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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met in Regular Session at 6:02 pm on May 27, 2025, in The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse.

Chairman Chad Brown presided with Commissioners Cathy Cloninger, Vice-Chair; Jim Bailey, Allen R. Fraley, Bob Hovis, Tom Keigher and Scott Shehan in attendance.

Others present included Vincent Wong, Deputy County Manager; David Goldberg, County Attorney; and Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board.

Chairman Brown requested a Moment of Silence and unspoken prayer for an employee facing personal hardship.

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

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

Commissioner Keigher read the Commendation for adoption under the Consent Agenda.

Coach Ben McMillian accepted and thanked the BOC for the Commendation.

Chairman Brown invited the team and coaches to the dais for a group picture with the BOC.

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

Chairman Brown announced the Public Hearings as advertised, explained the procedures to be used, and called for the motion to enter into Public Hearing.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Shehan, the BOC unanimously entered into Public Hearing.

Chairman Brown introduced Ms. Jaime Lisi, Planner I – Building & Development Services, for comments.

Ms. Lisi stated that subject rezoning request involves parcel 313222 located at 2323 B South Point Rd.; the Applicant, Old Well B3 LLC, is requesting to rezone the four (4) acre parcel 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; the property is located south of Belmont.

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She reviewed aerial, zoning and adjacent property owners' maps and advised the *aerial map* depicts the lot is currently operating as a trailer, RV and boat storage site; surrounding properties include commercial businesses, a storage facility, Plant Allen Duke Energy Power Plant and single-family homes; the property is in a small commercial pocket along South Point Rd., Belmont.

The *zoning map* depicts C-1, C-3, I-3 and R-1 zoning districts; the commercial structure was built in 1989 and has been operating in a commercial nature ever since; the updated classification of mini-warehouse with open air storage use in the C-3 zoning district was determined to be the best fit for the current use under the existing Unified Development Ordinance (UDO); if approved, any uses allowed in the C-3 zoning district would be permitted per standards and regulations adopted in the UDO.

The *adjacent property owners' map* depicts those notified of the Public Hearing and their information for the notice.

The parcel is served by the City of Belmont water and private septic system and exists on a NCDOT maintained road.

The TRC (Technical Review Committee) reviewed the project and had no comments.

The G-C-L MPO (Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization) provided a letter stating the widening of South Point Rd. is included in the MPO's CTP (Comprehensive Transportation Plan); the typical cross section for a four-lane divided road involves a minimum of a 100' right-of-way (r-o-w); the existing r-o-w along South Point Rd. is 60'.

According to the 2050 MTP (Metropolitan Transportation Plan), there will be a widening project for South Point Rd.

The CTP shows recommended bike facility improvements along South Point Rd. that are unfunded at this time.

Staff did not receive any calls about the proposed rezoning.

The parcel is located in *Area 4: Southeast: The Garden Gaston* of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP).

Key issues for citizens in the area include road improvements and better connectivity to other sites; another bridge crossing the Catawba River, increased walkability and connectivity between communities, continued coordination amongst local government agencies and maintaining enhanced quality of life.

The future land use designation is *Suburban Development* (areas with significant family residential areas that exist around commercial pockets representing a standard suburban center. Typically, this would resemble subdivisions built around services for those communities.

Per staff's recommendation, the application as presented is consistent with the goals and future land use designation in the CLUP.

The Planning Board recommended approval via a (unanimous) vote (9-0); found it is a reasonable request and in the public interest and is consistent with the goals of the CLUP.

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Chairman Brown called for comments from the Applicant.

Mr. John Russell, Attorney with Mullen, Holland & Cooper, 301 S. York St., Gastonia, NC, and representing the Applicant, presented slides and advised the property has been operating as a boat, trailer and RV storage that is currently classified as non-conforming; purpose of rezoning is to bring current use into conformity with the C-3 zoning district which would allow Applicant to expand space; it was indicated at the Planning Board meeting there has been much growth in this area of the County, and one member remarked there was a lot of demand for this use; referenced the property and its commercial pocket.

