen. Ideally, a Face Covering has two (2) or more layers. A Face Covering may be factory-made, sewn by hand, or can be improvised from household items such as scarfs, bandanas, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels. These Face Coverings are not intended for use by healthcare providers in the care of patients. "Surgical Mask" means American Society for Testing and Materials ("ASTM") Level 1, 2, or 3 approved procedural and surgical masks. An N95 respirator approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health ("NIOSH") (or a respirator from another country allowed by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, the Food & Drug Administration, or the CDC) is not recommended for general public use or use in public settings, as it should be reserved for healthcare providers and other medical first responders in a health care setting. However, if worn, these respirators would meet both the Face Covering and Surgical Mask requirements of this Executive Order. A face shield that covers the nose and mouth also meets the Face Covering requirements of this Executive Order.

B. **Where Face Coverings Are Required.** People are required to wear Face Coverings in the following settings, whether they are inside or outside, unless an exception applies.

1. **In Retail Businesses** Retail Businesses must have all workers wear Face Coverings when they are or may be within six (6) feet of another person. In addition, Retail Businesses must have all customers wear Face Coverings when they are inside the establishment and may be within (6) feet of another person, unless the customer states that an exception applies.
2. **In Restaurants** Restaurants must have all workers wear Face Coverings when they are or may be within six (6) feet of another person. In addition, restaurants must have all customers wear Face Coverings when not at their table, unless the customer states that an exception applies.
3. **In Personal Care, Grooming, and Tattoo Businesses** Personal Care, Grooming, and Tattoo Businesses must have workers wear Face Coverings when they are or may be within six (6) feet of another person. In addition, the

business must have all customers wear Face Coverings when they are inside the establishment and may be within six (6) feet of another person, unless the customer states that an exception applies. Customers may take off their Face Coverings if they are receiving a facial treatment, shave, or other services on a part of the head which the Face Covering covers or by which the Face Covering is secured.

4. ~~In Child Care Facilities, Day Camps, and Overnight Camps~~ Child care facilities, day camps, and overnight camps must have workers, all other adults, and children eleven (11) years or older on site wear Face Coverings when they are or may be within six (6) feet of another person.
5. ~~In State Government~~ ~~State government agencies headed by members of the Governor's Cabinet must have their on-site workers wear Face Coverings when they are or may be within six (6) feet of another person~~ ~~Public facing operations of state government agencies under the jurisdiction of the undersigned must also follow the requirements for Retail Businesses established in this Executive Order~~

All other state and local government agencies are strongly encouraged to adopt similar policies that require Face Coverings.

6. ~~In Transportation~~ All workers and riders on public or private transportation regulated by the State of North Carolina, as well as all people in North Carolina airports, bus and train stations or stops, must wear Face Coverings when they are or may be within six (6) feet of another person. This provision does not apply to people traveling alone with household members or friends in their personal vehicles, but does apply to ride-shares, cabs, vans, and shuttles, even if the vehicles are privately owned.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no customer will be removed from or denied entry to public transportation for failure to wear a Face Covering.

7. ~~In Certain High-Density Occupational Settings Where Social Distancing is Difficult~~ Social distancing is inherently difficult where multiple workers are together in manufacturing settings, at construction sites, and in migrant farm, other farm, and agricultural settings. Therefore, in businesses or operations within North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) sectors 311 to 339 (manufacturing), 236 to 238 (construction), and 111, 112, 1151, and 1152 (agriculture), all workers must wear Face Coverings when they are or may be within six (6) feet of another person.
8. ~~In Meat or Poultry Processing Plants~~ All workers in any meat or poultry processing plant, packing plant, or slaughterhouse must wear Face Coverings when they are or may be within six (6) feet of another person, and those Face Coverings must be Surgical Masks, as long as Surgical Mask supplies are available.
9. ~~Long-Term Care Facilities~~ All workers in Long Term Care ("LTC") Facilities, including skilled nursing facilities ("SNF"), adult care homes ("ACH"), family care homes ("FCH"), mental health group homes, and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities ("ICF-IID"), must wear Face Coverings while in the facility, and those Face Coverings must be Surgical Masks, as long as Surgical Mask supplies are available.
10. ~~Other Health Care Settings~~ Health care facilities other than LTC facilities must follow the Face Covering requirements in the CDC Infection Control Guidance for Healthcare Professionals about Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Public Comment Opens on Comprehensive Plan Scenarios

MONROE, N.C. (June 25, 2020) – Union County has opened a four-week public comment period on potential scenarios to implement the vision of the comprehensive plan. The plan, called Union County 2050, will provide guidance to County leadership and staff on addressing growth, public health, safety, environment, infrastructure, and economic development through 2050.

