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News Release

Board opposes forced annexation

January 19, 2011, Monroe, NC — The Union County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday approved a resolution requesting the North Carolina General Assembly repeal state laws allowing forced annexation.

North Carolina general statutes allow municipalities to annex properties meeting statutory standards without involvement of the affected property owners or the affected county through a process commonly referred to as “forced annexation.”

When forced annexation occurs, municipalities are often required to extend public utilities which allow higher population densities within the annexation areas.

After annexation occurs, the county is still required by state laws to provide specific services to residents within the annexation areas, including school facilities, emergency medical services, public health services and various social related services.

Although the county is required to provide these services, the county loses a significant amount of revenue due to the shifting of sales tax dollars tied to the areas annexed.

Residents in the areas considered for forced annexation are not permitted to vote on the issue or have representation on the governing body making the final decision. The residents have no appeal process other than legal action through the court system.

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