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment; hearing none, called for questions from the BOC.

Chairman Brown advised the property is served via City of Belmont's water and a private septic but is not annexed into the City; the C-3 zoning district has many uses that some will not like; if approved, many uses could happen in downtown area; asked Mrs. Jamie Kanburoglu, Director of Planning and Zoning – Building & Development Services, for an explanation.

Mrs. Kanburoglu explained a lot of uses can be put in the C-3 district; any change in use would require a change of use zoning permit; most of the uses have supplemental regulations (i.e., acreage, buffer or distance requirements, etc..) and would require permitting; any changes would go through staff review; some uses may require a conditional district zoning or a special use permit; it would come back before the BOC if the use requires a conditional zoning; it would go before Board of Adjustments (BOA) for a Special Use permit.

Chairman Brown called for additional questions and comments; hearing none, declared the Public Hearing closed.

Chairman Brown recapped the Planning Board unanimously recommended approval and called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Bailey, the BOC approved **2025-137**, upon consideration of the map change application, public hearing comment, and recommendation from the Planning Board and Planning staff, finds:

- 1) The map change request is consistent with the County's approved Comprehensive Land Use Plan as it will keep the parcel commercial in nature as envisioned by the suburban development future land use designation.

The Commission considers this action to be reasonable and in the public interest, based on: Planning Board recommendation and compatibility with existing land uses in the immediate area. Therefore, the map change request for Property parcel: 313222, is hereby approved, effective with the passage of this Ordinance to be rezoned to the (C-3) General Commercial Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards and (CH) Corridor Highway Overlays.

- 2) The County Manager is authorized to make necessary notifications in this matter to appropriate parties.

The vote carried as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Bailey, Fraley, Hovis, Keigher
Nays: Commissioners Brown, Cloninger, Shehan

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Chairman Brown directed the County Attorney to provide the Consistency Statement to the Clerk for the record.

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

Chairman Brown introduced Mrs. Peyton Wiggins, Planner II – Building & Development Services, for comments.

Mrs. Wiggins stated subject request involves parcel 173490 or 14742 Lucia Riverbend Hwy. in Stanley (NC); the owners/applicants, GRY3, LLC., are requesting to rezone 1.09 acres 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; *vicinity map* depicts the property is located in the northeast quadrant of the County, north of Mt. Holly and Stanley city limits.

She reviewed orthophoto, zoning and adjacent property owners maps and advised the *orthophoto map* depicts the parcel with a mobile home and accessory structures; orthophoto is from 2022 and has not been updated; based on aerial photography, the property has existed like this since 1997; sometime between 2023 and 2024 the mobile home and all structures were demolished; the property is currently vacant; earlier this year the property owner submitted a recombination plat to combine parcels 173490 and 173473 to create one parcel and to avoid split zoning; parcel 173473 is currently zoned C-1.

She advised the *zoning map* depicts R-1, C-1, C-3 and R-2 zoning districts; if approved, any uses allowed in the C-1 zoning district would be permitted per standards/regulations adopted in Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

The adjacent property owners' map lists those that received mailed notices for the Public Hearing and their mailing information.

A sign was placed on site and notices were mailed on May 13th per NCGS; staff did not receive any calls about the request.

The site is served via a private well and septic system; is accessed off of Lucia Riverbend Hwy. which is NCDOT maintained.

The parcel is in *Area 3: Riverfront Gaston/Northeast Gaston* of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP); key issues for citizens in area include preservation of open space, road improvements and better connectivity to other areas of County and increased job opportunities.

The future land use designation is *Suburban Development* which consists of significant single-family residential areas that exist around commercial pockets representing a standard suburban center; this typically resembles subdivisions built around services for those communities.

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Staff finds the application, as presented, is consistent with the goals and future land use designation found within the CLUP.

The TRC (Technical Review Committee) reviewed the request on April 23rd.

