

# UNION COUNTY

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## Press Release

### Union County ‘Tops Out’ New Human Services Building

**MONROE, N.C. (November 22, 2016)** -- Union County Public Works (UCPW) commemorated the official "topping out" for the new Human Services building on Friday, November 18. The "topping out" marked the conclusion of the main structural work of the 144,000-square-foot project, which is scheduled to be completed and ready for occupancy by February 2018.

The new Human Services building 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 acres of land. The facility was designed by Perkins and Will, Inc. and is being constructed by Monteith Construction Company at a cost of \$24,376,000.

“The new Human Services building will play a vital role in Union County’s service to our residents,” said Michelle Lancaster, Interim Executive Director of Human Services for Union County. “It is extremely exciting to be involved in something as monumental as this project. Our new facility will greatly improve how we care for thousands of our residents each year.”

Beam “topping out” ceremonies are part of a long construction industry tradition to celebrate the ultimate height of the new structure. For the Human Services building, the final beam was signed by the tradesmen who worked on the project, and hoisted into place to signify the steel frame’s completion.

“This is an important milestone that we’ve reached and it’s exciting to see the building’s progress,” said Scott Huneycutt, Engineering Division Director, UCPW. “This is a beautiful facility and we look forward to seeing it completed and serving the community in the near future.”

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