



Gaston County

Board of Commissioners

COURTHOUSE
Harley B. Gaston Jr., Public Forum
325 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Gastonia, NC

Chad Brown, Chairman
Bob Hovis, Vice-Chairman
Jim Bailey
Cathy Cloninger
Allen R. Fraley
Tom Keigher
Scott Shehan

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Meeting Agenda

Regular Meeting 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: Conditional District REZ-26-01-07-00240, RTR Renovations, LLC (Applicant); Property Parcel: 173544, Located at 14556 Lucia Riverbend Hwy., Mount Holly, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with US and CH Overlays to the (CD/C-3) General Commercial Conditional District with US and CH Overlays
 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 2. Close Public Hearing
 3. Accept Motion

- B. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Bailey - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: Conditional District REZ-25-04-10-00226, Jeffery L. Smith (Applicant); Property Parcels: 190594 & 190596, Located at 1435 Union New Hope Rd., Gastonia, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with US and CH Overlays to the CD/(C-3) General Commercial Conditional District with US and CH Overlays
 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 2. Close Public Hearing
 3. Accept Motion

- C. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Hovis - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-26-02-19-00242, Clifton Kerr Foy (Applicant); Property Parcel: 319056, Located on Camp Rotary Rd., Gastonia, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with (US) Overlay to the (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District with (US) Overlay
 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 2. Close Public Hearing
 3. Accept Motion

II. BUSINESS AGENDA**A. AGENDA REVISION/APPROVAL****B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. To Approve the Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting of February 26, 2026
 - Regular Meeting of March 24, 2026

III. CITIZEN RECOGNITION (Limited to One Hour; Sign up Prior to Start of Session; Comments Limited to 3 Minutes)**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Commissioner Cloninger - Commendation - To Commemorate the Centennial Celebration of the William Chronicle DAR Chapter Upon its 100th Anniversary
- B. Commissioner Keigher - Commendation - To Commend Mrs. Erin Dunaway Upon Being Crowned Mrs. North Carolina America 2026
- C. Commissioners Bailey & Keigher - Commendations - North Carolina America 250 Initiative - 4th Grade Flag Challenge Winner Jase Joyner and Runner-up Sterling Elliott
- D. Commissioner Keigher - Cooperative Extension - To Accept and Appropriate Donations Received from the Farm Bureau and AG South in the Amount of \$4,025
- E. Commissioner Keigher - Cooperative Extension - To Approve a Refund to Kintegra Health for Unspent Highland Youth Garden and Entrepreneur Incubator Program Funds (\$6,682.54)
- F. Commissioner Brown - County Attorney - To Authorize Participation in the National Opioids Remnant Defendants' Settlement
- G. Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - To Appropriate Restricted Building Inspections Fund Balance to Support Ongoing Employee Training and Development for Building & Development Services Personnel (\$50,000)
- H. Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information
- I. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Appropriate State Grant Funds Received from the NC Department of Health and Human Services - Environmental Health Section and the Food Protection and Facilities Branch (100% Grant Funds - \$9,438)
- J. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Appropriate Federal Grant Funds Received from the NC Department of Health and Human Services - Local Community Support Section for Public Health Infrastructure: Local Workforce Development Funds (100% Grant Funds - \$78,710)

- K. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Accept and Appropriate Federal Grant Funds Received from the NC Department of Health and Human Services - Women, Infant, and Community Wellness Section of the Maternal Health Branch Funds (100% Grant Funds - \$22,973)
- L. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month
- M. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Funds from Partners Behavioral Health Management for Reimbursement of Foster Care Placement Costs in the Amount of \$34,770.00 (No Additional County Funds Required)
- N. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Donations Received in Third Quarter of FY26 Totaling \$6,380.76
- O. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Approve a Certificate of Need (CON) for Lucia-Riverbend Fire Department for the Purchase of 6.005 Acres for Development of 2nd Fire Station
- P. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Approve a Certificate of Need (CON) for Alexis Fire Department for Purchase of New Brush Truck in the Amount up to \$300,000.00
- Q. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Amend Resolution 2026-103 for Lowell Fire Department for Purchase of New Engine by \$50,000.00
- R. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Approve a Certificate of Need (CON) for All VFDs in the Unified Fire District for Reimbursement of Workers Compensation and to Appropriate Unified Fire District Fund Balance (\$170,320.00)
- S. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Approve a Certificate of Need (CON) for Community Fire Department for Reimbursement of a Sprinkler and Fire Alarm System and to Appropriate Unified Fire District Fund Balance (\$23,065.00)
- T. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Accept as Information the March 2026 Property Tax Refunds Less than \$100. These Tax Refunds Should Be Recorded in the Board's Minutes. (Total NCVTS Refunds - \$2,616.93)
- U. Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Grants (DHHS/Shelter) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds from the NC Division for Women & Youth for The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center for FY2026 (\$1,138.28 with an additional match of \$227.66)
- V. Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Grants (Hope United Survivor Network) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds from the NC Division for Women & Youth for the Hope United Survivor Network's Sexual Assault Program for FY2026 (\$765.71 with an additional match of \$153.15)

