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Construction to Begin on New Emergency Services Complex

MONROE, N.C. (November 30, 2020) – Leaders from Union County will gather for a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the beginning of construction on a new Emergency Services Complex on December 1, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. The new Emergency Services Complex will be nearly 24,000 square feet and will be located on Concord Avenue, next to the Union County Human Services building. The complex will house the Fire Marshal's Office, Emergency Management, and Emergency Communications.

"Our Emergency Services employees work around the clock to answer the call and serve our residents during some of the most critical moments of their life," said Mark Watson, Union County Manager. "I'm proud we will soon be able to provide a modern facility with the latest tools and technology that allows these dedicated employees to make a difference in the lives of the residents of Union County."

The Emergency Services Complex will be a one-story building with a brick façade with metal panels. It includes windows above eye level in the 911 call center and Emergency Operations Center to provide natural light for employees working to provide critical services.

"Union County has experienced tremendous growth and in turn, put great pressure on our Emergency Services," said Patrick Niland, Assistant County Manager. "These departments have been operating with limited resources for several years and have done an incredible job despite lacking a space that allows for immediate collaboration."

"This year in particular has been challenging for Emergency Management," said Andrew Ansley, Director of Emergency Management. "Our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been operating for a record 261 days as of December 1, 2020. Our current EOC is very limited in space and we look forward to a more functional facility that allows us to serve this community in times of crisis."

The estimated cost of construction is \$12,875,574 and is being funded by a 2018 bond that was approved by voters. Construction will start in December of 2020 and is expected to be completed in February 2022.

ADW Architects designed the complex. Balfour Beatty will lead construction of the complex.

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