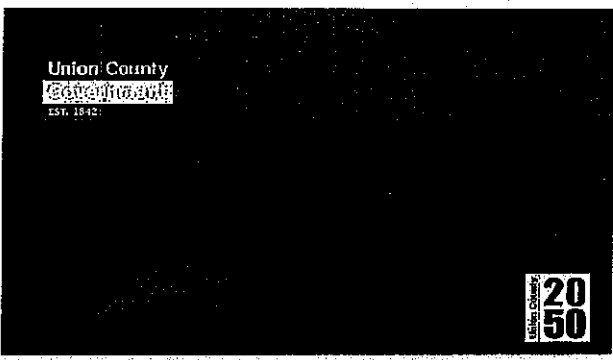
“Choosing a scenario will provide a clear set of land use and infrastructure strategies to include in the comprehensive plan,” said Lee Jenson, Planning Director. “It’s vital to get adequate public input throughout this entire process.”

Residents, stakeholders, and business leaders are invited to provide input on the three scenarios online through July 24 or at one of three public comment sessions. The format and information provided will be the same at each of the three sessions. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing will be encouraged and sanitizing stations will be available. In addition, facemasks will be required at these meetings. The three public comment sessions are scheduled as follows:

- July 8, 2020 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Mineral Springs Volunteer Fire Department, 5804 Waxhaw Highway, Mineral Springs, NC 28108
- July 9, 2020 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Union County Agricultural Center, 3230-D Presson Road, Monroe, NC 28112
- July 10, 2020 from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM at Indian Trail Town Hall, 315 Matthews-Indian Trail Road, Indian Trail, NC 28079

The Board of Commissioners will be periodically updated on the process and asked to provide feedback. The current schedule is to present the final plan and recommendations to the Board in early 2021.

To learn more about the process, [visit the Union County 2050 website](#).



WHAT DO I DO?

1. Make sure you have a feedback form on a clip board
2. Review the information on the boards
3. Talk to Union County representatives and ask questions
4. Provide feedback on the three scenarios by using the feedback form
5. Ask your friends to participate now through July 24

WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

A Comprehensive Plan is a guide to the County's future.

The Comprehensive Plan will inform current and future decision makers where we are now, where we want to go, how we intend to get there, and who will help us along the way.

More specifically, it will:

- define the County's biggest assets and challenges
- focus on strengthening the County's economic development efforts
- recommend the type and character of development appropriate in different parts of the County
- recommend and prioritize policies, key projects, and resources and determines implementation partners, including municipalities
- provide guidance to the County in developing and directing future capital budgets

WHAT IS OUR VISION?

Union County in 2050 is a place defined by connections, where local governments work together on targeted issues. There are clearly communicated plans for growth and infrastructure improvements, and resources are committed to their implementation. Union County is a growing community where there is:

- Increased capacity to address education, transportation, water, public safety, and other multi-jurisdictional issues
- High-density residential, retail and employment options in designated areas
- Convenient accessibility between retail, residential, and employment land uses
- Complementary development patterns along corridors
- Preserved rural character outside of water and sewer coverage areas
- Recognition and support of agriculture as a key industry
- Enhanced community connections for arts, agritourism, and parks and recreation

WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

- Process started in January and will be complete by the end of 2020
- We are in the second phase – Choosing a Scenario
- The next phase is developing an overall plan that implements the adopted scenario
- The final step is asking the Union County Planning Board and Board of Commissioners approve the plan

Union County 2050 Comprehensive Plan Committee Phases and Schedule

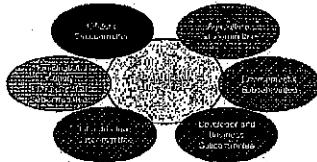
Phase	Start Date	End Date	Key Activities
Phase 1: Visioning	Jan 2020	Mar 2020	Establish vision, identify key issues, and develop a list of potential scenarios.
Phase 2: Scenario Selection	Apr 2020	Jun 2020	Develop and evaluate scenarios, select a preferred scenario.
Phase 3: Plan Development	Jul 2020	Dec 2020	Develop an overall plan that implements the adopted scenario.
Phase 4: Approval	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Final review and approval by the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners.

