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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met in Rescheduled Regular Session at 6:02 pm on May 25, 2023 in The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse.

Chairman Chad Brown presided with Commissioners Bob Hovis, Vice-Chairman; Cathy Cloning, Allen R. Fraley, Tom Keigher and Ronnie Worley in attendance.

Commissioner Kim Johnson was not in attendance.

Others present included Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager; William T. Stetzer, County Attorney; and Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board.

Upon request of Chairman Brown, Commissioner Hovis led those assembled in the Invocation and Commissioner Fraley led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Brown – BOC – Memorial Day Proclamation – To Recognize and Honor Those Who Gave All During Their Military Service to the United States of America, and to Express Our Gratitude to the Fallen Members of Our Armed Services (***To be Adopted under Consent Agenda***)

Commissioner Worley was joined at the podium by Ms. Sevilla Byers of Veterans Services, and Mr. Greg Grier, Community Support Services Director for the reading of the Proclamation. He remarked that Memorial Day is a day to recognize and honor those who gave their all during their military service and to express gratitude to the fallen members of the armed services.

Ms. Sevilla Byers, Veteran Services Officer, recognized Mr. Michael Meeks and accepted and thanked the BOC for the Proclamation; remarked that Memorial Day is a solemn holiday paying tribute to many men and women who have given their lives in service for our nation; invited BOC and the community to Memorial Day, Monday (May 29th), Gaston Memorial Cemetery to recognize the military branches at this event.

Presentation – Farmland Preservation

Mr. Taylor Loftis, Quality of Natural Resources Committee (QNRC) Chair, stated the BOC established the QNRC in 1988 to identify environmental issues and recommend policies; currently there are seven (7) members with various backgrounds (engineers, educators, doctors, farmer, retired QNRC staff); Mr. Kyle Lineberger, QNRC member and resident farmer, is in attendance as well.

The County is growing quickly, mostly by large tract homes and developments; the question arose if the Farmland Protection Plan should be revised to improve what it does for the farmers and residents. Some benefits of protecting farmland include local jobs from growing/selling good and healthy foods, creating communities, lowering cost of services and agritourism; the County is losing a lot of farmland, which has decreased 10% from 2012-2017; tonight's presentation was triggered by the new Strategic Plan, and an element of the plan which focused on farmers.

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The Farmland Protection Plan was written in 2009 as a requirement to access USDA cost sharing dollars. The framework is there to assist the agricultural community and local governments working to support and enhance agricultural; however, the current plan does not address how to actively maintain farming and protect farmland; the goals are addressed but there are no measurable outcomes to review. Some things that were accomplished by the plan include the Homegrown Gaston Program, Voluntary Agriculture District, farm school for new or young farmers and the Visit NC Farms agritourism app.

Farmers also face many issues that the plan does not address such as rising input costs, the opportunity to develop/expand, scarce labor, replacing aging farmers with new generation farmers, limited markets to sell, and the lack of community awareness (the list of issues came from County farmers and the Cattlemen Association). They compared similar counties located near metropolitan areas to Gaston and learned that Guilford, Davie, Forsyth and Buncombe counties have the same growth problems with uptake in farmland; QNRC will engage with those counties to see what they are doing to protect their farmland and agricultural industries.

In conclusion, Mr. Loftis stated the QNRC will form a steering committee in June consisting of farmers, farming support industries, QNRC, Soil & Water representative and (NC Cooperative) Extension Service to conduct community meetings and talk to farmers to figure out how the County can help them; QNRC will complete any revisions in the Fall and will present an update to the BOC around the first of the year.

Chairman Brown called for questions from the BOC.

Commissioner Cloninger asked how many acres are designated as farmland in the County.

Mr. David Fogarty, NC Extension Director, advised that there is no official farmland designation; there are different variations and ways to measure; by counting how much land is in present use taxation or use the USDA farm numbers that count a larger number of acres; per the USDA numbers, it is approximately 35,000; do not know the present use numbers but it would be a lower number.

Commissioner Brown advised the top two problems they have in the mountains are farmland and sustainability. He thanked Mr. Fogarty for his hard work and announced his June 30th retirement; he asked Mr. Fogarty to get with the Schools and the QNRC to figure out how to bring these discussions to the children in the County to educate them on the sustainability of farmlands; farmers are our biggest resources; the County recruited a company (GNT) and the biggest resource they need is farmland; the County cannot bring in companies if it does not have a plan for sustainability.

He asked the County Manager to provide a date to meet with the School System and to figure out ways to do something quarterly related to this issue.

Agenda Revision/Approval

- Revised/ Commissioner Brown – Building & Development Services – to appropriate **\$43,000** from Building Inspection Reserves for Banking Fees – IV., D.
- Pulled by Commissioner Cloninger/ Commissioner Brown - Public Works - To Authorize the Purchase of Properties Located on Broad Street, Gastonia (PID's 104360, 104361, 104362), and Authorize Fund Balance Transfers for the Total Purchase Price (\$1,000,000) and the Estimated Closing Costs (\$10,000) – IV., Z.

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On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously approved the Agenda of May 25, 2023 with changes as noted above.

Approval of Minutes

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Worley, the BOC unanimously approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2023.

Citizen Recognition

The following individuals spoke in opposition of rezoning an upcoming parcel from residential to commercial: Mr. Timothy Roberts, 8246 Catawba Cove Dr., (Belmont, NC); Mr. Marty McCarthy, 8482 Catawba Cove Dr., (Belmont, NC); Mr. Mark Perkins, 8458 Catawba Cove Dr., (Belmont, NC); Mr. Eddie Atkinson, 8254 Catawba Cove Dr., (Belmont, NC); Ms. Melinda Roberts, 4973 Willa Pond Rd., (Gastonia, NC).

Consent Agenda

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

2023-155 Commissioner Brown - BOC - Memorial Day Proclamation - To Recognize and Honor Those Who Gave All During Their Military Service to the United States of America, and to Express Our Gratitude to the Fallen Members of Our Armed Services

2023-156 Commissioner Brown - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2023 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

2023-157 Commissioner Brown - BOC - To Revise the Gaston County Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting Schedule for June, 2023 to Reschedule the June 27th Regular Meeting to Immediately follow the June 13th Regularly Scheduled Work Session - 6:00 P.M. as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with N.C.G.S §143-318.12(a), hereby revises the 2023 BOC Meeting Schedule to RESCHEDULE the June 27th Regular Meeting to Immediately follow the June 13th Work Session at 6:00 PM.

2023-158 Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - To Appropriate \$43,000 from Building Inspection Reserves for Banking Fees per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(\$43,000)
Banking Services	1000-BDS-230-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-02-530012-	\$43,000

2023-159 Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information as follows:

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ENTRY DATE	DEPT NAME	ACCOUNT	DR/CR	AMOUNT
04/03/2023	Tourism	2005-TRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-530010-	C	4,360
04/03/2023		2005-TRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-520012-	D	4,360
04/03/2023	Manager	1000-NDP-000-00000-SpcPrg-0000000-0000-01-560000-	C	2,571
04/03/2023		1000-NDP-000-00000-SpcPrg-0000000-0000-01-530010-	D	2,571
04/03/2023	Library	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520001-	C	500
04/03/2023		1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520011-	D	1,183
04/03/2023		1000-LIB-350-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520011-	C	683
04/03/2023	GCPD	1000-GPD-201-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530010-	D	5,000
04/03/2023		1000-GPD-201-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530023-	C	5,000
04/03/2023	HUSN	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-000000-0000-05-520005-	C	3,000
04/04/2023		1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-000000-0000-05-520005-	D	3,000
04/04/2023	Finance	1000-FIN-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520001-	C	260
04/04/2023		1000-FIN-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520005-	D	260
04/04/2023	Health	1000-HLT-253-00000-HHCntr-0000000-0000-05-520001-	C	1,000
04/04/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-HHCntr-0000000-0000-05-530015-	D	1,000
04/04/2023	Health	1000-CSS-292-00000-GenPur-0000000-0000-04-520002-G0070	C	2,720
04/04/2023		1000-CSS-292-00000-GenPur-0000000-0000-04-530015-G0070	D	2,720
04/05/2023	DSS	4005-DSS-000-00000-Annual-PayGo23-0000-05-540005-P2302	C	3,000
04/05/2023		4005-DSS-000-00000-Annual-PayGo23-0000-05-540016-P2302	D	3,000
04/05/2023	Manager	1000-MGR-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520017-	C	700
04/05/2023		1000-MGR-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520013-	D	700
04/05/2023	Emer Mgmt	1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520007-	C	800
04/05/2023		1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520013-	D	800
04/05/2023	Health	1000-CSS-292-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520013-	C	185
04/05/2023		1000-CSS-292-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520001-	D	185
04/06/2023	Library	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520018-21577	C	20,000
04/06/2023		1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520007-21577	D	20,000
04/06/2023	Health	1000-HLT-253-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520007-	C	2,000
04/06/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520013-	D	2,000
04/06/2023	Library	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520018-21577	C	600
04/06/2023		1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-530029-21577	D	600
04/06/2023	ROD's	1000-ROD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530030-	C	4,000
04/06/2023		1000-ROD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530012-	D	4,000
04/06/2023	Public Works	4095-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540006-	C	40,000
04/06/2023		4095-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540005-18119	D	40,000
04/06/2023		1000-SHF-000-00000-Fleet1-0000000-0000-02-530015-	D	35,000
04/06/2023		1000-GPD-000-00000-Fleet1-0000000-0000-02-530015-	D	65,000
04/06/2023		1000-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530023-18084	C	100,000
04/06/2023	Health	1000-CSS-292-00000-GenPur-0000000-0000-04-530015-G0070	C	2,720
04/06/2023		1000-CSS-292-00000-GenPur-0000000-0000-04-520002-G0070	D	2,720
04/10/2023	GCPD	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520007-	D	10,000
04/10/2023		1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530010-	C	10,000
04/10/2023	PIO	1000-MGR-100-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530010-	C	1,837
04/10/2023		1000-MGR-100-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530015-	D	1,837
04/10/2023	Public Works	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540006-	C	5,950
04/10/2023		4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-540016-P2309	D	5,950
04/10/2023	Health	1000-HLT-251-00000-WIC000-ClntSvc-0000-05-520006-	D	1,000
04/10/2023		1000-HLT-251-00000-WIC000-ClntSvc-0000-05-520011-	D	2,000
04/10/2023		1000-HLT-251-00000-WIC000-ClntSvc-0000-05-520020-	D	5,000
04/10/2023		1000-HLT-251-00000-WIC000-ClntSvc-0000-05-520002-	C	8,000
04/10/2023	GCPD	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520004-	D	10,000
04/10/2023		1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530010-	C	10,000
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04/10/2023	Finance	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-510001-AR013	D	141,682
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04/10/2023		1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-510001-AR013	C	929,409
04/11/2023	Public Works	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540006-	C	259,617