The Environmental Health Department advised Applicant would need to apply for an existing system approval for the septic system if the business is added to the property at time of permitting.

The G-C-L MPO (Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization) provided a letter stating there are no funded transportation improvement projects within immediate vicinity of the site; there are recommended bicycle facility improvements on Lucia Riverbend Hwy. that are currently unfunded.

The Planning Board heard the request at its May 5th meeting; recommended approval via a 9-0 vote.

Chairman Brown called for comments from the Applicant.

Mr. Gregory Yarber, 8399 Lucky Point Rd., Denver, NC, advised he did not have any further comments.

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment.

Mr. Ruben Todd Calhoun, 519 Maynard Farm Ln., Stanley, NC, advised the parcel abuts his property; other neighbor could not attend meeting due to death in family; asked what Applicant plans on putting on the property; many uses are listed; already have an auto salvage operation up from the property; property taxes have increased over the past several years.

Chairman Brown responded that he would have Mrs. Wiggins return to the podium.

Chairman Brown called for additional comments; hearing none, called for questions from the BOC.

Commissioner Keigher clarified the County has lowered tax rates for the past three years.

Mr. Calhoun advised his house payments increased hundreds of dollars in two years and he was told it was due to the taxes.

Commissioner Keigher further clarified that property values increased; the tax rate decreased.

Mrs. Wiggins reiterated that the Applicant wants to rezone to C-1 and combine the properties for one large C-1 parcel and will have to meet supplemental regulations for whatever uses are allowed.

Chairman Brown advised the C-1 zoning district allows many uses; which are some of the issues he is having with this request.

Chairman Brown called for additional comments from the BOC.

Commissioner Shehan asked for the total acreage of the combined properties if approved.

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Mrs. Wiggins responded around the two-to-three-acre range.

Hearing no further questions from BOC or additional comments, Chairman Brown declared the Public Hearing closed.

Chairman Brown recapped the Planning Board unanimously recommended approval; called for a motion to approve.

Commissioner Keigher introduced the motion to approve.

Chairman Brown announced no second was heard. The motion died due to lack of a second.

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

Chairman Brown introduced Ms. Jaime Lisi, Planner I – Building & Development Services, for comments.

Ms. Lisi advised subject request involves parcel 227264, located at 352 Landers Chapel Rd., Lincolnton, NC; the Applicant, Travis Bryan Blake, is requesting to rezone an .81 acre parcel from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District to the (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District; the property is located west of High Shoals.

She reviewed aerial, zoning and adjacent property owners' maps and advised the *aerial map* depicts the property is currently vacant and surrounded by other residential properties; *zoning map* depicts R-1, R-2, R-3 and commercial zoning districts; *adjacent property owners map* depicts those notified about tonight's Public Hearing and those that received mailed notices.

The lot is serviced via a private well and septic system; is accessed via an NCDOT maintained road.

The Gaston-Cleveland- Lincoln MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) provided a letter stating there are no funded transportation improvement projects in the immediate vicinity of the site per the 2024-2033 STIP (State Transportation Improvement Program).

Staff received one call for general information.

The parcel is located in *Area 2: North 321 Gaston* of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP); key issues for citizens in area include preservation of open space, road improvements and better connectivity, preservation of agricultural and the rural feel of the community.

The future land use designation is *Rural*; these areas consists of plenty of open space along with farmstead style housing as well as agribusiness.

The TRC (Technical Review Committee) reviewed the request and had no comments.

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The Planning Board recommended approval of the request via a 9-0 vote; found it to be a reasonable request and in the public interest and consistent with the goals of the CLUP as it will keep the parcel residential in nature; this concludes the presentation.

Chairman Brown called for comments from the Applicant and for citizen comment, for questions from the BOC and for additional comments; hearing none, declared the Public Hearing closed.