WHY UPDATE THE PLAN?

- Union County is growing and will continue to grow. Where do we want the growth to go?
- Union County has an imbalance of jobs and workers due to tens of thousands of residents driving out of the county every day for work.
- Growth impacts infrastructure, environment, community, business, and agriculture. How do we balance these impacts?

WHO IS DEVELOPING THE PLAN?

- Union County Planning Department is facilitating the process
- A coordinating committee of 10 residents oversees all phases of the process
- Coordination committee is advised by five resident-led focus area sub-committees
- All meetings are monthly and open to the public

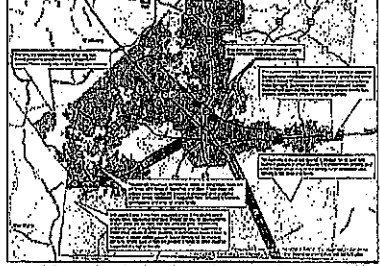


COMPARE THE SCENARIOS

The three scenarios have different combinations of regulations, land use patterns, and new programs. Please think about the following issues when reviewing the scenarios:

- More flexibility versus concentrated areas for allowing high-density development
- Allowing commercial development in specific areas versus maintaining a quiet, residential atmosphere
- Allowing schools to locate anywhere in unincorporated Union County versus establishing siting requirements
- Additional regulations and requirements for new developments to mitigate for impacts versus limited regulatory burden
- Lower county taxes versus increased taxes to pay for transportation, recreation, environmental health, and downtown development
- Required well testing and subsidizing well remediation versus treating unsafe wells as a property owner concern
- Supporting municipal land use planning on their periphery versus maintaining county land use planning authority in unincorporated areas

EXISTING LAND USE PLAN SCENARIO



EXISTING LAND USE PLAN SCENARIO DETAILS

- Flexible Land Use Plan:** The first scenario to consider is based on the 2014 Union County Comprehensive Plan's land use map. The higher density residential districts in this land use plan reflect water and sewer utility coverage areas. The county makes land use recommendations for the small pockets of unincorporated Union County surrounded by municipal areas, which reflected the loss of extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) for many municipalities based on changes in state law.
- Predictable Land Development:** The county would process rezonings for new development by referring to this map for guidance.
- Low Taxes:** There are no new initiatives or programs proposed in this scenario. Existing initiatives, such as the short term water extension program, and the \$100,000 annual commitment for transportation projects, would continue.
- Support for Agriculture:** The county would continue support and advocacy for agriculture as a critical industry in Union County, including advocating for broadband internet access into rural areas.

MANAGEMENT SCENARIO

MANAGEMENT SCENARIO DETAILS

- Regulatory In Nature:** The Management scenario reflects a land use plan and set of regulatory changes to manage growth. Proposed changes to development requirements would affect where new subdivisions would be supported, but designated commercial areas are the same as those found in the existing land use plan. The employment corridors and nodes remain from the existing land use plan as well. The county would continue support and advocacy for agriculture as a critical industry in Union County, including advocating for broadband internet access into rural areas.
- Revised Land Use Plan:** Reflects a development pattern based on a wide range of input from the public, subject matter experts on a range of topics, and committee members. In addition to traditional land use categories such as residential and commercial, this scenario proposes a new land use category - "Transition Zone".
- Low Taxes:** Includes no new programs that would require tax increases, such as building new parks. Union County would maintain its \$100,000 per year commitment to transportation projects.
- Increased Stormwater Controls:** Stormwater issues are addressed by increasing regulations on new developments - requiring larger stormwater detention basins, as well as increased and more frequent buffers along streams.
- Well Inspections:** New homes would require a well inspection before they are given a certificate of occupancy.
- Support for Agriculture:** Recognition as a critical industry in Union County, including advocating to expanding broadband internet into rural areas.

