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Town of Farmville, NC

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**Farmville's request for Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) Expansion  
approved by the Pitt County Commissioners**

The Town of Farmville, received approval from the Pitt County Commissioners to extend the ETJ to include land purchased for a new industrial park. The Commissioners voted unanimously to grant the extension.

“The new industrial park, located between highway 121 and 264A on the western side of Farmville, will have a long-term, positive economic impact on the Town,” said Mayor Robert Evans. “We are very pleased the Commissioners see the benefit it will bring the Town and the County.”

The ETJ expansion area encompasses 390 acres and 13 landowners. The Town of Farmville owns approximately 100 acres of the area.

The ETJ extension request followed the criteria set forth by the County Commissioners to ensure provision of services and long-term planning. The Town of Farmville now acquires the jurisdiction for all of its ordinances, pursuant to Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, including zoning and subdivision ordinances, housing and building codes and regulations, historic landmarks, open spaces, community development, erosion control, and roadway corridors. In North Carolina, most cities and towns with populations greater than 2,500 have taken advantage of the statutory authority to exercise extraterritorial land use regulation.

“We will now begin planning and developing the industrial park on the 90 acres the Town purchased so we can begin marketing Farmville,” said Richard Hicks, Town Manager.

During the public hearing Hicks told the Commissioners that the Town will be able to expand water and sewer services in the area. Jeanne Bonds, Assistant Town Manager, answered questions about the long term planning of the area, noting that the Town's industrial park will be well-planned with industrial park regulations and that this area will now be a new gateway into the Town.

The Pitt County Planning Board approved the ETJ expansion request in August. The October 20<sup>th</sup> action by the County Commissioners is the final step in the process.

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