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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met in Regular Session at 7:31 p.m. on August 24, 2021, immediately following its Rescheduled Work Session at 6:00 p.m., in The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse.

Chairman Tom Keigher presided with Commissioners Allen R. Fraley, Vice-Chairman; Chad Brown, Bob Hovis, Kim Johnson (via telephone), Tracy L. Philbeck and Ronnie Worley in attendance.

Others present included Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager; Jonathan L. Sink, County Attorney; Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board.

*During the preceding Work Session, Commissioner Worley led those assembled in the Invocation and Commissioner Brown led in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

Chairman Keigher announced the Public Hearing as advertised; explained procedures to be used and called for the motion to enter into Public Hearing.

Commissioner Hovis introduced the motion to enter into Public Hearing and Commissioner Brown provided the second. The Chairman called for Commissioner Johnson's voice vote and called for the vote from the remaining members (via show of hands) which carried unanimously.

Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Authorize the Sale of Real Property for Economic Development and Approve a Level Four Economic Incentive Grant for Project Ashbury

Chairman Keigher recognized Ms. Leslie Campbell, Economic Development Commission (EDC) Director of Business Development, for comments.

Ms. Campbell advised the BOC is requested to approve the sale of lot 9 in the Apple Creek Corporate Park to Project Ashbury and to authorize a Level Four Grant for the investment of a food manufacturing company; asked if the BOC had any questions.

Chairman Keigher called for citizen comment and for questions from the BOC; none were heard.

Chairman Keigher called for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously closed the Public Hearing.

Chairman Keigher called for a motion to approve.

Commissioner Brown introduced the motion to approve and Commissioner Hovis provided the second.

Commissioner Worley stated he had questions and asked how much Project Ashbury was investing in the food manufacturing company and what is their anticipated employee count.

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Ms. Campbell responded \$48M in the facility and they will hire around 230 employees; they make prepackaged meals that are sold in grocery stores and convenience stores.

Chairman Keigher called for Commissioner Johnson's voice vote and called for the vote from the remaining members (via show of hands) and **2021-215** carried unanimously as follows:

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 158-7.1 authorizes a County to undertake an economic development project by conveying property to a company in order to induce the company to locate or expand its operations within the County; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County is the owner and developer of the Apple Creek Business Park, Parcel 10 of which is a 26.83 acre tract; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County and Project Ashbury have engaged in private negotiations for the conveyance of Parcel 9, to the end that Project Ashbury may construct a manufacturing facility on the tract, and have reached a tentative agreement on the terms for conveyance of the property and for a Level Four Economic Incentive Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Gaston County has held a public hearing to consider whether to approve conveyance of the tract and the Level Four grant to Project Ashbury.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners:

1. Authorizes the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners to execute the necessary documents to convey to Project Ashbury the real property more particularly described below:

See Attached Map

2. The conveyance of the property to Project Ashbury will stimulate the local economy, promote business, and result in the creation of a substantial number of jobs in Gaston County. The probable average annual wage at the facility to be constructed by Project Ashbury is \$41,000. The determination of the probable average hourly wage at the facility is based upon materials provided to the County by Project Ashbury.
3. The fair market value of the property, subject to the covenants and conditions associated with the Apple Creek Business Park, is \$70,000.00 per acre. This determination of fair market value is based upon the sales prices of comparable tracts of land, as reported to the Board of Commissioners.
4. As consideration for the conveyance of the property, Project Ashbury will pay \$65,000.00 per acre, subject to survey, at closing. This facility will generate property tax revenues over the next ten years in an amount at least to sufficient return to the County the total fair market value of the property.
5. As further consideration for the conveyance of the property, Project Ashbury has agreed to construct on the property an advanced manufacturing facility at a cost of at least \$48,000,000.



### Agenda Revision/Approval

- **ADDED/** Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - *To Approve a COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive for Gaston County Employees – IV., R.*
- **PULLED TO NON-CONSENT/** Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - *To Approve a COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive for Gaston County Employees – V.*
- **ADDED/** Commissioner Fraley - BOC - *Resolution in Memoriam Recognizing Judge Robert William Kirby for His Many Contributions to Gaston County and to Dedicate and Rename the Fourth Floor Jury Assembly Room in the Gaston County Courthouse in His Honor – IV., S.*
- **ADDED/** Commissioner Hovis – BOC - *Resolution Honoring Judge Jesse B. Caldwell, III Upon His Retirement as Senior Resident Superior Court Judge – IV., T.*

Commissioner Hovis introduced the motion to approve the Agenda of August 24, 2021 with changes as noted above and Commissioner Philbeck provided the second. The Chairman called for Commissioner Johnson's voice vote and called for the vote from the remaining members (via show of hands) which carried unanimously.

### Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Philbeck introduced the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 27, 2021 and the Special Session of August 6, 2021 and Commissioner Brown provided the second. The Chairman called for Commissioner Johnson's voice vote and called for the vote from the remaining members (via show of hands) which carried unanimously.

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**Citizen Recognition**

None.

**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Brown introduced the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Worley provided the second. The Chairman called for Commissioner Johnson's voice vote and called for the vote from the remaining members (via show of hands) which carried unanimously as follows:

**2021-216 Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy - To Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds from the NC Finance Agency for the 2021 Urgent Repair Program Cycle per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
2021 Urgent Repair Program Grant	010-07-4130-4134-420000-22503	(\$100,000)
Transfers from CIP	010-98-9800-0000-480040	(\$2,500)
2021 Urgent Repair Program Grant	010-07-4130-4134-560000-22503	\$102,500
Fund Balance Appropriated	040-99-9900-0000-490000	(\$2,500)
Transfers to General Fund	040-98-9800-0000-580010	\$2,500

**2021-217 Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy - To Accept and Appropriate an Essential Family Rehabilitation Grant Awarded by NC Housing Finance Agency (\$190,000) (County Match - \$2,000) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
2021 ESFR Grant	010-07-4130-4134-420000-22504	(\$190,000)
Transfers from CIP	010-98-9800-0000-480040	(\$2,000)
2021 ESFR Grant	010-07-4130-4134-560000-22504	\$192,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	040-99-9900-0000-490000	(\$2,000)
Transfers to General Fund	040-98-9800-0000-580010	\$2,000

**2021-218 Commissioner Keigher - Budget & Strategy - Administrative Change to Correct Account Numbers on Carry Forward List for Board Action 2021-143 Adopted at 5/25/2021 BOC Meeting (Administrative Correction) as follows:**

Department	From	To
Sheriff's Office	010-02-4315-4315-520003-21573	010-02-4315-4315- <del>520015</del> -21573
Sheriff's Office	010-02-4315-4315-520004-50Adv	010-02-4315-4315- <del>510001</del> -50Adv
Sheriff's Office	010-02-4315-4315-520005-Advoc	010-02-4315-4315- <del>510001</del> -Advoc
Sheriff's Office	010-02-4315-4315-520006-Dvdep	010-02-4315-4315- <del>510001</del> -Dvdep

**2021-219 Commissioner Fraley - County Attorney - To Approve the Engagement of Fox Rothschild LLP to Represent Gaston County Through Niche Mining and Land Use Issues and to Appropriate the Necessary Funds for the Execution of the Agreement (Cost Not to Exceed \$75,000) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	010-99-9900-0000-490000-	(\$75,000)
Prof Svcs: Lithium Counsel	010-01-4150-0000-530010-22025	\$75,000

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**2021-220 Commissioner Brown - County Attorney - To Authorize an Interlocal Grant Agreement With the City of Gastonia to Relocate Public Utilities at 147 W. Main Avenue (Center City Crossings) and to appropriate the Necessary Funds for the Execution of the Interlocal Grant Agreement (Not to Exceed \$370,000) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	041-99-9900-0000-490000-	(\$370,000)
Transfer to Capital Improvements	041-98-9800-0000-580040-	\$370,000
Transfer from Community Investment	040-98-9800-0000-480041-	(\$370,000)
COG: Utilities Relocation	040-07-4920-4920-540006-22024	\$370,000

**2021-221 Commissioner Worley - County Manager - Resolution in Support of the Charlotte Area Transit System's (CATS) LYNX Silver Line Extending Into Gaston County and to Seek Federal, State, and Local Funding Options for the Silver Line Project as follows:**

WHEREAS, more transportation options are needed to provide greater mobility to the existing residents as well as the growing population in Gaston County; and,

WHEREAS, the US Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies, LODES, (2018) indicates that 36,364 Gaston County residents are traveling into Mecklenburg County each weekday for work; and,

