



# Gaston County

## Board of Commissioners

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

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

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Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Meeting Agenda

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### REVISED - Regular Meeting & FY26 Gaston County Budget Public Hearing 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER  
INVOCATION  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### I. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES

- A. Commissioners Brown & Keigher - BOC - Commendation - To Commend the Stuart W. Cramer High School Men's Golf Team for Their Outstanding 2024-25 Season and Upon Winning the 3A State Championship

#### II. ZONING PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Bailey - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-25-01-28-00213, Old Well B3 LLC (Applicant); Property Parcel: 313222, Located at 2323 B South Point Road, Belmont, NC, Rezone from the (C-1) Light Commercial Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards and (CH) Corridor Highway Overlays to the (C-3) General Commercial Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards and (CH) Corridor Highway Overlays
  1. Receive Citizen Comment
  2. Close Public Hearing
  3. Accept Motion
- B. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-25-03-04-00216, GRY3, LLC (Applicant); Property Parcel: 173490, Located at 14742 Lucia Riverbend Hwy., Stanley, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards and (CH) Corridor Highway Overlays to the (C-1) Light Commercial Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards and (CH) Corridor Highway Overlays
  1. Receive Citizen Comments
  2. Close Public Hearing
  3. Accept Motion

- C. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Fraley - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-25-03-14-00219, Travis Bryan Blake (Applicant); Property Parcel: 227264, Located at 352 Landers Chapel Rd., Lincolnton, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District to the (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District
  - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
  - 2. Close Public Hearing
  - 3. Accept Motion
  
- D. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - To Approve Amendment to the Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan and Maps for Gaston County Communities, to Include the Addition of Dutchman's Creek as a Designated Blueway
  - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
  - 2. Close Public Hearing
  - 3. Accept Motion

### III. FY2025-2026 GASTON COUNTY BUDGET

- A. Public Hearing - FY2025-2026 Gaston County Proposed Budget
  - 1. Accept Citizen Comment
  - 2. Close Public Hearing
  
- B. Commissioner Brown - To Adopt the FY2025-2026 Gaston County Budget Ordinance
  
- C. ADDED/ PRESENTATION - FY2025-2026 Gaston County Fire Protection Service District Budget and Fire Service Contracts
  - Mr. Vincent Wong, Deputy County Manager

### IV. BUSINESS AGENDA

#### A. AGENDA REVISION/APPROVAL

- 1. ADDED: Section III., Item C.

#### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. To Approve the Minutes of:
  - Closed Sessions: 2/25/25, 3/11/25, 3/25/25, 5/13/25
  - Regular Meeting of 4/22/25

### V. CITIZEN RECOGNITION (Limited to One Hour; Sign up Prior to Start of Session; Comments Limited to 3 Minutes)

### VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Board of Commissioners - Memorial Day Proclamation - To Recognize Memorial Day, May 26, 2025, as a Day to Honor and Remember the Sacrifices of Our Military Fallen Heroes
  
- B. Commissioners Brown & Shehan - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2025 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