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04/13/2023	Finance	1000-FIN-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520017-	D	11
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04/13/2023	Manager	1000-MGR-100-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520020-	C	4,500
04/13/2023		1000-MGR-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520011-	C	4,000

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04/13/2023		1000-MGR-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530029-	D	2,800
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04/13/2023		4005-DSS-000-00000-Annual-PayGo23-0000-05-540016-P2302	D	9,000
04/14/2023	Public Works	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540006-	C	14,500
04/14/2023		4005-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-540005-P2311	D	14,500
04/17/2023	Public Works	1000-PWK-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520010-	C	500
04/17/2023		1000-PWK-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520011-	D	500
04/17/2023	Health	1000-HLT-251-00000-WIC000-ClntSvc-0000-05-520001-	D	2,700
04/17/2023		1000-HLT-251-00000-WIC000-ClntSvc-0000-05-520002-	C	2,700
04/17/2023		1000-HLT-251-00000-WIC000-Brstfdg-0000-05-520011-	D	2,000
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04/17/2023	Parks & Rec	1000-PRK-000-00000-RecPrg-000000-0000-04-560000-	C	1,400
04/17/2023		1000-PRK-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520020-	D	1,400
04/18/2023	CSS	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520017-	C	940
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04/18/2023		1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-000000-0000-05-530015-	D	1,300
04/19/2023	Health	1000-HLT-251-00000-WIC000-Nutritn-0000-05-520002-	D	1,000
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04/19/2023	Co-op Ext.	1000-CES-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-510005-JCPC1	C	4,172
04/19/2023		1000-CES-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-510100-JCPC1	C	459
04/19/2023		1000-CES-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-510103-JCPC1	D	2,117
04/19/2023		1000-CES-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-510101-JCPC1	C	728
04/19/2023		1000-CES-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-510102-JCPC1	D	262
04/19/2023		1000-CES-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-510104-JCPC1	D	41
04/19/2023		1000-CES-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-510105-JCPC1	D	10
04/19/2023		1000-CES-000-00000-TripIP-JCPC000-0000-07-520002-G0038	D	1,440
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04/19/2023	Health	1000-CSS-292-00000-SrGame-000000-0000-04-520002-	C	3,000
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04/20/2023	Tourism	2005-TRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-520013-	C	825
04/20/2023		2005-TRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-520020-	D	825
04/20/2023		2005-TRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-520014-	C	1,000
04/20/2023		2005-TRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-520012-	D	1,000
04/20/2023	DSS	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-000000-0000-05-530003-	C	1,897
04/20/2023		1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-000000-0000-05-530005-	D	1,897
04/21/2023	Sheriff	4005-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-540005-22535	C	45,850
04/21/2023		4005-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-540003-22535	D	45,850
04/21/2023		1000-SHF-210-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530023-	C	4,000
04/21/2023		1000-SHF-210-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520020-	D	4,000
04/21/2023		1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530010-	C	8,000
04/21/2023		1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520001-	D	7,000
04/21/2023		1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520012-	D	1,000
04/21/2023		1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530029-	C	47,600
04/21/2023		1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530015-	D	3,500
04/21/2023		1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520005-	D	1,000
04/21/2023		1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520020-	D	43,100
04/21/2023	Public Works	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540006-	C	21,500
04/21/2023		4005-PRK-360-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540005-P2312	D	21,500
04/24/2023	Health	1000-HLT-251-00000-WIC000-Brstfdg-0000-05-520002-	D	900
04/24/2023		1000-HLT-251-00000-WIC000-ClntSvc-0000-05-520002-	C	900
04/24/2023	Health	1000-HLT-253-00000-Matern-000000-0000-05-530010-	C	2,700
04/24/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-Matern-000000-0000-05-560001-	D	2,500
04/24/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-HHCntr-000000-0000-05-560001-	D	200
04/24/2023	Library	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520002-	D	1,500

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04/24/2023		1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520001-	C	700
04/24/2023		1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520010-	C	800
04/24/2023		1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520007-21577	C	15,255
04/24/2023		1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520020-21577	D	10,255
04/24/2023		1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-530029-21577	D	5,000
04/24/2023	Parks & Rec	1000-PRK-360-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530030-	C	87
04/24/2023		1000-PRK-360-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520017-	D	87
04/25/2023	Tourism	2005-TRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-520013-	C	200
04/25/2023		2005-TRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-520007-	D	200
04/25/2023	GCPD	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520011-	C	6,500
04/25/2023		1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-560000-	C	2,000
04/25/2023		1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520007-	D	8,500
04/25/2023	Bldg Svces	1000-BDS-233-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-520015-	C	2,100
04/25/2023		1000-BDS-233-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-520020-	D	2,100
04/25/2023	GCPD	2015-GPD-201-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520011-	D	4,000
04/25/2023		2015-GPD-201-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530029-	C	4,000
04/26/2023	Health	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOAdit-0000-05-520001-	C	175
04/26/2023		1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-000000-0000-05-520005-	D	175
04/26/2023		1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOYuth-0000-05-520014-	C	100
04/26/2023		1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOYuth-0000-05-560001-	C	500
04/26/2023		1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOYuth-0000-05-520012-	D	600

2023-160 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Community Support Services) - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$644,928 for the Community Paramedicine Program; Approve the Addition of Three New Paramedic Positions for the Program as follows:

WHEREAS, Gaston County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals; and,

WHEREAS, the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and certain bankruptcy resolutions ("Opioid Settlement Funds") are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA"); and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA; and,

WHEREAS, section E.6 of the MOA states: Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate Resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in alignment with the NC MOA, Gaston County authorizes the expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds as follows:

Strategy authorized:

- a. Name: Naloxone Distribution
- b. Exhibit: Exhibit A / Strategy 7
- c. Amount: \$644,928
- d. Period of Performance: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025
- e. Program/Activity Description: GEMS Community Paramedicine
 - 24/7 Opioid overdose response. Respond to provide options for harm reduction or treatment alternatives.
 - 24/7 MAT program. Bridge the gap from overdose to treatment. Provide additional dosing through the night, if needed.

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- Outreach
- Better address emerging hazards
- Continue and expand Naloxone Kit Distribution

f. Program/Activity Provider: Gaston Emergency Medical Services

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated for the above named and authorized strategies is \$644,928.

and per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Opioid Settlement	2055-000-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-410211-	(644,928.00)
Salaries	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-510001-	450,264.00
FICA	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-510100-	34,446.00
Retirement	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-510101-	58,203.00
401K	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-510102-	22,515.00
Health Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-510103-	69,000.00
Dental Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-510104-	1,800.00
Life Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-510105-	1,200.00
Furn/Equipment<\$5,000	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-520020-	4,800.00
Training	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-520011-	1,200.00
Uniforms	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg7-0000-02-520006-	1,500.00

2023-161 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Transfer Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) Enhancing Detection Federal Grant Budget for a Mobile Clinic from the General Fund to the General Government Capital Fund Totaling \$307,840 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Prog Sup: CARES Enhancing Dete	1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-0000000-0000-05-520002-21547	(307,840.00)
Transfer to CIF Fund	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584000-	307,840.00
Transfer from General Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	(307,840.00)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	307,840.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(307,840.00)
Motor/Vhcl: CARES: Enhancing De	4005-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-0000000-0000-05-540003-21547	307,840.00

2023-162 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2023 as Foster Care Awareness Month

2023-163 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2023 as Older Americans Month

2023-164 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Approve the North Carolina Modification for Gaston County Workforce Development Program/Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WDB/WIOA) Title I Plan for PY2023

2023-165 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Authorize Bid Award for Temporary Staffing Services to Career Match Solutions and Vanguard Professional Staffing

2023-166 Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management/Fire Services - To Approve the Appropriation of Unified Fire Protection Service District Fund Fund Balance for Distribution to Crowder's Mountain FD (\$76,479) per Budget Change Request:

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Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	2036-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000	(\$76,479)
Other Contracts & Subsidies	2036-000-000-00000-000000-CrwdMt-0000-02-570006	\$76,479

2023-167 Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management/Fire Services - To Approve the Amended By-Laws of the Gaston County Fire Commission and the Membership Structure to Add a Non-Voting, Ex-Officio Position for the President of the Gaston County Fire Fighters Association

2023-168 Commissioner Hovis - Finance - To Award Bid for Financing up to \$8,180,820.71 for Rolling Stock (Vehicles & Ambulances) and Equipment (Body Cameras & Tasers) to Banc of America Public Capital Corp and to Approve the Attached Budget Change Request (to appropriate funds) and Resolution Approving Financing Terms as follows:

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston, North Carolina, was held at the Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum on the second floor of the Gaston County Courthouse located at 325 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, in Gastonia, North Carolina, at 6:00 P.M. on May 25, 2023.

