

Legislative Update

December 16, 2024



UNIONCOUNTY
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Guiding Principles

- Support legislative efforts that protect and/or enhance local governments' revenues and/or increase local funding flexibility.
- Oppose unfunded mandates and any initiatives that fail to fully fund services shifted to the County.

Recap – Short Session

- EMS Bases Funding
- **Regional ME Office Flexibility**
 - **Flexibility to implement the South Piedmont Regional Autopsy Center – allow work to begin before facility is built by using a phasing approach for all nine counties.**
 - Union (asap)
 - Anson/Cabarrus (12/2024)
 - Montgomery/Rowan/Stanly (6/2025)
 - Moore/Richmond (11/2025)
 - Gaston (6/2026)
- **Seek additional clarifying language for the budget language from 2022 - Eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) to Union County for land acquisition, design, permitting, and construction of any of the following:**
 - a. **A new water reclamation facility in the Crooked Creek watershed.**
 - b. **An expansion of the Poplin Road pump station.**
- Seek and support state funding to allow continuation of the UCPS daily, in-school tutoring program.
- Seek legislation that would allow Union County Water to sell water from the Yadkin Regional Water Project to the City of Monroe (and others).

Budget Info

Limited budget action – no individual projects

Opportunity Scholarships

(Union County – 1052 students/\$3,534,437)

Other Items

- Tax Notification provision
- Mini budget (no member projects/no capital projects)
- election
- hurricane

2025 Legislative Priorities

Requested Items

- Funding for appropriate placements and treatment options mandated by EPSDT and Medicaid for foster children
- Support North Carolina Farmland and Military Protection Act
- Seek legislation that allows for consistent application of the homestead exemption for all 100 counties.
- Seek repeal of SB 382 downzoning provisions
- Restore/allocate funds to the NC Scrap Tire Program sufficient to cover all disposal costs incurred by counties for the proper disposal of scrap tires.
 - *Alternate – Eliminate provisions mandating that counties provide scrap tire disposal at no cost*
- Allow local governments to prioritize commercial/industrial sewer capacity over
- Long term concerns with wastewater alternatives, lack of oversight, and long-term responsibility
- Increase state funding for Senior Nutrition

Carry Over Items

- Establish drag queen performances as adult entertainment at adult establishments. (carry over from 2023)
- Seek and support state funding to allow continuation of the UCPS daily, in-school tutoring program.
- Support state funding for treatment courts.
- Seek funding for Union County jail construction
- EMS Base Funding



Questions?



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