- C. Commissioner Brown - BOC - To Revise the Gaston County Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting Schedule for June 2025 to Reschedule the June 10th Work Session to Precede the June 24th Regular Meeting - 6:00 P.M.
- D. Commissioners Brown & Keigher - BOC - Commendation - To Commend the Stuart W. Cramer High School Men's Golf Team for Their Outstanding 2024-25 Season and Upon Winning the 3A State Championship
- E. Commissioner Hovis - Communications - Proclamation - To Recognize June 19th as "Juneteenth" in Gaston County
- F. Commissioner Bailey - County Attorney - To Schedule a Public Hearing Regarding the Closure of a Portion of Boat Club Road Located Near the Allen Plant Steam Station in the South Point Township
- G. Commissioner Fraley - County Attorney - Resolution Rescinding Resolution 94-282 (October 18, 1994) to Remove Antiquated Notice Processes for Making Personnel Policy Modifications
- H. Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information
- I. Commissioner Brown - County Manager - To Appropriate Restricted Building Inspections Fund Balance to Fund 1st Floor Building Inspections Renovation and County Manager's Office Restroom Installation (\$35,000.00)
- J. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Accept and Appropriate State Grant Funds (Year 3) Received from the NC Division of Public Health - Women, Infant, and Community Wellness Section (100% Grant Funds - \$130,000)
- K. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$1,282,129.00 (Year 1: \$607,937.00, Year 2: \$674,192.00, Total: \$1,282,129.00)
- L. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$429,028.00 (Year 1: \$214,514.00, Year 2: \$214,514.00, Total: \$429,028.00)
- M. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$752,432.00 (Year 1: \$372,557.00, Year 2: \$379,875.00, Total: \$752,432.00)
- N. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$614,829.12 (Year 1: \$307,414.56, Year 2: \$307,414.56, Total: \$614,829.12)
- O. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$668,378.00 (Year 1: \$314,126.00, Year 2: \$354,252.00, Total: \$668,378.00)

- P. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$295,917.00 (Year 1: \$146,832.00, Year 2: \$149,085.00, Total: \$295,917.00)
- Q. Commissioner Keigher - 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 PY2025 (No Funding Impacted Herein)
- R. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2025 as Older Americans Month
- S. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2025 as Foster Care Awareness Month
- T. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division (ACCESS) - Approval of the Grants and Financial Management Policies and Procedures (No Funding Impacted Herein)
- U. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Approve a Certificate of Need (CON) for Tryonota Fire Department in the Amount of \$850,000.00 for a New Smeal Metro Star Engine to be Financed with United Financial Bank
- V. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Approve a Certificate of Need (CON) for East Gaston Fire Department for Purchase of 2026 Spartan Smeal Engine in the Amount of \$1,100,000.00 to be Financed with Home Trust Bank
- W. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Approve a Certificate of Need (CON) for North Gaston Fire Department for a Surplus Trailer from GEMS in the Amount of \$1.00
- X. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Approve a Certificate of Need (CON) for Agriculture Center Fire Department for a 2025 Ford 350 Command/Utility Truck at \$80,000.00
- Y. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Accept as Information the April 2025 Property Tax Refunds Less than \$100. These Tax Refunds Should Be Recorded in the Board's Minutes. (Total NCVTS Refunds - \$2,171.82)
- Z. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Service - Finance - To Approve Giving Authorization to the Procurement Administrator to Pre-audit Gaston County Contracts
- AA. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Appropriate Accumulated Investment Earnings from January 1, 2025, through March 31, 2025 (\$70,970.58) in FY25. Appropriate Reconciled Accumulated Investment Earnings from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024 (\$7,978.40) in FY25. Total Appropriation is \$78,948.98
- AB. Commissioner Brown - Financial and Management Services - Grants - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Domestic Violence Grant Funds from the NC Council for Women in the Amount of \$999.56 for The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center, and Additional Sexual Assault Grant Funds in the Amount of \$959.03 for the Family Justice Center. This Action also Includes an Increase to the Required 20% Local Match Accordingly

