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News Release

Mark Watson Selected as New County Manager

December 17, 2018, Monroe, NC – The Union County Board of Commissioners on Monday named Mark Watson as the new County Manager, effective Jan. 1, 2019.

Watson has served as the County’s Chief Human Resources Officer for the past 24 years. He has a great understanding of local government in North Carolina and internal knowledge that spans explosive growth of the state’s eighth largest county. Prior to joining Union County, Watson served in various human resources roles with Hecht’s/Thalhimer’s upscale retailer.

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Richard Helms expressed his delight in the Board’s selection. “Mark is a long tenured employee and longtime resident of Union County. He has institutional knowledge that will be valuable and also new ideas that will bring a unique perspective to the role of County Manager. I look forward to our Board working alongside him in this new role and supporting him as our organization and community continue to evolve.”

Watson has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Winthrop University. He and his wife, Jewel have three children and two grandchildren and reside in Waxhaw.

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