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Post Office Operations Return to Marshall Madison County, NC – February 11, 2026

Fifteen months after Hurricane Helene destroyed the Marshall Post Office and after months of stalled negotiations, the United States Postal Service (USPS) and Madison County Government identified a potential short-term solution for the Marshall Post Office. In November 2025, County leadership initiated discussions with local and Washington, D.C.-based USPS representatives regarding both short and long term Marshall Post Office solutions. In several correspondences throughout November and into January, the Board of Commissioners, Vice Chairman Jeremy Hensley, Commissioner Alan Wyatt, and County Manager Rod Honeycutt suggested using an existing County Modular office space on Elizabeth Lane in Marshall as a potential temporary solution.

At a February 10, 2026, meeting between USPS Real Estate representatives, Richard Hancock, and County leadership, USPS indicated it would deploy architects and engineers to survey the site as a possible 36–60 month temporary Marshall Post Office solution. According to Hancock, “we want to see this move forward and return general postal services to Marshall as soon as possible.”

Following a USPS assessment of the modular office space, the Madison County Board of Commissioners will consider approving a 36–60 month lease with USPS. “Our Marshall neighbors are tired of the drive to Weaverville,” said Honeycutt. “Vice Chairman Hensley, Commissioner Wyatt, and I should be able to present a comprehensive short-term solution for the Board's consideration very soon.”

“While this is great news, we can't lose sight of the long-term solution,” stated Commissioner Wyatt. “Elizabeth Lane is the only temporary solution USPS is interested in at this point.”

“We need to put this in place as soon as possible,” stated Hensley.

Attorneys for USPS and Madison County have reviewed and approved the potential short-term lease. According to Honeycutt, “We have the where and the length, now we just need the when.”

The long-term USPS solution will include a facility near US 25/70 with 6,050 square feet, thirty-one parking spaces, and two loading docks.

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