Present: Chairman Chad Brown, Commissioners Bob Hovis, Vice-Chairman; Cathy Cloninger, Allen R. Fraley, Tom Keigher and Ronnie Worley.

Absent: Commissioner Kim Johnson

Commissioner Keigher introduced the following Resolution which was read by title, and moved it be adopted:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT WITH BANC OF AMERICA PUBLIC CAPITAL CORP AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the County of Gaston, North Carolina (the "County"), is a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County (the "Board") has determined to finance a portion of the cost of acquiring various motor vehicles and equipment (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in order to finance a portion of the cost of the Project, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the County to enter into Schedule of Property No. 9 the "Purchase Agreement"), between Banc of America Public Capital Corp (the " Lender") and the County, which supplements the Master Equipment Financing Agreement dated as of February 14, 2013, pursuant to the authority granted to the County under Section 160A- 20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, whereby the Lender will advance funds, in an amount not to exceed \$8,180,820.71, for such purpose and the County will make installment payments in consideration thereof; and

WHEREAS, there has been made available at this meeting, the form of the Purchase Agreement between the County and the Lender; and

WHEREAS, the Board wants to approve the Purchase Agreement and to authorize other actions in connection therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston, North Carolina as follows:

Section 1. The Purchase Agreement, in the form submitted to this meeting, is hereby approved, and the Chair of the Board, the County Manager, the Finance Director for the County and the Clerk to the Board are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Purchase Agreement, with such changes, insertions or omissions as each may approve, the execution thereof by any of them to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

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Section 2. The Chair of the Board, the County Manager, the Finance Director for the County, the Clerk to the Board and the County Attorney are each hereby authorized to take any and all such further action and to execute and deliver such other documents as may be necessary or advisable to carry out the intent of this Resolution and to effect the installment financing pursuant to the Purchase Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Finance Director is authorized to approve all details of the financing, including without limitation, the amount advanced under the Purchase Agreement (which shall not exceed \$8,180,820.71), the principal payments under the Purchase Agreement, the term of the Purchase Agreement and the interest rate thereunder. Execution of the Purchase Agreement by the Chair of the Board, the County Manager or the Finance Director, shall conclusively evidence approval of all such details of the financing.

Section 3. All actions of the County effectuating the proposed financing are hereby approved, ratified and authorized pursuant to and in accordance with the transactions contemplated by the documents referred to above.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Commissioner Fraley seconded the motion and the motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Brown, Cloninger, Fraley, Hovis Keigher and Worley

NAYS: None

I, Donna S. Buff, County Clerk for the County of Gaston, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board at a regular meeting held on May 25, 2023 as relates in any way to the matters described therein and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book ____ of the minutes of said Board, beginning on page ____ and ending on page ____.

I HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that notice of said meeting was duly given in accordance with G.S. § 143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this ____ day of May 2023.

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

and per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Debt Financing Prcds: FY23Vhcl	4000-NDP-000-00000-InstFn-VLP2023-0000-01-470001-P2303	(5,046,049.71)
Fund Balance Appropriated	4000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	5,046,049.71
Debt Financing Prcds: FY23Vhcl	1000-NDP-000-00000-InstFn-VLP2023-0000-01-470001-P2303	(3,134,771.00)
Fund Balance Appropriated	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	3,134,771.00
Furn/Equip<\$5K	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520020-	(0.54)
Furn/Equip<\$5K	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520020-	(0.83)
Fund Balance Appropriated	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	1.37
Motor Vehicles: FY23 LP	4005-BDS-231-00000-InstFn-VLP2023-0000-07-540003-P2303	(1,812.30)
Motor Vehicles: FY23 LP	4005-DSS-000-00000-InstFn-VLP2023-0000-05-540003-P2303	(16,918.88)
Motor Vehicles: FY23 LP	4005-EMS-000-00000-InstFn-VLP2023-0000-02-540003-P2303	(52,153.00)
Motor Vehicles: FY23 LP	4005-EMG-000-00000-InstFn-VLP2023-0000-02-540003-P2303	(8,131.60)
Motor Vehicles: FY23 LP	4005-GPD-000-00000-InstFn-VLP2023-0000-02-540003-P2303	(1,169.31)
Motor Vehicles: FY23 LP	4005-GPD-200-00000-InstFn-VLP2023-0000-02-540003-P2303	(70,644.80)
Motor Vehicles: FY23 LP	4005-HLT-000-00000-InstFn-VLP2023-0000-05-540003-P2303	(812.30)
Motor Vehicles: FY23 LP	4005-LIB-000-00000-InstFn-VLP2023-0000-04-540003-P2303	(977.59)
Motor Vehicles: FY23 LP	4005-PRK-000-00000-InstFn-VLP2023-0000-04-540003-P2303	(70.51)
Motor Vehicles: FY23 LP	4005-PWK-191-00000-InstFn-VLP2023-0000-01-540003-P2303	(633.35)
Motor Vehicles: FY23 LP	4005-SHF-000-00000-InstFn-VLP2023-0000-02-540003-P2303	(625.28)
Fund Balance Appropriated	4000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	153,948.92
Transfer to Gen Gov Cap	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	(153,948.92)
Transfers from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	153,948.92

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Chart for Finance Package - Vehicles, Ambulances & Equipment				FY 2023	version 4/4/2023
<i>UPFIT (TTT, Equipment & Decals) are not in Finance Pkg so not included here</i>					
VEHICLES	Unit Cost	Quantity	Extended	Contract / Vendor / Model and Purchase Order	
GPD-000					
Police Interceptor Utility AWD - County Police	\$ 45,071.43			NCSA Contract Ford Interceptor Perks Ford PO 23000340	
Total	\$ 45,071.43	26	\$ 1,171,857.18		
1 Ton Crew Cab Truck - County Police	\$ 59,973.51			NCSA Contract Ford F350 Piedmont Truck Center PO 23000374	
Total	\$ 59,973.51	1	\$ 59,973.51		
GPD-200					
3/4 Ton 4x2 Extended Cab & Chassis - ACE	\$ 38,267.60			State Contract Chevy Silverado 2500 Capital Chevrolet PO 23000759	
SWAB animal box (new) per SWAB 2-2-23 quote w Chassis painted	\$ 28,185.00				
Transport cost TO and FROM SWAB per estimate	\$ 1,775.00				
Additional freight estimate due to volatility in market	\$ 200.00				
Lighting reprogramming estimate	\$ 250.00				
Total (Qty revised from 3 to 2)	\$ 68,677.60	2	\$ 137,355.20	SWAB PO 23000776	
SHF-000					
Police Interceptor Utility AWD - Sheriff's Office	\$ 45,071.43			NCSA Contract Ford Interceptor Perks Ford PO 23000340	
Total	\$ 45,071.43	12	\$ 540,857.16		
Transit Van - Sheriff's Office	\$ 51,517.56			NCSA Contract Ford Transit Van Perks Ford PO 23000307	
Total	\$ 51,517.56	1	\$ 51,517.56		
EMG-000					
3/4 Ton Crew Cab Truck w/ Cover - Emergency Management	\$ 42,430.20			State Contract Chevy Silverado 2500 Capital Chevrolet PO 23000758	
Bed cover was planned to be from dealer as usual, but dealer won't provide, so we'll include in Finance Pkg since not budgeted in operating since usually inc in trucks	\$ 8,004.00			PO 23000786 Leonard	
Total	\$ 50,434.20	2	\$ 100,868.40		
PWK-191					
Full Size Truck- Fleet	\$ 47,406.49			NCSA Contract Ford F150 Perks Ford PO 23000328	
Total	\$ 47,406.49	1	\$ 47,406.49		
SUV - Fleet	\$ 34,460.16			NCSA Contract Ford Explorer Perks Ford PO 23000373	
Total	\$ 34,460.16	1	\$ 34,460.16		
BDS-231					
Full Size Extended Cab Truck with cover - Building & Planning	\$ 40,093.85			NCSA Contract Ford F150 Perks Ford PO 23000327	
In BA as BDS-231 but I understand one replaced Planning #175 and one is new for Building.					
Total	\$ 40,093.85	2	\$ 80,187.70		
HLT-000					
Full Size Truck - Public Health	\$ 40,093.85			NCSA Contract Ford F150 Perks Ford PO 23000327	
Total	\$ 40,093.85	2	\$ 80,187.70		
DSS-000					
Mid-Size Sedan - DHHS Social Services	\$ 25,318.00			Bid per UG Nissan Altima Nissan of Clinton (Vester) PO 23000668	
Total	\$ 25,318.00	5	\$ 126,590.00		

