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**CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING**

Public notice is hereby given, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes, that the Catawba County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing during a Special Joint Meeting with the Town of Catawba, the City of Conover, the City of Hickory, and the Town of Maiden, on Monday, September 17, 2012 beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the third floor of Conover Station, 403 Conover Station SE, Conover, North Carolina on the following items:

The Catawba County Board of Commissioners intends to consider entering into the following:

1. An Interlocal Agreement for a Business Park for Economic Development with the City of Conover, the City of Hickory, the Town of Maiden and the Town of Catawba. Under the agreement, the County will be cooperating with the named municipalities to acquire, develop and operate a business park on a tract of land comprising approximately 70 acres off of US Interstate I-40, Exit 132 at NC HWY 16 in Conover. Anticipated improvements include road construction (approximate cost: \$702,053); water and sewer lines (approximate cost \$679,800); and site grading (approximate cost: \$1,200,758). The Catawba County Economic Development Corporation and a North Carolina Department of Commerce loan will be the source of funding for the improvements. The public will benefit by the creation of three marketable, site ready parcels because of the ability to attract industry, create jobs and increase the County's tax base;
2. An Interlocal Agreement for Loan Payback with the City of Conover, the City of Hickory, the Town of Maiden and the Town of Catawba for repaying Catawba County, based on the municipalities respective participation shares, a loan from the NC Department of Commerce for park development.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Individuals needing assistance should contact the Conover City Clerk at 828-464-1191 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Conover Station is handicapped accessible and handicapped parking is located on the east side of the building. Participation in public meetings is without regard to race, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, color, or disability.