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News Release

Board Supports Elevated Water Tank in Weddington

June 17, 2014, Monroe, NC – The Union County Board of Commissioners on Monday authorized County Manager Cindy Coto to direct staff to move forward with the bidding and construction of the elevated water storage tank on the Hemby Road site in Weddington.

At their May 5, 2014 meeting, commissioners asked staff to provide them with a specific cost comparison between the construction of an elevated water storage tank and the cost of building a ground level storage tank on the Hemby Road site. At their June 2, 2014 meeting, staff presented this comparison to the Board for review. Based upon direction given on June 2, a meeting was held with the Town of Weddington on June 10. Those in attendance included Mayor Bill Deter, Council Member Pamela Hadley, two residents of Weddington, Chris Duggan, private attorney, as well as the county's Public Works director, county manager, two engineering consultants who prepared the cost comparison and commissioners Jerry Simpson and Richard Helms.

Based on the discussions held, county staff recommended moving forward with the bidding and construction of the elevated storage tank on the Hemby Road site.

It is anticipated that the project will be advertised for bids this week with an award for construction within three months, followed by an 18-month construction period to complete the project. The estimated construction cost for the project is \$4,675 million.