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Minivan - DHHS Social Services	\$	38,745.56			Bid per U/G Kia Carnival RKNC (Reneado Kia) PO 23000837
Total	\$	38,745.56	2	\$	77,491.12
LIB-000					
Transit Van - Library	\$	31,022.41			NCSA Contract Ford Transit Van Parks Ford PO 23000306
Total	\$	31,022.41	1	\$	31,022.41
PRK-000					
Full Size Truck - Parks and Rec	\$	43,629.49			NCSA Contract Ford F150 Parks Ford PO 23000328
Total	\$	43,629.49	1	\$	43,629.49
TOTAL - Vehicles			59	\$	2,583,404.08
AMBULANCES	Unit Cost	Quantity	Extended	Vendor / Model	
QRV is in addition to the (6) budgeted ambulances but adding 7th is within the budgeted amount.					
EMS-000					
Type 1 Ambulance (Decals and Equipment included in above price)	\$	473,019.00	2	\$	942,038.00
	inc above				HGACbuy contract AM10-20 AEV/Northwestern PO 23000810
Type 1 Ambulance Remount (refurb box on new chassis) (Decals and Equipment included in above price)	\$	434,810.00	1	\$	434,810.00
	inc above				HGACbuy contract AM10-20 AEV/Northwestern PO 23000810
Type 1 QRV Ambulance (Decals and Equipment included in above price)	\$	444,326.00	1	\$	444,326.00
	inc above				HGACbuy contract AM10-20 AEV/Northwestern PO 23000877
Type 2 Ambulance (Decals and Equipment included in above price)	\$	213,824.33	3	\$	641,473.00
	inc above				HGACbuy contract AM10-20 AEV/Northwestern PO 23000810
Total Ambulances			7	\$	2,462,647.00
EQUIPMENT	Unit Cost	Quantity	Extended	Vendor / Model	
GPD-000					
Body Cameras and Tasers			\$	1,254,069.46	Axon PO 22001024
SHF-000					
Body Cameras and Tasers			\$	1,880,700.17	Axon PO 22001018 / 23000421
Total Equipment GPD and SHF			\$	3,134,769.63	
TOTAL of Vehicles, Ambulances, Equipment			\$	8,180,820.71	

2023-169 Commissioner Hovis - Finance - To Appropriate \$3,500 from the Unified Fire Protection Service Fund Fund Balance for FY 2022 Fire District Audits Performed in FY 2023 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Professional Services	2036-000-000-00000-000000-0000-02-530010-	3,500.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	2036-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(3,500.00)

2023-170 Commissioner Hovis - Finance - Transfer Fire District Fund Balance, as of June 30, 2022, to Unified Fire Protection Service Fund (\$497,378.30) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	2035-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(497,378.30)
Transfer to Unified Fire Svc	2035-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-582036-	497,378.30
Transfer from Fire Districts	2036-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-482035-	(497,378.30)
Fund Balance Appropriated	2036-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	497,378.30

2023-171 Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Appropriate Accumulated Investment Earnings from February 1, 2023, through April 30, 2023 (\$61,514.80) per Budget Change Request:

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Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Interest Earnings	4096-NDP-000-00000-School-BondInt-0000-03-444001-	(41,166.22)
2016 GO School Bonds	4096-000-000-00000-GOBond-Sch2016-0000-03-540100-16283	1,658.37
2018 GO School Bonds	4096-000-000-00000-GOBond-Sch2018-0000-03-540100-19040	39,507.85
Interest Earnings - Treasury	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-444001-	(4,892.06)
Asset Forfeitures - Treasury	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530043-AFTPD	4,892.06
Interest Earnings - Justice	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-444001-	(2,753.48)
Asset Forfeitures - Justice	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530043-AFJPD	2,731.34
Asset Forfeitures - Drug Supplies	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530048-	22.14
Interest Earnings - Treasury	2020-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-444001-	(618.11)
Asset Forfeitures - Treasury	2020-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530043-AFTSH	618.11
Interest Earnings - Justice	2020-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530043-AFJSH	(26.81)
Asset Forfeitures - Justice	2020-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530043-AFJSH	26.81
Interest Earnings	2025-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-444001-	(3,662.34)
Controlled Substance Tax	2025-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530045-CSTPD	3,662.34
Interest Earnings	2025-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-444001-	(486.08)
Controlled Substance Tax	2025-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530045-CSTSH	486.08
Interest Earnings - EDTAP	1000-NDP-000-00000-ROAPAc-0000000-0000-05-444001-	(105.07)
Transportation of Clients	1000-CSS-290-29001-000000-000000-0000-05-560001-	105.07
Interest Earnings	1000-NDP-000-00000-UrgRpr-0000000-0000-07-444001-	(1,378.21)
Other Svcs: 2022 Urgent Rpr Prog	1000-BDS-233-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-530015-G0042	1,378.21
Interest Earnings - Police	1000-NDP-000-00000-NCOSBM-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(2.52)
F/E<5: NC OSBM PS Equip GCPD	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-540002-G0004	2.52
Interest Earnings - Police	4005-NDP-000-00000-NCOSBM-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(5,056.54)
F/E>5: NC OSBM PS Equip GCPD	4005-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-540003-G0071	5,056.54
Interest Earnings - Sheriff	4005-NDP-000-00000-NCOSBM-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(556.16)
Vehicles: NC OSBM - PS Equip	4005-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-540003-22535	556.16
Interest Earnings	1000-NDP-000-00000-HumTrf-0000000-0000-05-444001-G0046	(703.80)
F/E<\$5K:NC Human Trfc Facil	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-520020-G0046	283.51
Rpr & Maint: NC Human Trfc Fac	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-530023-G0046	420.29
Interest Earnings	4005-NDP-000-00000-HumTrf-0000000-0000-05-444001-G0046	(107.40)
F/E>\$5K:NC Human Trfc Facil	4005-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-540002-G0046	107.40

2023-172 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 - \$3,021.18) as follows:

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT	TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
MARCH 2023 REFUNDS			
ALEXANDER, TOMMY	\$ 63.88	JONES, HUBERT JR	\$ 18.80
ARMINIO, DAVID V	\$ 43.39	KENNEDY, JOSEPH WILLIAM III	\$ 7.09
ARMINIO, DAVID V	\$ 17.28	KENNEDY, JOSEPH WILLIAM III	\$ 95.05
BLAIR, ELIZABETH GOFF	\$ 28.60	LANNING, KARI LYNN	\$ 34.33
BRADLEY, WAYNE KEITH	\$ 69.02	LLOYD, JAMES ARTHUR JR	\$ 74.88
BROOKS, MARIA FLORENTINA	\$ 41.04	LOPEZ MENDEZ, RAUL	\$ 95.13
BROWN, MARK ALLEN	\$ 86.55	MARTINEAU, JESSICA ANN	\$ 72.94
BURGIN, EDWARD ARNOLD	\$ 14.33	MCKNIGHT, JOHNATHAN SCOTT	\$ 50.80
BUSBY, AMANDA RENEE	\$ 87.56	MUNGO, MODESTINE THOMPSON	\$ 58.36
BUSHA, JULIE ANN STORTZ	\$ 23.23	MURPHY, MARCIA RENEE	\$ 40.46
BYRUM'S COVERINGS, INC.	\$ 97.66	NORTHEY, CHRISTOPHER CURTIS	\$ 76.46

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CLAYTON, LEE RAMSEY	\$ 96.31	NORTHEY, CHRISTOPHER CURTIS	\$ 58.98
COWELL, CAMERON PATRICK	\$ 97.14	OMOTOSHO, FOLUKE ANNE	\$ 4.86
COX, ROBIN BEAM	\$ 41.04	PECK, CHARLES JAMES	\$ 50.14
DAUGHTRIDGE, JAMES ELVIN JR	\$ 18.96	PECK, CHARLES JAMES	\$ 20.48
EAKER, LISA HESTER	\$ 58.44	PENLEY, ADAM LEE	\$ 52.01
ESTEP, NORMA JEAN	\$ 70.93	PENLEY, ADAM LEE	\$ 48.69
ESTEP, NORMA JEAN	\$ 5.80	PENLEY, ADAM LEE	\$ 60.38
GARCON-PAUL, MARC EMMANUEL	\$ 84.34	POLSON, GARRY EUGENE	\$ 45.24
GRANSON, GENEVIEVE MARIA	\$ 14.39	POPE, GEORGE MICHAEL	\$ 21.51
GREEN, DONALD	\$ 21.51	POWELL, POLLY MAUDE	\$ 30.42
GREEN, PAIGE HALLMAN	\$ 29.38	RICE, SUSAN MCALISTER	\$ 32.94
GREEN, STEVEN JASON	\$ 7.09	SANTANA, LUIS EDUARDO ROJAS	\$ 69.97
GRIFFIN, RENEE NIX	\$ 5.06	SCHRONCE, HEATHER LEE	\$ 28.58
HALL, SHANETTA MARIE	\$ 55.07	SCHRONCE, ROBERT EDWARD	\$ 39.54
HAMAM, OSAMAH AHMAD NIMER	\$ 68.39	SCHRONCE, ROBERT EDWARD	\$ 31.89
HARDY, MELISSA FAYE	\$ 36.56	SEALS, JOHN BRIDWELL	\$ 37.26
HEFFNER, LARRY DENNIS	\$ 85.35	THOMAS, JERRY LEE	\$ 68.03
HEMBREE, CONNIE YVETTE	\$ 56.32	THOMAS, RICHARD EDWARD	\$ 17.96
HOVIS, RICHARD WAYNE JR	\$ 45.90	TUCKER, LARRY ROBERT	\$ 13.37
HOYT, LYNDA CLEM	\$ 88.37	WAGSTAFF, SHERRY HOLT	\$ 30.99
JONES, HUBERT JR	\$ 14.56	YODER, KEVIN LYNN	\$ 60.19
		\$ 3,021.18	

2023-173 Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Accept and Appropriate the Remaining Installments for Year 2 of the 21st Century Community Learning Center and Afterschool Program for Woodhill Elementary School (\$264,000) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
21st Cent: Woodhill/Cohort 15	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-00000000-0000-01-410000-22513	(264,000.00)
Salaries: 21st Century Woodhill	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-00000000-0000-01-510001-22513	8,910.00
OtherCont: 21st Century Woodhill	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-00000000-0000-01-570006-22513	255,090.00

2023-174 Commissioner Hovis - Finance - Resolution Relating to the Authorization of Bond Anticipation Notes for School Capital Needs in the County of Gaston, North Carolina as follows:

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston, North Carolina, was held at the Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum on the second floor of the Gaston County Courthouse located at 325 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, in Gastonia, North Carolina, at 6:00 P.M. on May 25, 2023.