- W.** Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - To Appropriate Fund Balance for FY25 Excess Directed Payment Revenues (\$373,980) and to Appropriate FY26 Excess Directed Payment Revenues (\$86,817) for Payment to the State in Support of the Managed Care Directed Payment Fee Schedule.
- X.** Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - To Appropriate Medicaid Cost Settlement Funds Totaling \$1,167,466 and Approve a Transfer of \$736,361 to the Capital Fund.
- Y.** Commissioner Shehan - Human Resources - To Approve Revisions to the Gaston County Personnel Policy Manual Related to Reclassifications, Trainee Status, Holidays, Sick Leave, Bereavement Leave, and Calculating Leave for Part-Time Employees
- Z.** Commissioner Cloninger - Museum of Art & History - Commendation - To Recognize the Gaston County Museum of Art and History Upon Receiving National Reaccreditation
- AA.** Commissioner Bailey - Office of Capital Improvements - To Authorize the County Manager, or His Designee, to Execute a Construction Contract with Ed Wallace Construction, Inc. for the North Belmont Park Water Supply Project in the Amount of \$3,416,187.50
- AB.** Commissioner Bailey - Office of Capital Improvements - To Amend Gaston County ARPA Grant Project Ordinance 2021-264, to Redistribute Funding for Tryon Elementary Waterline Extension and North Belmont Park Waterline Extension (\$2,393,112)
- AC.** Commissioner Hovis - Police Department (Animal Care and Enforcement) - To Accept and Appropriate Donation Received from Virbac Enterprises in the Amount of \$3,418.48
- AD.** Commissioner Hovis - Police Department (Animal Care and Enforcement) - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of April 12-18, 2026 as Animal Care and Enforcement Appreciation Week
- AE.** Commissioner Brown - Police Department - To Authorize the Transfer of \$49,705.51 from the General Fund to the General Government Capital Fund, via the Community Investment Fund (CIF) for the Purchase of Crime-lite® AUTO System from Foster & Freeman; and to Accept Foster & Freeman USA, Inc. as a Sole Source Vendor for the Purchase
- AF.** Commissioner Brown - Police Department/Sheriff's Office - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of April 12-18, 2026 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
- AG.** Commissioner Cloninger - Public Works - To Accept and Appropriate a North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) Grant, "2026 Community Waste Reduction and Recycling" (State - \$7,560; Solid Waste Enterprise Fund - \$1,885)
- AH.** Commissioner Brown - Public Works - To Award a Construction Contract and Authorize the County Manager, or His Designee, to Execute said Contract with B2L Construction, LLC for the Building and Development Services Renovation and To Approve a Fund Balance Appropriation in the Amount of (\$533,295)
- AI.** Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed March 2026 Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$11,307.12; Overpayments - \$16,062.56; VTS Refunds - \$1,752.34; Grand Total - \$29,122.02)

- AJ. [Commissioner Cloninger - Tourism Development - To Approve the Appropriation of \\$250,000 from Tourism Development Fund Balance to Gaston Aquatics for Sponsorship of Gaston Aquatics Project](#)

V. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. [Commissioner Brown - Office of Capital Improvements - To Approve a Qualifications Based Selection and Authorize the County Manager, or His Designee, to Execute a Professional Services Contract with ESP Associates, Inc. for Special Inspections and Materials Testing for the Gaston County Courthouse 5th Floor Upfit Project](#)

VI. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

VII. ITEMS ADDED BY MAJORITY VOTE FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

VIII. APPOINTMENTS

- A. [Appointment List - Current Expiring Terms/Vacant Positions](#)

IX. REPORTS

A. Commissioners Committee Reports

B. County Manager's Report

1. PRESENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDED FY2026-2027 GASTON COUNTY BUDGET
2. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL 1/4 CENT SALES TAX FOR SCHOOLS

C. County Attorney's Report

1. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 143-318.11(a)(1) Confidential Information; (3) Attorney-Client Privilege; and (6) Personnel Matters

X. OTHER MATTERS

XI. ADJOURNMENT