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News Release

Commissioners Revise Proposed County Budget

May 23, 2013, Monroe, NC – The Union County Board of Commissioners on Thursday unanimously approved a motion to revise the county’s proposed FY 2014 Operating and Capital Budget to allocate \$3 million in capital funds and \$82.2 million in current expense funding for Union County Public Schools (UCPS) to specific priority areas.

“Based on their presentation to us on May 15, I came away with three priority areas for the school system,” said Commissioner Jonathan Thomas. “Those priority areas were security, safety of the Piedmont High School football stadium and the classroom.”

The \$3 million in capital funds designated to UCPS in the proposed budget will be reallocated as follows:

- \$1,742,334 for the replacement of the Piedmont High School home bleachers, restrooms, press box and parking lot.
- \$1,026,875 for student safety/security projects, including fencing, security doors and host interface devices.
- \$230,791 for other facilities, technology or ADA compliance projects.

The \$82,260,408 of FY 2014 current expense funding allotted to UCPS in the proposed budget to UCPS will be appropriated as follows:

- Fully fund the UCPS request for purpose code 5000 (Instructional Funding) of \$45,573,236.
- Fully fund the UCPS request for purpose code 8000 (Payments to Charter Schools) of \$3,520,000.
- Partially fund the UCPS request for purpose code 6000 (Supporting Services) at \$33,167,172.

The proposed budget will also indicate that the Union County Board of Education is limited to a maximum annual transfer of up to 10 percent, without Union Board of County Commissioner approval, between purpose codes, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 115C-433(b).

These changes to the proposed budget will be reflected in the Budget Ordinance and Capital Project Ordinance scheduled to be voted on by commissioners on June 3.