Present: Chairman Chad Brown, Commissioners Bob Hovis, Vice-Chairman, Cathy Cloninger, Allen R. Fraley, Tom Keigher and Ronnie Worley.

Absent: Commissioner Kim Johnson

Also present: Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager; William T. Stetzer, County Attorney; and Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board.

Commissioner Hovis introduced the following resolution, a copy of which has been provided to each Commissioner:

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston, North Carolina (the "Issuer") adopted a school facilities bond order on February 27, 2018 authorizing general obligation school bonds not to exceed

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\$250,000,000 (the "Bond Order"), and the Bond Order was approved by the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the Issuer who voted thereon at a referendum duly called and held on May 8, 2018;

WHEREAS, the Issuer desires to provide funds for certain school related capital projects and deems it more efficient to issue general obligation bond anticipation notes to pay such costs and to then issue general obligation bonds to pay those notes;

WHEREAS, the Bond Order has taken effect, and it is desirable to make provision for the issuance of general obligation bond anticipation notes in anticipation of general obligation bonds authorized thereby;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston, North Carolina, as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners for the Issuer (the "Board of Commissioners") has determined and does hereby find and declare:

(a) That the Bond Order was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on February 27, 2018 and was approved by the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the Issuer who voted thereon at a referendum duly called and held on May 8, 2018.

(b) That the Issuer issued its \$60,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018 on November 15, 2018 (the "2018 Bonds").

(c) That, other than the 2018 Bonds, no bonds authorized by the Bond Order have been issued and no notes have been issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale such bonds.

(d) That it is necessary for the Issuer to provide for the issuance of notes in anticipation of the receipt of proceeds of the sale of such bonds in an amount not exceeding \$80,000,000 and the proceeds of such notes shall be used to pay or reimburse the Issuer for payment of school project costs authorized under the Bond Order or reimburse the Issuer for payment of costs incurred by the Issuer in connection with the authorization, sale or issuance of such notes.

2. In anticipation of receipt of the proceeds of the sale of a like amount of bonds authorized under the Bond Order, the issuance of notes by the County in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$80,000,000 is hereby authorized.

3. The notes described in the preceding paragraph shall be issued in the principal amount not to exceed \$80,000,000 and designated "General Obligation School Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2023" (the "Notes"). The Notes shall be dated their date of issuance, and shall bear interest from their date at a rate or rates that shall be determined upon the public sale of the Notes, and interest shall be payable on November 1, 2023, and semi-annually thereafter on May 1 and November 1. Principal of the Notes shall be payable at maturity, on May 1, 2025. The final principal amount of the Notes shall be as set forth in the final Official Statement (described herein).

Each Note shall bear interest from the interest payment date next preceding the date on which it is authenticated unless it is (a) authenticated on an interest payment date, in which event it shall bear interest from that interest payment date, or (b) authenticated prior to the first interest payment date, in which event it shall bear interest from its date; provided, however, that if at the time of authentication interest is in default, such Note shall bear interest from the date to which interest has been paid.

The principal of and the interest on the Notes shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America that is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof. Debt service will be payable to the owners of Notes shown on the records of the hereinafter designated Note Registrar of the Issuer on the record date, which shall be the fifteenth day of the calendar month (whether or not a business day) next preceding a debt service payment date.

4. The Notes will be issued in fully registered form by means of a book entry system with no physical distribution of note certificates made to the public. One note certificate for each maturity will be issued to and registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") or its nominee and immobilized in its custody. The book entry system will evidence beneficial ownership of the Notes in authorized denominations ("Authorized Denominations") approved by the Finance Director in connection with the sale of the Notes pursuant to Section 10 hereof, with transfers of beneficial ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC. Interest on and principal of the Notes will be payable at the times described above, in clearinghouse funds to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the

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Notes. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC; transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of those participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. The Issuer will not be responsible or liable for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through participants.

In the event that (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Notes, or (b) the Issuer determines that continuation of the book entry system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Notes would adversely affect the interests of the beneficial owners of the Notes, the Issuer will discontinue the book entry system with DTC in a manner consistent with DTC's rules and procedures. If the Issuer fails to arrange for another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the Issuer will authenticate and deliver replacement Notes in the form of fully registered certificates in Authorized Denominations.

5. The Notes shall bear the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of the Issuer, and the official seal or a facsimile of the official seal of the Issuer shall be impressed or imprinted, as the case may be, on the Notes.

The certificate of the Local Government Commission of North Carolina to be endorsed on all Notes shall bear the manual or facsimile signature of the Secretary of that Commission or of a representative designated by that Secretary, and the certificate of authentication of the Note Registrar to be endorsed on all Notes shall be executed as provided below.

In case any officer of the Issuer or the Local Government Commission of North Carolina whose manual or facsimile signature appears on any Notes shall cease to be that officer before the delivery of those Notes, that manual or facsimile signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until delivery, and any Note may bear the manual or facsimile signatures of such persons as at the actual time of the execution of the Note shall be the proper officers to sign the Note although at the date of the Note those persons may not have been such officers.

No Note shall be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under this resolution until it has been authenticated by the execution by the Note Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed thereon.

6. The Notes and the endorsements thereon shall be in substantially the following form:

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation ("DTC"), to issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange, or payment and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE, OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

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United States of America
State of North Carolina

COUNTY OF GASTON

GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2023

INTEREST RATE	MATURITY DATE	DATE OF NOTE	CUSIP
	May 1, 2025	July 11, 2023	367298

REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO.

PRINCIPAL SUM: _____ DOLLARS

The County of Gaston (the "County"), a county of the State of North Carolina, acknowledges itself indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to the registered owner named above, on the date specified

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above, upon surrender hereof, at the office of the Finance Director of the County, 128 W. Main Avenue, P.O. Box 1578, Gastonia, NC 28053-157802 (the "Note Registrar"), the principal sum shown above and to pay to the registered owner hereof, by check mailed to the registered owner at its address as it appears on the note registration books of the County, interest on that principal sum from the date of this note or from the May 1 or November 1 next preceding the date of authentication to which interest shall have been paid, unless the date of authentication is a May 1 or November 1 to which interest shall have been paid, in which case from that date, interest to the maturity hereof being payable on November 1, 2023, and semi-annually thereafter on May 1 and November 1 of each year, at the rate per annum specified above, until payment of the principal sum. The interest so payable on any interest payment date will be paid to the person in whose name this note is registered at the close of business on the record date for that interest, which shall be the fifteenth day of the calendar month (whether or not a business day) next preceding that interest payment date. Both the principal of and the interest on this note shall be paid in any coin or currency of the United States of America that is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof.

This note is being issued in anticipation of the receipt of proceeds of the sale of bonds duly authorized by a bond order adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County on February 27, 2018 (the "Bond Order") and approved by the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the County who voted thereon at a referendum duly called and held on May 8, 2018. This note is issued pursuant to and in full compliance with the Registered Public Obligations Act, Chapter 159E of the General Statutes of North Carolina, The Local Government Bond Act of the State of North Carolina, as amended, Article 9, as amended, of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and a resolution duly passed by said Board on May 25, 2023 (the "Resolution").

[The notes shall be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity at the option of the County on or after February 1, 2025, in whole, but not in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of each note to be redeemed, together with accrued interest thereon to the redemption date.

Not more than sixty (60) days nor less than thirty (30) days before the redemption date of any notes to be redeemed, the County shall cause a notice of redemption to be mailed, postage prepaid, to DTC or its nominee. On the date fixed for redemption, that notice having been given, the notes so called for redemption shall be due and payable at the redemption price provided for the redemption of those notes on that date and, if moneys for payment of the redemption price and the accrued interest are held by the Note Registrar as provided in the Resolution, interest on the notes so called for redemption shall cease to accrue.

The notice of redemption may state that the County retains the right to rescind such notice on or prior to the scheduled redemption date, and such notice and redemption shall be of no effect if such notice is rescinded. Any redemption may be rescinded at any time prior to the scheduled redemption date if the County gives notice thereof on or prior to the scheduled redemption date in the manner provided above for redemptions. Any notes as to which redemption has been rescinded shall remain outstanding.]

The notes will be issued in fully registered form by means of a book entry system with no physical distribution of note certificates made to the public. One note certificate for each maturity will be issued to and registered in the name of DTC or its nominee and immobilized in its custody.

The book entry system will evidence beneficial ownership of the notes in principal amounts of [\$5,000 or integral multiples thereof], with transfers of beneficial ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC; transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. The County will not be responsible or liable for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through participants.

