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## **News Release**

### **Commissioners Recognize Finance Division for Receiving GFOA Budget Award**

**April 22, 2014, Monroe, NC** – Union County Board of Commission Chairman Frank Aikmus presented Union County Chief Financial Officer Jeff Yates with the 2013 Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Award at last night's commission meeting.

In March, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) announced that Union County's Administrative Services Finance Division had received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal year 2013-2014 budget. The award is the highest form of recognition of government budgeting.

The award represents a significant achievement by Union County and reflects the commitment of Union County and staff to meeting the highest principles of government budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, Union County had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide and communications device.

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

Union County is the first organization in the county to receive the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. In 2012 there were only 17 Counties and 50 municipalities, special districts or school districts in North Carolina that received this recognition of distinction out of more than 540 municipalities, 100 Counties and 110 School Districts.

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