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Press Release

Union County Breaks Ground for New Human Services Building

MONROE, N.C. (April 25, 2016) --Union County began a new chapter in its history today. Local officials joined together to celebrate the groundbreaking of the County's new Human Services building.

The new 144,000 square-foot Human Services building is targeted for completion in fall 2017. It will house the Division of Social Services, Division of Public Health and Human Services Administration. It is replacing the existing 90,000 square-foot facility known as Union Village, currently being leased to house those departments. The building will be located at the intersection of US 601 (Skyway Drive) and Concord Avenue in Monroe, N.C. on approximately 30.53 acres of land.

Stony Rushing, Chairman of Union County Board of Commissioners, kicked off the ceremony, which included County Manager Cindy Coto and Richard Matens, Executive Director of Human Services.

"The Human Services building marks a huge step forward for Union County," said Coto. "This project will touch so many facets of our community, offering safe, accessible and welcoming care services to our residents."

The facility was designed by Perkins and Will, Inc. and is being constructed by Monteith Construction Company at a cost of \$24,376,000. Perkins and Will, Inc. recommended award of the construction contract to Monteith based on their reputation for quality, cost-effective projects. Monteith's bid was the lowest of the five bids received and was nearly \$5 million below the budget for this construction.

"The resources of this world-class center will enable us to offer improved customer service to our residents," said Richard Matens, Executive Director of Human Services. "Through our new facility, our incomparable staff will have sufficient space and equipment, all of which gives us the ability to even more effectively coordinate services and care for the community."

Serving residents since 1937, Union County Public Health focuses primarily on prevention services. Public Health provides continual surveillance of health conditions in the county, sends statistical information to the state, and networks with the state for information vital for health program planning.

The Union County Division of Social Services strives to help families support themselves and to provide care and protection for children, the disabled, and the elderly as it is needed.

Human Services aims to provide a multi-disciplined, coordinated approach to services and resources designed to empower Union County residents to live a more productive, healthier and higher quality of life.

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