The Note Registrar shall keep at its office the books of the County for the registration of transfer of notes. The transfer of this note may be registered only upon those books and as otherwise provided in the Resolution upon the surrender hereof to the Note Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner hereof or his attorney or legal representative in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar. Upon any registration of transfer, the Note Registrar shall deliver in exchange for this note a new note or notes, registered in the name of the transferee, in authorized denominations, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed principal amount of this note, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

The Note Registrar shall not be required to exchange or register the transfer of any note during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of notes and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing or of any note called for redemption in whole pursuant to the Resolution.

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It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or statutes of the State of North Carolina to exist, be performed or happen precedent to or in the issuance of this note, exist, have been performed and have happened, and that the amount of this note, together with all other indebtedness of the County, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by said Constitution or statutes. The faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on this note in accordance with its terms.

This note shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under the Resolution until this note shall have been endorsed by the authorized representative of the Local Government Commission of North Carolina and authenticated by the execution by the Note Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed hereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County has caused this note [to be manually signed by] [to bear the facsimile signatures of] the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and [a facsimile of] its official seal to be [imprinted] [impressed] hereon, and this note to be dated July 11, 2023.

(SEAL)

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners_____
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

CERTIFICATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

The issuance of the within note has been approved under the provisions of The Local Government Bond Act of North Carolina.

Secretary,
Local Government Commission

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This note is one of the Notes of the issue designated herein and issued under the provisions of the within-mentioned Resolution.

COUNTY OF GASTON
FINANCE DIRECTOR, as Note RegistrarBy: _____
Authorized Signature

Date of Authentication: July __, 2023

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto _____ the within Note and irrevocably appoints _____ attorney-in-fact, to transfer the within Note on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Note in every particular, without any alteration whatsoever.

Signature Guaranteed:

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NOTICE: Signature(s) must be guaranteed by an institution which is a participant in the Securities Transfer Agent Medallion Program (STAMP) or similar program.

7. Subject to the approval of the Finance Director in connection with the sale of the Notes pursuant to Section 10 hereof, the Notes shall be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity at the option of the Issuer, from any funds available for such purpose, on or after February 1, 2025. Such redemption may be made in whole, but not in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of each Note to be redeemed, together with accrued interest thereon to the redemption date.

Not more than sixty (60) days nor less than thirty (30) days before the redemption date of any Notes to be redeemed, the Issuer shall cause a notice of redemption to be mailed, postage prepaid, to DTC or its nominee. Each notice shall identify the Notes to be redeemed by reference to their numbers and shall set forth the date designated for redemption, the redemption price to be paid and the maturity of the Notes to be redeemed.

The notice of redemption may state that the Issuer retains the right to rescind such notice on or prior to the scheduled redemption date, and such notice and redemption shall be of no effect if such notice is rescinded. Any redemption may be rescinded at any time prior to the scheduled redemption date if the Issuer gives notice thereof on or prior to the scheduled redemption date in the manner provided above for redemptions. Any Notes as to which redemption has been rescinded shall remain outstanding.

On or before the date fixed for redemption, moneys shall be deposited with the Note Registrar to pay the principal of the Notes, as well as the interest accruing thereon to the redemption date.

On the date fixed for redemption, notice having been given in the manner and under the conditions provided above, the Notes called for redemption shall be due and payable at the redemption price provided therefor, plus accrued interest to the redemption date. If moneys sufficient to pay the redemption price of the Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption, are held by the Note Registrar in trust for the registered owners of Notes called for redemption, such Notes shall cease to be entitled to any benefits or security under this resolution or to be deemed outstanding, and the registered owners of such Notes shall have no rights in respect thereof except to receive payment of the redemption price thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

8. Notes, upon surrender thereof at the office of the Note Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar, may, at the option of the registered owner thereof, be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of Notes of the same maturity, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution, and bearing interest at the same rate.

The transfer of any Note may be registered only on the registration books of the Issuer upon the surrender thereof to the Note Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar. Upon any registration of transfer, the Note Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange for the Note a new Note or Notes, registered in the name of the transferee, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed principal amount of the Note so surrendered, of the same maturity, and bearing interest at the same rate.

In all cases in which Notes shall be exchanged or the transfer of Notes shall be registered hereunder, the Note Registrar shall authenticate and deliver at the earliest practicable time Notes in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. All Notes surrendered in any exchange or registration of transfer shall forthwith be cancelled by the Note Registrar. The Issuer or the Note Registrar may make a charge for shipping and out-of-pocket costs for every exchange or registration of transfer of Notes sufficient to reimburse it for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the exchange or registration of transfer, but no other charge shall be made for exchanging or registering the transfer of Notes under this resolution. The Note Registrar shall not be required to exchange or register the transfer of any Note during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of Notes and ending at the close of business on the day of that mailing or of any Note called for redemption in whole pursuant to this Section.

As to any Note, the person in whose name the same shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of or on account of the principal or redemption price of any Note and the interest on any Note shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon that Note including the interest thereon, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

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The Issuer shall appoint such registrars, transfer agents, depositaries or other agents and make such other arrangements as may be necessary for the registration, registration of transfer and exchange of Notes within a reasonable time according to commercial standards then applicable and for the timely payment of principal and interest with respect to the Notes. The Finance Director of the Issuer is hereby appointed the registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the Notes (the "Note Registrar"), subject to the right of the governing body of the Issuer to appoint another Note Registrar, and as such shall keep at his/her office as Finance Director of the Issuer, 128 W. Main Avenue, P.O. Box 1578, Gastonia, NC 28053-157802, the books of the Issuer for the registration, registration of transfer, exchange and payment of the Notes as provided in this resolution.

9. The actions of the Finance Director of the Issuer and others in applying to the Local Government Commission of North Carolina to advertise and sell the Notes and the action of the Local Government Commission of North Carolina in asking for sealed and electronic bids for the Notes by publishing notices and printing and distributing the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement relating to the Notes are hereby ratified and approved. That Preliminary Official Statement is hereby approved, and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, the County Manager and the Finance Director of the Issuer are each hereby authorized to approve changes in the Preliminary Official Statement, to approve the Official Statement, and to execute the Official Statement for and on behalf of the Issuer. The Preliminary Official Statement is deemed to be a final official statement within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, except for the omission of certain pricing and other information to be specified in the Official Statement.

10. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to determine and approve any details necessary in connection with the sale of the Notes, including without limitation, the principal amount of the Notes, interest rates, denominations, redemption provisions, and maturity years and amounts. Such details shall be reflected in the Note certificates.

11. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and the Finance Director of the Issuer are hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notes to be prepared and, when they shall have been duly sold by the Local Government Commission, to execute the Notes and have the Notes endorsed and authenticated as provided herein and to deliver the Notes to the purchaser or purchasers to whom they may be sold by the Local Government Commission.

12. The Issuer covenants to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), to the extent required to preserve the exclusion from gross income of interest on the Notes for federal income tax purposes.

13. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, the Finance Director and other officers of the Issuer are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the Issuer any and all financing statements, certificates, documents or other papers and to perform any and all acts they may deem necessary or appropriate in order to carry out the intent of this resolution and the matters herein authorized.

14. The Issuer hereby undertakes, for the benefit of the beneficial owners of the Notes, to provide to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB"):

(a) by not later than seven months from the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer, beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, audited financial statements of the Issuer for such fiscal year, if available, prepared in accordance with Section 159-34 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor statute, or, if such audited financial statements of the Issuer are not available by seven months from the end of such fiscal year, unaudited financial statements of the Issuer for such fiscal year to be replaced subsequently by audited financial statements of the Issuer to be delivered within 15 days after such audited financial statements become available for distribution;

(b) by not later than seven months from the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer, beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, (i) the financial and statistical data as of a date not earlier than the end of the preceding fiscal year for the type of information included under the headings "Debt Information" and "Tax Information" in Appendix A to the Official Statement relating to the Notes (excluding any information on overlapping or underlying units) and (ii) the combined budget of the Issuer for the current fiscal year, to the extent such items are not included in the audited financial statements referred to in (a) above;

(c) in a timely manner, not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of any of the following events with respect to the Notes:

- (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;

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- (2) non-payment related defaults, if material;
 - (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
 - (4) unscheduled draws on any credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
 - (5) substitution of any credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
 - (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Notes, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Notes;
 - (7) modification to the rights of the beneficial owners of the Notes, if material;
 - (8) Note calls, if material, and tender offers;
 - (9) defeasances;
 - (10) release, substitution or sale of any property securing repayment of the Notes, if material;
 - (11) rating changes;
 - (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;
 - (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
 - (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
 - (15) incurrence of a financial obligation (as defined below) of the Issuer, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the Issuer, any of which affect beneficial owners of the Notes, if material; and
 - (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties; and
- (d) in a timely manner, notice of a failure of the Issuer to provide required annual financial information described in (a) or (b) above on or before the date specified.

The Issuer shall provide the documents referred to above to the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB and accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB. The Issuer may discharge its undertaking described above by transmitting the documents referred to above to any entity and by any method authorized by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

For the purposes hereof, "financial obligation" means a debt obligation, a derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation, or a guarantee of either. The term "financial obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with Rule 15c2-12 issued under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Rule 15c2-12").

If the Issuer fails to comply with the undertaking described above, any beneficial owner of the Notes then outstanding may take action to protect and enforce the rights of all beneficial owners with respect to such

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undertaking, including an action for specific performance; provided, however, that failure to comply with such undertaking shall not be an event of default and shall not result in any acceleration of payment of the Notes. All actions shall be instituted, had and maintained in the manner provided in this paragraph for the benefit of all beneficial owners of the Notes.

