## "A New Home for Jonesville"

## **Outline of Need:**

The Town of Jonesville, North Carolina was in desperate need of a new town hall and governmental center. The existing town hall was 54 years old and lacked space, parking, and handicap accessibility.

## How Rural Development Helped:

In May 2004 Rural Development began working with the town on providing a Community Facilities loan to purchase or construct a new building to house the town hall,

police department, council chambers, and the local tourism group.

After considering existing buildings that just did not fit their needs, in 2006, Rural Development was able to approve a 40 year, fixed interest rate loan in the amount of \$1,352,500 for a brand new 5500 square foot facility designed to be multi-purpose and flexible.

## The Results:

The new facility is now open and will not only provide adequate space for town and police business, but will be the "gateway to the wine country" consisting of Yadkin, Wilkes and Surry Counties. In addition, the new facility will provide space for the local tourism group to provide needed training for local service industry staff for employment

opportunities. Adequate space had not been available in the local area.

Relocating the town hall has also provided a healthier working environment for town employees and police officers. The old building held mold and mildew which was affecting the health of the employees.

The dedication for the new facility was held on June 20, 2008. The local VFW Post presented the colors and a 21-gun salute.



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