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News Release

Residents to Vote on Bonds for SPCC and Union County Public Schools

June 24, 2016, Monroe, NC – The Board of County Commissioners took the first step today to call for a General Obligation Bond referendum in November. The total amount to be placed on the ballot is \$104.5 million.

The Board voted to break the ballot into three questions, \$40.2 million for South Piedmont Community College, \$10.1 million for construction of a new library in western Union County, and \$54.2 million for Union County Public Schools. Should the referendum be successful, the estimated tax impact will be a 3.13 cent tax increase starting in FY 2018, however the Board took no action related to taxes.

“This is a step to partner with our local community college to provide job skills training and invest in our local workforce and economic development prospects,” said Frank Aikmus, Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Stony Rushing commented, “The reduced amount of the UCPS bonds, down from \$230 million, will address the most pressing needs for expansion and renovation at these schools; the remainder of the projects will be part of the joint planning process.”

While the referendum will be held with the general election in November, the next action concerning the bond question and language will be on July 18, 2016, in the Board of County Commissioners’ meeting room.