The Issuer reserves the right to modify from time to time the information to be provided to the extent necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the Issuer, provided that:

(a) any such modification may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of the Issuer;

(b) the information to be provided, as modified, would have complied with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 as of the date of the Official Statement relating to the Notes, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of Rule 15c2-12, as well as any changes in circumstances; and

(c) any such modification does not materially impair the interests of the beneficial owners, as determined either by parties unaffiliated with the Issuer (such as bond counsel), or by the approving vote of the registered owners of a majority in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding pursuant to the terms of this resolution, as it may be amended from time to time, at the time of the amendment.

Any annual financial information containing modified operating data or financial information shall explain, in narrative form, the reasons for the modification and the impact of the change in the type of operating data or financial information being provided.

The provisions of this Section shall terminate upon payment, or provision having been made for payment in a manner consistent with Rule 15c2-12, in full of the principal of and interest on all of the Notes.

14. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Brown, Cloninger, Fraley, Hovis, Keigher and Worley

NAYS: None

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF GASTON)

I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston, DO HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

1. A meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston, located in the State of North Carolina, was duly held May 25, 2023, such meeting having been noticed, held and conducted in accordance with all requirements of law (including open meetings requirements), and minutes of that meeting have been or will be duly recorded in the Minute Book kept by me in accordance with law for the purpose of recording the minutes of the Board.

2. The attached extract accurately reflects the actions taken by the Board of Commissioners with respect to the matters therein.

3. That extract correctly states the time when the meeting was convened and the place where the meeting was held and the members of the Board who attended the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have hereunto affixed the seal of the County as of _____, 2023.

(SEAL)

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

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2023-175 Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - To Accept and Appropriate a Metrolina Healthcare Preparedness Coalition (MHPC) Partnership Grant to Purchase 3 HVAC Units (\$31,352.95) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
FedGrtRev-NCOEMS/HHP Grt	4000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-410000-G0033	(\$31,352.95)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005	\$31,352.95
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000	(\$31,352.95)
F/E>\$5k - NCOEMS/HHP Grant	4005-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-540002-G0033	\$31,352.95

2023-176 Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of May 21-27, 2023 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Gaston County

2023-177 Commissioner Brown - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Police Captain Eric L. Johnson

2023-178 Commissioner Keigher - Police Department - To Accept a Donation from Bruton Beatty, of Two Ballistic Vests, a Value of \$2,398 for Use by the Gaston County Police K9 Unit

2023-179 Commissioners Johnson & Worley - Police Department/Sheriff's Office - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of May 7-13, 2023 as Law Enforcement Week and Designate May 10, 2023 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day in Gaston County

2023-180 Commissioner Johnson - Sheriff's Office - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of May 7-13, 2023 as Correctional Officers and Correctional Employees Week in Gaston County

2023-181 Commissioner Johnson - Sheriff's Office - To Approve the Transfer of \$16,438 from the General Fund (Fund 1000) to the General Government Capital Fund (Fund 4005) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Furn/Equip<\$5K NCDPS SWAT Equip	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520020-22534	(16,438)
F/E>\$5k: NCDPS SWAT Equip	4005-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-540002-22534	16,438
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	16,438
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(16,438)
Transfer to CIF	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584000-	16,438
Transfer from Gen'l Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	(16,438)

2023-182 Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$4,261.95; Overpayments - \$5,089.13; VTS Refunds - \$9,100.07; Grand Total - \$18,451.15) as follows:

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
APRIL 2023 RELEASES AND REFUNDS	
Caromont Health Inc	\$3,446.70
Singleton, David Wayne	\$397.21
Truett, Joanne P	\$418.04
TOTAL	\$4,261.95

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24 Hour Closing	\$156.11
Bradley, Roderick E	\$100.19
Carpenter, Franklin	\$244.12
Carpenter, Franklin Wayne	\$347.11
Deal, Randy Allen	\$147.47
Jenny P. Holman	\$458.14
Kelly, Susan Montgomery	\$190.05
Kelly, Susan Montgomery	\$161.44
Knipp Law Office PLLC	\$395.00
Littlejohn, Joseph Donald	\$146.87
Love, Odessa Mae	\$107.43
Mathenia, Leeaura Penny Michelle	\$230.00
McDowell, Mellony	\$198.88
Morrison, Sarah J	\$461.54
Morrison, Sarah J	\$461.54
Moss, Teresa Rhyne	\$105.90
Palmer E. Huffstetler, Jr.	\$120.80
Pettus, Tina Chastain	\$103.11
Rinehart, Nicole	\$209.12
Rinehart, Nicole	\$209.12
Sands, Paul J	\$106.65
Spearman, Joel C	\$171.74
Walls, Whitney W.	\$137.35
Waters, Robert S	\$119.45
TOTAL	\$5,089.13

APRIL 2023 VTS REFUNDS

Banks, William Anderson	\$196.07
Bossong, Scott Charles	\$125.36
Christ, Alfred Joseph	\$430.20
Daye, Peter Davis III	\$324.18
Doster, Susan Arnette	\$159.08
Ellis, Manuel Effin	\$440.69
Evans, Bert Cameron	\$248.05
Flemming, Guy	\$228.99
Gibbons, John Patrick	\$159.69
Goodrich, Kery Knight	\$408.62
Lazier, Valerie J	\$157.81
Lima, Helen Kuuleialoha	\$355.83
Lincoln County Tax Dept	\$684.10
McKenzie, Arthur Gene	\$294.51
McKenzie, Arthur Gene	\$544.96
Modlin, Robert Christian	\$211.02
O'Keefe, James Michael	\$264.20
Podsiadlo, Gary Vincent	\$272.55
Purser, Weylan Charles	\$377.36
Ramsey, Austin David	\$426.68
Richardson, Stacey Collette	\$307.27
Rodriguez, Mark Steven	\$401.02
Rosenberger, Terrance	\$578.64
Schaeffer, Nancy Kay	\$114.34
Scheivert, David Christopher	\$301.94
Sew Much Fun! Inc	\$153.51
Simmons, Abindigo Trumain	\$179.99
Smith, Greta Thompson	\$100.82

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Smith, Roger Alan	\$436.42
Taylor, Hayden Thomas	\$103.33
Tennell, Todd Arthur	\$112.84
TOTAL	\$9,100.07
 GRAND TOTAL	 \$18,451.15

Items Pulled from Consent Agenda**2023-183 Commissioner Brown - Public Works - To Authorize the Purchase of Properties Located on Broad Street, Gastonia (PID's 104360, 104361, 104362), and Authorize Fund Balance Transfers for the Total Purchase Price (\$1,000,000) and the Estimated Closing Costs (\$10,000)**

Chairman Brown deferred to Commissioner Cloninger for questions.

Commissioner Cloninger asked if the purchase involved 7.5 acres of land and was it enough property to serve the departments in hand and if it could also accommodate GEMS property.

Mr. Dan Ziehm, Public Works Director, responded it is 7.53 acres and "yes".

Chairman Brown read the title for the record: "Public Works - To Authorize the Purchase of Properties Located on Broad Street, Gastonia (PID's 104360, 104361, 104362), and Authorize Fund Balance Transfers for the Total Purchase Price 1,000,000) and the Estimated Closing Costs (\$10,000)."

Commissioner Cloninger asked if the Gastonia City Police also has a 911 system; if this is approved, how will the backup system be handled if both towers went down.

Mr. Ziehm responded the City of Gastonia backup system is located at the City Police location; this system is located some distance away; the County is planning on leaving the existing Communications 911 Center on Highland Street as a backup.

Commissioner Cloninger requested clarification that the Highland St. location would not be moved to Broad St.

Mr. Ziehm responded "no"; the County is planning on moving that to Broad St. but the existing Highland St. location would remain as a backup in case anything happened at the new Broad St. location.

Commissioner Cloninger asked if the land was centrally located in the County to serve all municipalities.

Mr. Ziehm responded "I believe so, yes".

The County Manager advised it is a good location for the services the County is anticipating putting there; especially given the way the County stage vehicles countywide to serve the areas at further reach.

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Commissioner Cloninger asked what would be in the existing building other than the communications backup system.

Mr. Ziehm responded the existing 911 Communications System as a backup; it has not been determined what will backfill the existing Highland St. space.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC approved **2023-183**. The vote carried as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Fraley, Hovis, Keigher and Worley
 Nay: Commissioner Cloninger
 Absent: Commissioner Johnson

and per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	4000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(644,928.00)
Transfer to Capital Improvements	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	450,264.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	34,446.00
Land: Future Use	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-540004-P2313	58,203.00
Prof Svcs: Future Use	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-540016-P213	22,515.00

Appointments

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed to the **SARA Local Planning Committee (LEPC)**:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Scott Hunter	December 31, 2024
Commissioner Cloninger	Commissioner Brown	Mr. Scott Marshall	December 31, 2024 (Unexpired Term)

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the **Workforce Development Board**:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Keigher	Ms. Donna Caskey	May 31, 2026
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Brown	Ms. Claudette Argabrite	May 31, 2026
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Brown	Ms. Crystal McCabe	May 31, 2026

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed to the **Gaston County Fire Commission**:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Todd Davis	June 30, 2026
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Justin Westbrook	June 30, 2026
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Scott Hunter	June 30, 2024

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously reappointed Ms. DeeDee Gillis to the **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** to a term ending May 31, 2026.