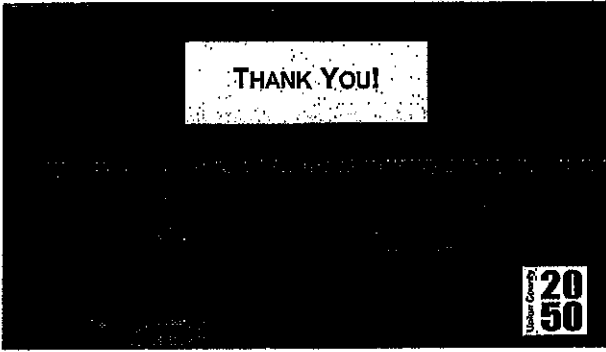


ADVANCEMENT SCENARIO DETAILS

- The Advancement scenario uses the same land use plan from the Management Scenario, but includes revised regulations as well as advance initiatives to implement the overall comprehensive plan.
- Revised Land Use Plans:** Reflects a development pattern based on a wide range of input from the public, subject matter experts on a range of topics, and committee members. In addition to traditional land use categories such as residential and commercial, this scenario proposes a new land use category - "Transition Zone"
- New Programs:** Reflects input from the community for responses on issues of concern, such as safe drinking water, recreation, and transportation. This plan would include the following initiatives to implement the vision of Union County in 2050:
 - Increasing transportation investments from \$100,000 to up to \$5 million
 - Partnerships with municipalities to build new parks, trails, and greenways
 - Increased stormwater regulations to reduce the intensity and volume of runoff from new construction
 - Mandatory well inspections for sales of both new and existing homes to inform potential homebuyers with the status of the safety of drinking water
 - Continued county-funded initiatives to address unsafe wells, including short line water extensions and in-house water filtration systems
 - Establish a task force to identify strategies to address litter
 - Support and advocacy for agriculture as a critical industry in Union County, including coordinating resources to expanding broadband internet into rural areas

WE WANT YOU TO BE INVOLVED!

- Attend an in-person meeting
 - July 8, 2020 5 - 7 pm
Mineral Springs Volunteer Fire Department,
6804 Washaw Highway, Mineral Springs, NC 28108
 - July 9, 2020 5 - 7 pm
Union County Agricultural Center
3230-D Presson Road, Monroe, NC 28112
 - July 10, 2020 12 - 2 pm
Indian Trail Town Hall
316 Matthews-Indian Trail Road, Indian Trail, NC 28078
- Request a presentation for your community group
- Attend a sub-committee or coordinating committee meeting
- Add your email address on the sign in sheet



2050 Growth Projections and Distribution
June 2020

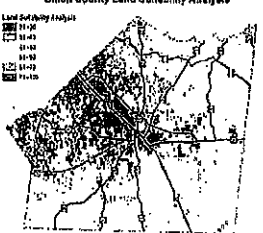
2050 Projections

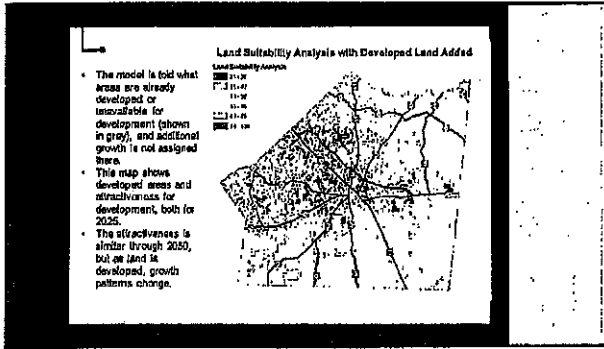
- Union County is included in the Metrolina Regional Travel Demand Model
- Population, school enrollment and employment projections are critical inputs
- Model relies on a growth allocation program, called CommunityViz, to distribute growth
- We have 141,000 people and 63,000 jobs to allocate in the county using CommunityViz
- The following maps are based on the CommunityViz outputs