WHEREAS, the Charlotte MSA region is home to over 2.6 million people and is expected to grow to over 3.0 million by 2030 and the key to supporting this economic growth is a rapid transit system integrated with land-use planning creating a sustainable, economic-environment which improves the quality of life and attracts businesses and people to the region; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County stakeholders have expressed interest in exploring rapid transit options into Gaston County from Mecklenburg County; and,

WHEREAS, the 2019 adoption of the LYNX Silver Line Locally Preferred Alternative defined the Silver Line as a 26-mile continuous light rail corridor from the Town of Matthews to Center City Charlotte and continuing west to the Charlotte Douglas International Airport and beyond to a western terminus in the City of Belmont and Gaston County; and,

WHEREAS, in early 2020, the cities of Belmont and Gastonia committed both cash and in-kind services to the LYNX Silver Line Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Plan; and,

WHEREAS, in January 2020, the Charlotte Area Transit System initiated the Silver Line Design and Environmental Study; and,

WHEREAS, beginning in March of 2020 the LYNX Silver Line project team worked with staff from the City of Charlotte, Town of Matthews, City of Belmont, Town of Stallings, Town of Indian Trail, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, major stakeholders along the alignment, and the residents in the study area to refine the alignment and station locations in an open, fair, comprehensive, and impartial manner; and,

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2021 the City of Belmont adopted a Resolution Supporting the LYNX Silver Line Refined Locally Preferred Alternative; and,

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2021 the Metropolitan Transit Commission adopted the LYNX Silver Line Staff Recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County must have authority approved by the North Carolina General Assembly to seek additional funding from a county-wide source; and,

WHEREAS, in order to adequately fund the extension of the LYNX Silver Line in to Gaston County the North Carolina General Assembly must increase the current cap of 10% for light rail projects in North Carolina; and,

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WHEREAS, Gaston County and effected Municipalities must work directly with the City of Charlotte, CATS, and the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) to secure sufficient federal funds to complete the extension of the LYNX Silver Line into Gaston County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the LYNX Silver Line in Gaston County and will seek federal, state, and local funding options for the Silver Line project.

**2021-222 Commissioner Philbeck - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information as follows:**

ENTRY DATE	DEPT NAME	ACCOUNT	DR/CR	AMOUNT
07/13/2021	Finance	010-01-4130-0000-520014-	C	\$ 2,500.00
07/13/2021		010-01-4130-0000-540001-	D	\$ 2,500.00
07/14/2021	Tax	010-01-4140-0000-530029-	D	\$ 0.25
07/14/2021		010-01-4140-0000-540001-	C	\$ 0.25
07/14/2021	HR	010-01-4122-0000-520002-	C	\$ 10,000.00
07/14/2021		010-01-4122-0000-530010-	C	\$ 22,855.00
07/14/2021		010-01-4122-0000-520012-	D	\$ 32,855.00
07/16/2021	Hope United	010-05-5810-4121-520011-21567	C	\$ 1,150.00
07/16/2021		010-05-5810-4121-520002-21567	D	\$ 1,150.00
07/19/2021	Public Works	040-01-4265-4260-540005-18119	C	\$ 6,010.00
07/19/2021		040-01-4265-4260-540005-21030	D	\$ 6,010.00
07/19/2021	Finance	010-01-4210-0000-530030-RICOH	D	\$ 130,083.00
07/19/2021		010-01-4110-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 2,209.00
07/19/2021		010-01-4120-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 2,516.00
07/19/2021		010-01-4122-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 2,313.00
07/19/2021		010-01-4124-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 2,313.00
07/19/2021		010-01-4130-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 3,739.00
07/19/2021		010-01-4140-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 14,500.00
07/19/2021		010-01-4170-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 2,209.00
07/19/2021		010-01-4180-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 6,077.00
07/19/2021		010-01-4265-4250-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 2,209.00
07/19/2021		010-01-4265-4260-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 2,209.00
07/19/2021		010-01-4520-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 2,459.00
07/19/2021		010-02-4310-4310-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 11,826.00
07/19/2021		010-02-4311-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 4,569.00
07/19/2021		010-02-4315-4315-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 13,763.00
07/19/2021		010-02-4330-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 2,269.00
07/19/2021		010-02-4370-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 2,486.00
07/19/2021		010-02-4380-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 6,209.00
07/19/2021		010-02-4910-4910-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 2,209.00
07/19/2021		010-04-6110-6112-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 11,410.00
07/19/2021		010-04-6110-6113-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 14,302.00
07/19/2021		010-04-6120-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 2,209.00
07/19/2021		010-04-6141-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 1,623.00
07/19/2021		010-05-5810-4121-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 2,100.00
07/19/2021		010-05-5820-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 2,111.00
07/19/2021		010-07-4920-4920-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 1,258.00
07/19/2021		010-07-4950-4950-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 4,017.00
07/19/2021		010-07-4960-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 1,398.00
07/19/2021		012-02-4350-4911-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 2,313.00
07/19/2021		022-07-4921-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 1,258.00
07/19/2021		010-98-9800-0000-480012-	C	\$ 2,313.00
07/19/2021		010-98-9800-0000-480022-	C	\$ 1,258.00
07/19/2021		012-02-4350-4911-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 2,313.00
07/19/2021		022-07-4921-0000-530030-RICOH	C	\$ 1,258.00
07/19/2021		022-98-9800-0000-580010-	D	\$ 1,258.00
07/19/2021		012-98-9800-0000-580010-	D	\$ 2,313.00
07/19/2021		010-00-0000-0000-390096-	C	\$ 130,083.00
07/19/2021		010-00-0000-0000-390096-	D	\$ 126,512.00
07/19/2021		012-00-0000-0000-390096-	C	\$ 2,313.00
07/19/2021		012-00-0000-0000-390096-	D	\$ 4,626.00



