Notice of Special Joint Meeting and Public Hearings of the Catawba County Board of Commissioners and Hickory City Council Pursuant to NC General Statute §158-7.1

Notice is hereby given of Public Hearings to be held at a Special Joint Meeting of the Hickory City Council and Catawba County Board of Commissioners on Monday, November 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hickory Metro Convention Center, 1960 13th Avenue Drive SE, Hickory, North Carolina. The City of Hickory and Catawba County will hold public hearings and consider economic development agreements with US Conec Ltd. Pursuant to NC General Statute §158-7.1. This project involves the manufacture of plastic components for the communications industry. Performance-based grants will be considered with City and County total incentives not to exceed $2,517,238 and $2,204,656 respectively. US Conec Ltd. Will create 200 new jobs and make an investment in taxable real and personal property improvements of up to $140,000,000.00. Failure to make the minimum investment and comply with other performance requirements will result in recapture of all incentive payments. The Hickory City Council and Catawba County Board of Commissioners intend to enter into economic development agreements to ensure performance and believe this project will help stimulate and stabilize the local economy.

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting to present their comments.

This the 9th day of November, 2026.

Debbie D. Miller, City of Hickory, City Clerk