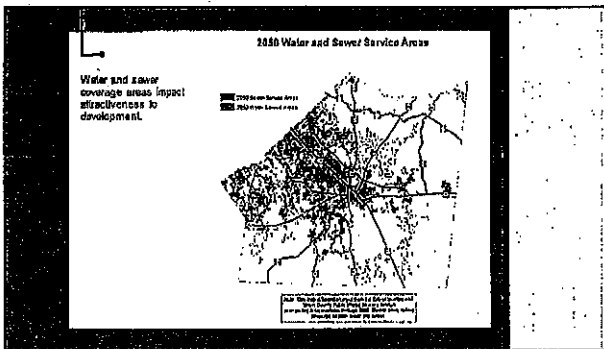
Union County Land Suitability Analysis

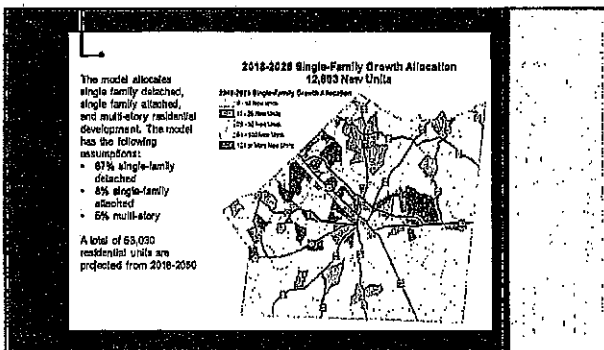
If Union County were undeveloped, but the water, sewer, roads, and land use plans were in place, growth would be assigned to the bright green areas first, and the red areas last.

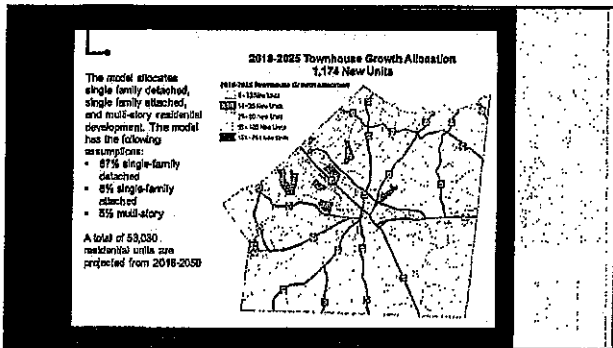
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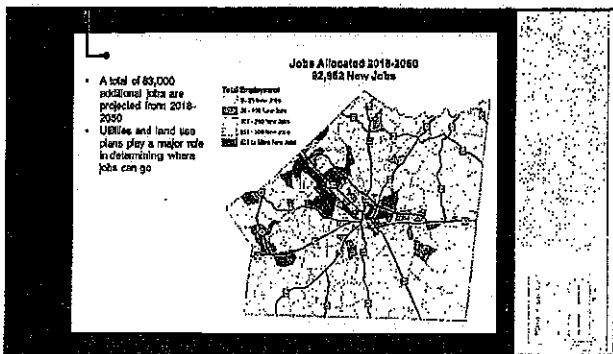


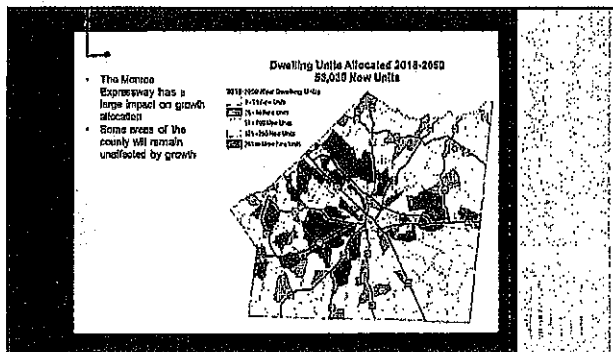












Takeaways

- Water and sewer utility coverage areas are very influential on development patterns
- Residential development pressures will expand south and east under existing land use plans
- Expanding development patterns will exacerbate congestion and other infrastructure concerns

THANK YOU!

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