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07/19/2021		022-00-0000-0000-390096-	C	\$	1,258.00
07/19/2021		022-00-0000-0000-390096-	D	\$	2,516.00
07/19/2021		010-00-0000-0000-390097-	D	\$	3,571.00
07/19/2021		010-00-0000-0000-390098-	D	\$	130,083.00
07/19/2021		010-00-0000-0000-390098-	C	\$	126,512.00
07/19/2021		012-00-0000-0000-390098-	D	\$	2,313.00
07/19/2021		012-00-0000-0000-390098-	C	\$	4,626.00
07/19/2021		022-00-0000-0000-390098-	D	\$	1,258.00
07/19/2021		022-00-0000-0000-390098-	C	\$	2,516.00
07/19/2021		010-00-0000-0000-390098-	C	\$	3,571.00
07/20/2021	Mgr Office	010-01-4124-0000-530023-	C	\$	7,500.00
07/20/2021		010-01-4124-0000-530010-	D	\$	7,500.00
07/22/2021	Tax	010-01-4140-0000-530002-	D	\$	7,179.17
07/22/2021		010-01-4140-0000-530013-	C	\$	7,179.17
07/22/2021	Hope United	010-05-5810-5582-520005-	C	\$	3,500.00
07/22/2021		010-05-5810-5582-530002-	D	\$	3,500.00
07/22/2021		010-05-5810-5582-520005-	C	\$	5,000.00
07/22/2021		010-05-5810-5582-530021-	D	\$	5,000.00
07/23/2021	Social Svces	020-05-4790-0000-540005-	C	\$	300,000.00
07/23/2021		020-05-4790-0000-540005-22022	D	\$	300,000.00

**2021-223 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds Received in Fiscal Year 2021 from the Gaston County Community Foundation (CF) for the Let Me Run Program (\$894) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	011-99-9900-0000-490000-	(\$894)
CF Run for the Money-LMR	011-05-5112-5115-560000-17208	\$894

**2021-224 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Funds Received from CaroMont Regional Medical Center for the Community Health Assessment (\$20,000) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Other Grants	011-05-5110-0000-430000-18130	(\$20,000)
CaroMont CHA	011-05-5110-0000-560000-18130	\$20,000

**2021-225 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of August 2021 as Child Support Awareness Month in Gaston County**

**2021-226 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Adoption Promotion Program Funds to Enhance the Adoption Program in the Amount of \$55,709 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	020-99-9900-0000-490000	(\$55,709)
Special Adoption Promotion Program	020-05-5867-5471-560000-00324	\$55,709

**2021-227 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate the SC Johnson Grant to Support the Meals on Wheels Program in the Amount of \$20,000 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	020-99-9900-0000-490000	(\$20,000)
SC Johnson Grant/MOW	020-05-5620-0000-560000-21602	\$20,000