- AC.** Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Grants - To Accept and Appropriate an Award for the Sheriff's Office from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for a Polaris General XP 1000 All-Terrain Vehicle (\$31,702.18)
- AD.** Commissioner Brown - Financial and Management Services - Grants (Sheriff's Office) - To Approve the Transfer of \$900 from the General Fund to the General Government Capital Fund, via the Community Investment Fund (CIF)
- AE.** Commissioner Brown - Financial and Management Services - Grants - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds for Gaston County Veterans Services (Must be Expended by July 31, 2025 - \$18,288.97)
- AF.** Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - To Accept and Appropriate Federal Grant Funds from Gaston Family Health Services (Kintegra Health) (Year 1 - \$20,000 / Year 2 - \$25,000 - Total Grant - \$45,000)
- AG.** Commissioner Bailey - GEMS - To Declare Surplus and Sell One Ambulance to the City of Belmont Police Department
- AH.** Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of May 18-24, 2025 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Gaston County
- AI.** Commissioner Cloninger - Human Resources - To Appropriate Revenue Received from Gaston County Job Fair Sponsorships and Reimburse Human Resources Expenditure Accounts for a Total of \$7,140.85
- AJ.** Commissioners Fraley & Hovis - Office of Capital Improvements - To Authorize the County Manager, or his Designee, to Execute an Agreement Between the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and Gaston County for the I-85 Widening Project (TIP No. I-5719B / U-5800)
- AK.** Commissioner Cloninger - Office of Capital Improvements - To Approve the Qualifications Based Selection of Alfred Benesch & Company and Authorize the County Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement to Provide Planning and Design Services for the Dallas Park Greenway Connector (STIP# BL-0105)
- AL.** Commissioner Cloninger - Parks and Recreation - To Accept and Appropriate Health Promotion Disease Prevention Grant Funds from Centralina Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging in the Amount of \$3,600
- AM.** Commissioner Brown - Police Department - To Authorize the Transfer of \$50,000 from General Fund to the General Government Capital Fund, via the Community Investment Fund (CIF) for the Purchase of Replacement Audio/Video Equipment in Interview Rooms and Replacement Radios
- AN.** Commissioner Keigher - Police Department - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2025 as Treatment Court Month in Gaston County
- AO.** Commissioner Hovis - Police Department (Animal Care and Enforcement) - To Accept and Appropriate Donations Received from The Estate of Melba Dodie Reese in the Amount of \$2,388.89

- AP.** Commissioner Brown - Police Department (Animal Care and Enforcement) - To Authorize the Transfer of \$21,893 from General Government Capital Fund, via the Community Investment Fund (CIF) for the Purchase of Sound Absorption Panels for Animal Care and Enforcement
- AQ.** Commissioner Hovis - Police Department (Animal Care and Enforcement) - To Accept and Appropriate Donation Received from Paws on Death Row Inc. in the Amount of \$1,000.00
- AR.** Commissioner Keigher - Police Department/Sheriff's Office - Proclamation - To Recognize Law Enforcement Week and Peace Officer's Memorial Day in Gaston County During the Week of May 11-17, 2025
- AS.** Commissioner Cloninger - Public Works - To Authorize the Purchase of Buffer Property Adjacent to the Gaston County Landfill for \$355,000 as well as Associated Closing Costs and Direct the County Attorney to Draft Any Necessary Documents and Authorizes the County Manager, or Designee, to Execute Said Documents for Closing Purposes
- AT.** Commissioner Keigher - Public Works - To Approve the Transfer of \$86,512 from the General Fund to the General Government Capital Fund, via the Community Investment Fund (CIF) for the Purchase of Overhead Doors for the Fleet Services Facility
- AU.** Commissioner Keigher - Public Works - To Approve the Transfer of \$23,000 from the General Fund to the General Government Capital Fund, via the Community Investment Fund (CIF) for the Purchase of a Paper Cutter for the Print Services Division of Public Works
- AV.** Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the April 2025 Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$12,948.91; Overpayments - \$10,329.00; VTS Refunds - \$2,142.58; Grand Total - \$25,420.49)

## **VII. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A.** Commissioner Keigher - County Manager - To Approve Gaston County Schools Property Purchase and to Provide \$1.5 Million for a Site Located at 3372 Robinwood Road, Gastonia, NC

## **VIII. LEGISLATIVE REQUEST**

- A.** Board of Commissioners - Legislative Request: Resolution in Opposition of Changes to Local Planning and Zoning by the North Carolina General Assembly

## **IX. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

## **X. ITEMS ADDED BY MAJORITY VOTE FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

## **XI. APPOINTMENTS**

- A.** Appointment List - Current Expiring Terms/Vacant Positions

**XII. REPORTS**

- A. Commissioners Committee Reports**
- B. County Manager's Report**
- C. County Attorney's Report**

**XIII. OTHER MATTERS**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**