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On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously reappointed Mr. Monte Monteleone to the ***Tourism Development Advisory Board*** to a term ending April 30, 2026.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Shawn Wray to the ***Gaston County Board of Adjustment*** to a term ending July 31, 2026.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Shawn Zill to the ***Health and Human Services Board*** to an unexpired term ending June 30, 2026.

Commissioners Committee Reports

Commissioner Worley reported attendance on May 23-24 to ***County Advocacy Days*** in Raleigh, NC along with Commissioners Keigher and Hovis; they met with the local Delegation which included Senator (Brad) Overcash and Representatives (Donnie) Loftis and (John) Torbett; they had productive meetings talking about the needs of the County; they understood and are willing to help us at any time.

Commissioner Cloninger reported attendance on May 10 to ***Gaston County Law Enforcement Memorial Service*** at The Pointe Church, Belmont, NC and ***Wreath Laying Ceremony*** at Gaston Memorial Park; May 17 to ***Antioch Lutheran Church***: (Mr.) Merv Cloninger and the church honored the County's First Responders with a meal; over 300 boxed lunches were delivered to Cherryville and given to public safety employees on duty and to citizens who needed a hot meal; ***Press Conference/Release in Cherryville*** along with Commissioner Fraley and toured the damage in the aftermath of the storm in Cherryville with Chief Huntsinger, Cherryville Police Department, and Chief Ellis. She remarked on how well all of the agencies throughout the County worked together in providing assistance to that community. She also reported attendance on 5/24 to the ***Opening Ceremony of the Gaston County Veterans Treatment Court*** at the Courthouse: the Honorable Gus Anthony was assigned as the presiding Judge; she thanked everyone that made it possible for the veterans in the community; Gaston is the 7th county to offer this specialized courtroom.

Commissioner Hovis reported meeting attendance to ***CaroMont Board of Directors***; the Board had a productive advanced planning event earlier in May; is continuing to work on the needs of CaroMont Health's outreach and things they do for the citizens; CaroMont also hosted an ***Open House for the South Tower (Urgent Care Tower)*** in mid-May; many people attended that event; the new suites have the latest technology, great rooms, wonderful organization and meet needs that could not be provided during Covid; May 23-24 ***County Advocacy Days*** in Raleigh, NC; he noted that Commissioners across the state were amazed that the County had already completed and passed its revenue neutral Budget.

Commissioner Keigher announced that the ***Gaston College*** women's softball team and men's baseball team won regional playoffs in their second year of athletics; the women will play in Oxford, AL; the men are headed to Grand Junction, CO; last year the men's baseball team was 4th in the nation in junior and community colleges with a 34-4 record.

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Commissioner Brown advised a lot is going on in the County; thanked the BOC for its participation and for representing the County throughout the state.

County Manager's Report

Presentation of the Recommended FY24 Gaston County Fire Protection Service District Budget

The County Manager deferred to Commissioner Hovis, the Board's liaison for the Fire Commission, for a presentation on the proposed Fire District budget.

Commissioner Hovis cited the BOC's accompanying document for the slide presentation; advised this is the second year of the County's unified tax rate and presented as follows:

Progress to Date: Meetings have been held with the Volunteer Fire Departments (VFDs) and stakeholders to discuss process, share information, and data analysis work.

The BOC held a Public Hearing and adopted Resolution (2022-050) stipulating that the Gaston County Fire Protection Service (District) rate cap would never exceed \$0.15/\$100 valuation without BOC approval.

The BOC approved a Resolution (2022-140) dissolving the (*Gaston County*) *Fire Advisory Board* and creating a new *Gaston County Fire Commission*.

The BOC held public hearings with High Shoals, Lowell and Ranlo to join part of the *County's Fire Protection Service District* (which dissolved their municipal responsibilities and incorporated those within the County's jurisdiction and fire tax district).

The BOC appointed members to the *Gaston County Fire Commission* and at its first meeting, members worked on bylaws, updated contracts, and discussed response time and staffing.

The prior year's tax rate for 2023 was \$0.11/\$100 valuation; the goals of the 2023 Budget were to provide baseline funding to each VFD, enhanced supplemental funding for future service improvements, funding for grant matches and multi-department joint service delivery projects, and the initial funding for a Capital Improvement Fund (CIP).

The adopted VFDs tax rates and funding increased from \$4,820,252 in 2019 to \$5,296,727 in 2020 to \$5,321,640 in 2021 to \$6,261,416 in 2022 through the 2023 adopted Budget.

Unified Fire Protection District (Established July 1, 2022): Once the Unified Fire Protection District was established, the 2023 adopted Budget included \$7,321,108 in funding across the agencies.

The Fire Commission has requested \$9,650,786 in 2024; the VFDs have been greatly impacted by inflationary costs such as fuel and other consumables. This increase also reflects equipment upgrades, labor force, 24/7 staff coverage, salary increases, etc.; the Fire Commission is proposing a decrease in the fire tax from \$0.11/\$100 to 9.5/\$100; a revenue neutral rate would be

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7.5 cents per the Department of Revenue formula; the salary increase is estimated at about \$1.1M to provide 24/7 staffing coverage for a minimal effective coverage; the increase would create a standard pay of \$16/hour.

The FY2024 Requested Budget Summary breakdown includes \$4.2M for Personnel; \$2.7M for Operating; \$2.3M for Capital; \$0.5M for (supplementary) Equipment.

The bar chart depicts the allocations for FY23 adopted rates in comparison to the Requested FY24 tax rates for the individual VFDs and shows the respective increases for each.

Cost of Labor: The labor cost is actually \$1,097,708; the chart depicts 2,859/hours/week for the FY2023 Budget and 4,075/hours/week that is being proposed for the FY2024 Budget; an increase of 1,216 hours to create the proposed minimal force.

The Fire Commission has dealt with this issue in detail during robust and open conversations and the Fire Chiefs have been very involved; there is a representative group of VFD volunteers present tonight; there is still a lot of work to complete; the Fire Commission is working on next year's request and will be asking the VFDs to provide a line item Budget request for all incurred costs to analyze and understand their needs; staff is also available to answer any questions.

Chairman Brown called for questions from the BOC.

Commissioner Keigher stated the County has the same expenses and increases in vehicles, maintenance, utilities and fuel as the VFDs and managed to stay at revenue neutral; questioned why the VFDs can't do that.

The County Manager responded she will defer to Commissioner Hovis; he has been working with the Fire Commission on putting the Budget together; her understanding is the most significant part of that is staffing for the VFDs.

Commissioner Hovis responded that labor is the largest single line item increase; adding over 1,200 hours of labor that was nonexistent in the prior year's budget; in the past, VFDs have not kept up with line item costs to a level of specificity; in this proposed budget, they followed the advice of the Fire Commission and provided better information; in the past, they all had their own unique way of doing things and the Fire Commission is trying to get them to look at the "pot" the same way; the VFDs original request was \$380,000 more than what the Fire Commission has agreed to with the 9.5¢ funding; have tried to keep the VFDs whole this year, but had to hold back a little to get everybody keeping up with incurred costs under the same accounting formula.

Chairman Brown requested a chart with increments from 7.5¢ to 9.5¢, similar to the process used to review the County budget tax rate increments.

The County Manager asked if he was referring to what the impact would be at those different levels.

Chairman Brown advised he would like more information on the current staffing. He noted the County budget did not fund some requested positions, and noted they are also experiencing inflationary issues. He reiterated he would like to see increments from 7.5¢ to 9¢ to determine

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what the VFDs are missing and how many additional hours the money will provide, and he would like more information on staffing increases as it relates to 24/7 coverage. He also asked that the budget requests be sent to the BOC to review.

The County Manager responded that she would provide that information.

Chairman Brown advised the BOC will be voting on the VFDs Budget on June 13.

Commissioner Hovis stated it was the Fire Commission's desire to provide the BOC that level for each VFD, but they did not have that level of specificity in each of the budget requests. The Fire Commission is still working on getting that out to the VFDs; have offered to meet with The Fire Commission Chair and each of the Chiefs one-on-one to go through their budgets; have sent the VFDs a line item budget template that is 95% where the Fire Commission wants it to be. He noted that the \$1.1M salary increase is to provide additional 24/7 coverage to each VFD that has the capacity to provide that today; some VFDs have said they don't need that, but this Budget allows that for everyone; if the VFDs inform The Fire Commission when they meet that they do not want 24/7 coverage for a full year but can be ready at a later time, those numbers will be adjusted for that VFD.

Commissioner Brown requested last year's labor cost per hour and the proposed increased labor cost per hour.

Commissioner Hovis advised there had been disparity in pay; some are paid less; some are paid more; The Fire Commission is trying to develop a unified pay rate because the County is competing with other people that pay more; this is to establish a baseline.

Chairman Brown thanked all First Responders for their assistance last week in Cherryville and with the fire that occurred in Charlotte.

County Attorney's Report

No report.

Other Matters

Commissioner Fraley - Re: City of Cherryville's Storm: He thanked Emergency Management, GEMS, County Police and Sheriff's Department for their assistance during the violent storm last Tuesday in Cherryville; our public safety response was awesome and much appreciated.

County Manager - Re: Public Works Capital Report: Advised she placed a copy of the first edition of *Public Works Capital Report* at BOC's seats; staff has been forwarding reports via email monthly but is transitioning to something more thorough and robust on a quarterly basis; there is more to report on a quarterly basis on the progress of capital projects.

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Adjournment

Chairman Brown called for a motion to adjourn.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Worley, the BOC unanimously adjourned the Rescheduled Regular Meeting of May 25, 2023 at 7:08 pm.

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

Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

Donna S. Buff
Clerk to the Board

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