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**2021-228 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate the Supplemental HDC5 Grant of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Home Delivered and Congregate Meals in the Amount of \$91,623 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
COG: Supplemental HDC5	020-05-5600-0000-420000-22505	(\$91,623)
Other Svc:COG Supplement HDC5	020-05-5600-0000-530015-22505	\$91,623

**2021-229 Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Accept as Information the Attached Property Tax Refunds Less than \$100. These Tax Refunds Should Be Recorded in the Board's Minutes (Total NCVTS Refunds - \$4,652.28) as follows:**

**Gaston County, North Carolina - Listing of Property Tax Refunds Less Than \$100.00 for Vehicles  
To Be Reported at the August 24, 2021 Board Meeting**

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT	TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
ADAMS, MICHAEL DAVID	2.84	MANNING, STACY ANN	40.46
ARES, GEORGE	85.16	MARTIN, GARY GLENN	38.85
BEACH, KENNETH GLENN	67.05	MEILIKE, PAUL DALE	47.23
BELL, LORANE SOFEA	58.82	MITCHELL, BRIAN LEE	11.47
BLUE, JULIUS	12.21	NEAL, EMMIE HOLLOWAY	12.80
BOBBITT, ALAN KEITH	66.01	NEINAST, PATRICIA HORNEY	17.62
BROWN, GARY LEVAR	74.69	NOLDER, KAREN ELIZABETH	12.05
CHILDERS, HANNAH ELYSE	32.30	NOLDER, KAREN ELIZABETH	51.43
CLARK, ASHLEY WOOD	88.23	NOLDER, PATRICIA WHITE	11.66
COLLMAR, MELVIN RICHARD II	25.57	OELKERS, ROBIN FITCH	43.01
DAVIE, MARGARET RUSSEL	29.77	OLSON, ROBERT CHRISTOPHER	42.79
DUNSMOOR, DONOVAN KARL	47.18	PAINTER, CHARLES LEE	8.53
FOSTER, KAREN ARLEEN	44.91	PARRISH, MICHAEL ALLEN	41.90
GIBSON, THOMAS CHRISTOPHER	31.85	PAUL, HAROLD ROBERT	2.83
GILBERT, MARY SWANSON	39.59	PHILMON, SHARON THOMAS	10.77
GOODEN, RONALD ALLAN	33.42	PILKERTON, CHASTITY MOSS	47.01
GREEN, SCOTTIE DALE	38.29	POGORZELSKI, CONRAD ROY	11.81
HAMILTON, GARY WILLIAM	9.02	RAPE, THOMAS HOWARD	24.49
HAMILTON, GARY WILLIAM	8.41	RDS LAWN & LANDSCAPING INC	33.42
HANSIL, JOSEPH MICHAEL	68.62	REN, ZENG WEI	37.99
HEGLAR, KELLY CLYDE JR	97.88	RHYNE, TERESA LYNN	36.79
HORNBUCKLE, CHARLES ROBERT	85.28	RITCHOTTE, AIME MAXIME	23.10
HOWER, SHARON LYNN	55.46	RUSSELL DEAL, SHERRY LYNN	89.20
JACKSON, DWIGHT ROLAND	6.82	SANCHEZ CORNIELES, PEDRO JULIO	19.05
JACKSON, JERRY DEAN	37.61	SISK, SCOTTIE LEE	48.81
JENKINS, MELINDA JACKSON	82.53	SOBIECH, JAMES EMIL	14.09
JONES, JANET RENEE	94.75	STROUPE, MARGARET BOYLES	40.78
KERBER, DANIEL SCOTT	85.76	THRONEBURG, VICTORIA LINEBERGER	48.51
KILLIAN, SHERRY ELIZABETH	50.97	TYREE, RUFUS GLENN	36.07
KIRK, TONY LEE	69.31	WALKER, KAREN BENFIELD	23.93
KNIGHT, MATTHEW THOMAS	14.62	WARD, LORENE DOTSON	12.07
LAY, ROGER LEE	27.00	WEILAND, ROBERT ANDREW	16.07
LITTLE, ANNA GIBSON	14.76	WELLS, THOMAS JOSEPH JR	31.13
MANGUM, DAVID ANTHONY	84.30	WOODS, CHARLES ALEXANDER	24.99
<b>Total NCVTS Refunds (June 2021) \$ 2,683.70</b>			
ABSHER, RODNEY JOSEPH	47.12	LINCOLN COUNTY TAX	89.40
ABSHER, RODNEY JOSEPH	53.91	LOWERY, BETTY JEAN	14.43
ANDREWS, BRIAN WILLIAM	14.77	LUNA, JOSE MANUEL MONDRAGON	33.63



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ARMSTRONG, MARY RENELDA	9.92	MEDICI, BRIAN	21.53
BALLARD, MARVIN KOPF III	66.04	MOSS-DAVIS, NAJIRA ANDRANETTA	56.33
BERRY, MICHAEL JOSEPH	12.96	NEINAST, MARK EDWARD	36.14
BLACK, MICHAEL DAVID	23.57	NORRIS, DAVID ALLEN	25.65
BRANTLY, JOHN EDWARD 3RD	29.36	OBENAU, KENNETH STEPHEN	11.15
BRZESKI, DIANE MARGARET	11.78	OSBORNE, CATHY MORTON	8.88
BUFFINGTON, RICHARD LEE JR	94.70	PETTUS, MARTHA FAYE	8.58
CLEVELAND COUNTY	54.91	PLOTT, WILLIAM LEE	34.98
COPE, JAMES CHRISTOPHER	11.93	QUEEN, CHARLES ERIC	15.40
CURLEE, RODNEY LEWIS	58.42	RAMSEY, DEBORAH LASSITER	13.07
EDWARDS, MARTHA LORENE-BUCHANAN	15.04	RANGEL, CYNTHIA CARBAJAL	33.37
FARRIS, TIMOTHY MARSHALL	42.24	SHEARS, KELLY WILLIAMSON	90.49
FLANAGAN, MICHAEL JESS	11.22	SIGMON, MICHAEL JOHN	91.82
GRIGGS, NAN ADAMS	12.75	STAPLETON, LINDA WHITESIDES	56.96
		SUPERIOR PROPERTIES &	
HALL, JOSEPH MITCHELL	14.05	CONSTRUCTION LLC	77.85
HARRIS, TERRY JEROME	23.91	SURRATT, BRANDI BLACKWOOD	26.03
HAYES, MICHAEL LOUIS	32.63	THOMAS, JERRY LEE	79.28
HENDERSON, KAREN WISEMAN	46.05	WARNER, JAMIE LEIGH	27.41
JEM DEV INC.	55.37	WEAVER, DAVID MARK	41.38
JOHNSON, MARK ALAN	20.00	WESTPHAL, KAREN LOU	67.72
JOHNSON, MARK ALAN	52.05	WHITWORTH, NILES DOUGLAS	79.07
LAWRENCE, DAVID HETHERINGTON	20.01	<b>Total NCVTS Refunds (July 2021)</b>	<b>\$ 1,968.58</b>
LEE, SONYA RENEE	93.32		
		<b>Total NCVTS Refunds</b>	<b>\$ 4,652.28</b>

**2021-230 Commissioner Brown - Public Works - To Request Two Parcels (PID 148011 and PID 148012) Be Annexed Into Lowell's Jurisdiction**

**2021-231 Commissioner Johnson - Sheriff's Office - To Accept and Appropriate a \$83,000 Donation from CaroMont Health Foundation to the Gaston County Sheriff's Office per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
DONATION: CAROMONT HEALTH	010-02-4315-4315-415001-22021	{83,000}
CAROMONT DEFIBRILLATORS	010-02-4315-4315-560000-22021	83,000

**2021-232 Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$639.13; Overpayments - \$5,651.05; VTS Refunds - \$8,543.25; Grand Total - \$14,833.43) as follows:**

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
<b>JULY 2021 RELEASES AND REFUNDS</b>	
Bhandari, Vinita	\$365.34
Weston Properties LTD	\$273.79
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$639.13</b>
<b>JULY 2021 OVERPAYMENTS</b>	
Bramlet, Joseph Michael	\$141.98
Bright, Walter Gene	\$210.46
Bright, Walter Gene	\$214.75
Bywaters, Tracey	\$207.46
Campbell, Malcolm	\$183.98
Carpenter, Keith G	\$220.53

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Coleman, Floyd Michael	\$172.25
Corbin, Nikki	\$140.21
Davies Construction	\$192.83
Eaker, Michael C	\$143.28
Fletcher, Sue	\$100.42
Fletcher, Sue Groezinger	\$169.23
Harry Marsh Law	\$507.50
Jones, Joshua Stephen	\$303.66
Jones, Stephen Timothy	\$118.38
Jones, Stephen Timothy	\$172.72
Lereta Property Tax Services	\$220.64
Lopez, Fernando	\$191.94
Method, Karen	\$130.92
Nichols, Debra	\$170.03
Rollyson, Cecil	\$129.82
Rollyson, Cecil Andrew	\$117.68
Salazar, Omer M	\$155.57
Shehan, James Franklin	\$246.29
Watson, Selena B	\$133.11
Willis, Justin	\$128.64
Wood, Donna M	\$109.77
Word, Michael	\$717.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,651.05</b>

**JULY 2021 VTS REFUNDS**

Anderson, Tony Rick	\$169.66
Anez, Ricardo O	\$209.46
Beaty, Dwight Chris	\$141.56
Bell, John Michael	\$127.42
Bressler, Jeff Noah	\$499.11
Bryant, Benjamin Thomas	\$127.47
Clagg, Joshua Michael	\$100.81
Coleman, Johnny Eugene	\$335.73
Creed, Kyle Lewis	\$327.54
Crumes, Dontae Lamont	\$135.19
Farris, Brandon Scott	\$380.58
Franks, Alan Keith	\$118.47
Garcia Aguilar, Jorge Alfredo	\$160.68
Glover, Kathey Carpenter	\$141.96
Harris, Denise Marie	\$317.56
Henry, Michael Ray	\$148.48
Henry, Michael Ray	\$555.66
Herman Reeves Textile Sheet Metal Inc JTW	\$131.35
Hughes, Blondale	\$106.67
Kavaljian, Kenneth John	\$105.36
McConnell, Heather Dawn	\$525.34
Miller, Maegan Aracelis	\$177.83
Osborne, Robert Michael Jr	\$160.52
Patetaylor Films Inc	\$178.86
Reese, David Bernard Talmadge	\$196.24
Reynolds, Sidney Richard	\$194.08
Robbins, Zora Shipman	\$232.79
Scott, Derek Alan	\$194.43
Shannon, David Allen	\$131.42
Sims, Octavius Vandell	\$245.83

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Smith, Jacqueline Nicole	\$102.37
Starke, Brittany Lynn	\$398.30
Taylor, Hayden Thomas	\$325.94
Tino, Mark Glenn	\$426.62
Tomberlin, Rodney James	\$187.85
Walker, Warren O'Gilvie	\$113.54
Withers, Gary Len II	\$224.40
Womble, Jeremy Dwayne	\$186.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,543.25</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,833.43</b>

- 2021-233 Commissioner Fraley – BOC – Resolution in Memoriam Recognizing Judge Robert William Kirby for His Many Contributions to Gaston County and to Dedicate and Rename the Fourth Floor Jury Assembly Room in the Gaston County Courthouse in His Honor**
- 2021-234 Commissioner Hovis – BOC – Resolution Honoring Judge Jesse B. Caldwell, III Upon His Retirement as Senior Resident Superior Court Judge**

**Items Pulled from Consent Agenda**

- 2021-235 Commissioner Hovis – County Manager – To Approve a COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive for Gaston County Employees**

Chairman Keigher deferred to the sponsor, Commissioner Hovis, for opening comments.

Commissioner Hovis expressed his opinion that the County should do whatever it can to protect its citizens and employees, and the money the County received from the federal government can be used to further this objective. He noted he was initially not in favor of the incentive. However, after further consideration, and after learning that jurisdictions across the State are implementing similar measures, he stated he wholeheartedly endorses the Manager's recommendation as a means to help keep the County open, keep employees and citizens safe, and avert additional costs associated with dealing with the Delta variant of COVID.

Chairman Keigher voiced his opinion that it doesn't seem right to offer money to people to get vaccinated.

Commissioner Johnson stated that every County employee should have the option to be vaccinated or not; should not be a mandate; a mask can be taken off, but you cannot take a vaccine out of your body.

Chairman Keigher called for a motion to approve.

Commissioner Hovis introduced the motion to approve and Commissioner Worley provided the second. The Chairman called for Commissioner Johnson's voice vote and called for the vote from the remaining members (via show of hands) and **2021-235** was approved and authorizes the County Manager or Finance Officer to make

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necessary budget amendments to move funds between funds/accounts to the appropriate account/fund.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Fraley, Hovis, Johnson and Worley

Nays: Commissioners Keigher and Philbeck

Commissioner Hovis advised that there is nothing in this action that mandates employee vaccines; this is just an incentive. He noted that vaccinated employees may also opt out of receiving the payment if they so choose.

**Appointments**

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Philip McGinnis to the ***Travel & Tourism Advisory Board*** to an unexpired term ending July 31, 2024.

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed to the ***Historic Preservation Commission***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Fraley	Mr. Michael Peters	June 30, 2025 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Brown	Ms. Frances High	June 30, 2025 (Unexpired Term)

On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Paul Rathbone Jr. to the ***Environmental Review Advisory Board*** to an unexpired term ending May 31, 2024.

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed/reappointed to the ***Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Brown	Ms. Robin Chavis	June 30, 2023 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Fraley	Mr. Elmer R. Raynor	June 30, 2023

On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously reappointed Ms. Gayle Hopkins to the ***Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee*** to a term ending July 31, 2024.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Page Willis to the ***Family Advisory Board*** to an unexpired term ending April 30, 2024.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Jill Hendrix to the ***Personnel Advisory Board*** to an unexpired term ending March 31, 2024.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Jonathan Sink to the ***Farmer's Market Advisory Board*** to an unexpired term ending November 30, 2022.

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**Commissioners Committee Reports**

Commissioner Hovis recalled that Mr. (Chris) Peek (CaroMont Health President/Chief Executive Officer) and Dr. (Todd) Davis (CaroMont Health's Chief Physician Executive) spoke earlier in the preceding Work Session. He reported that everything is moving forward at CaroMont's site 2; the steel is going up in the Critical Care Tower on Court Drive; CaroMont Health is ahead of schedule and on budget for all capital projects; thankful for the efforts of all the healthcare staff in the County for helping the public get through all of this.

Commissioner Philbeck reported the **Homeless Task Force** is still meeting; hopefully by December, the latest being January, the Task Force will have a report for BOC. He thanked the DHHS – Public Health Director for the wonderful job he is doing. He also noted that often the Board agrees and disagrees on things, but is always unanimous in striving to do what it can to help the community, and he enjoys serving with everyone on the Board.

Commissioner Keigher reported **Gaston College Board of Trustees** held its monthly meeting yesterday; the Board greeted some of its basketball athletes last Thursday during a Block Party that was attended by about 800 people; Mr. Gene Banks has stepped down as the AD (Athletic Director); Mr. (David) "Dickey" Nutt, the basketball coach, will also serve as the AD; the marketing team the College hired came up with the Gaston College Rhinos.

**County Manager's Report (Consolidated with Attorney's Report)**

The County Manager stated she wanted to publicly thank GEMS for the tremendous work they are doing on the healthcare frontline.

She advised the Manager and Attorney reports were consolidated and presented as follows:

- **Re: Staff's Ongoing Work for Piedmont Lithium Project:** Staff has started that work and is making good progress; toured the site last week; all of the work related to due diligence and research is well underway; staff is talking with several experts in terms of engagements; some of those initial conversations have taken place; more is forthcoming later but the work is well underway
- **Re: Belmont Middle School Property:** The County will receive the old Belmont Middle School property in late September; anticipate action from the Board of Education on September 20th; at that point the County can begin the marketing and begin the process; no immediate action is required; wanted to put that on BOC's radar for future direction and discussion.

**Other Matters**

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Commissioner Brown thanked the County Manager and Clerk to the Board and Clerk's staff for all the long hours they put in.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Keigher called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously adjourned the Regular Meeting of August 24, 2021 at 7:54 pm.

(All aforementioned documents are on file with the Clerk to the Board.)

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Tom Keigher, Chairman  
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

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Donna S. Buff  
Clerk to the Board

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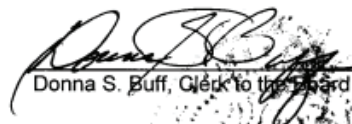
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### CERTIFICATION

August 24, 2021

I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that, pursuant to Chapter 166A of the NC General Statutes, no written comment was received for the public hearing scheduled for the Regular Session on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. The written comment submission period expired at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 2021.

- Public Hearing Purpose: Sale of Real Property for Economic Development and Approval of a Level Four Economic Incentive Grant for Project Ashbury

  
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