Chairman Brown recapped the Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved **2025-138**, upon consideration of the map change application, public hearing comment, and recommendation from the Planning Board and Planning staff, finds:

- 1) The map change request is consistent with the County's approved Comprehensive Land Use Plan as it will keep the parcel residential in nature as envisioned by the rural future land use designation.

The Commission considers this action to be reasonable and in the public interest, based on: Planning Board recommendation and compatibility with existing land uses in the immediate area. Therefore, the map change request for Property parcel: 227264, is hereby approved, effective with the passage of this Ordinance to be rezoned to the (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District.

- 2) The County Manager is authorized to make necessary notifications in this matter to appropriate parties.

Chairman Brown directed the County Attorney to provide the Consistency Statement to the Clerk to for the record.

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

Chairman Brown introduced Mrs. Peyton Wiggins, Planner II – Building & Development Services, for comments.

Mrs. Wiggins advised subject request is within the Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan to include Dutchman's Creek as a designated Blueway; City of Mt. Holly staff approached Planning staff awhile back about this amendment; Dutchman's Creek is a five-mile waterway within Mt. Holly's city limits that begins at the intersection of Sandy Ford Rd. and Dutchman's Creek; ends in the Catawba River.

At the Dutchman's Creek confluence with the Catawba River, the Blueway will connect to the existing 27-mile Catawba River Blueway, Lake Wylie section; paddlers will experience a rural and quiet connection with nature the first 2.5 miles of this stretch of Dutchman's Creek; the lower or back half of the five-mile paddle affords paddlers the opportunity to experience Mount Holly's rich textile history as the river meanders into the heart of Mt. Holly.

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The request went before the Catawba Riverkeeper, Carolina Thread Trail and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board; all three entities submitted letters of support for the amendment which are included in BOC packets.

The request also went before the Mt. Holly City Council on April 28th; the Council adopted a Resolution of support which is also included in BOC's packets.

The Planning Board heard the request at its May 5th meeting and recommended approval via a 9-0 vote; this concludes the presentation.

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment and for comments from the BOC; hearing none, declared the Public Hearing closed.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Shehan, the BOC unanimously approved **2025-139** as follows:

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2009, the Gaston County Parks and Recreation Commission and on February 26, 2009, the Gaston County Planning Board, voted to recommend adoption/approval of the "Carolina Thread Trail Plan for Gaston County Communities" to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, a Resolution to support the Carolina Thread Trail was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on March 26, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Holly has submitted a map amendment to include the addition of the five-mile waterway, Dutchman's Creek, as a designated blueway; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Holly and the City of Mount Holly's Park and Recreation Advisory Board offers written support; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Planning Board voted to recommend adoption/approval of the Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan and Maps Amendment at their regularly scheduled meeting on May 5, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, public hearing comments are on file in the Commission Clerk's Office as part of the minutes of the meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners adopts the Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan and Maps Amendment; a submittal to include the addition of the Mount Holly Blueway that is intended to provide better connectivity and outdoor recreation opportunities for Gaston County residents and visitors.

Chairman Brown announced the above-mentioned Public Hearings had concluded and moved to the next item of business.

Public Hearing - FY2025-2026 Gaston County Proposed Budget

Chairman Brown introduced the Deputy County Manager for comments.

Mr. Vincent Wong, Deputy County Manager, stated that the BOC heard the full Budget presentation from the County Manager two weeks ago and noted it is a result of months of hard work between BOC, Budget and Management Team and all staff.

Chairman Brown highlighted the Budget as follows:

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- General Fund - \$340M; flat compared to prior year; no General Fund balance or any fund balance was used to balance the Budget
- Current recommended tax rate - 59.9/\$100; lowest tax rate on record
- Education - \$750k
- County absorbed \$16M in debt
- Ad Valorem Taxes - \$211M with 62% from property taxes
- Sales and Other taxes - \$44M or 13%
- Intergovernmental and Grants - \$36M or 11%
- Fees, License, Permits Sales, Services (and Fees) – \$34M or 10%
- 31% to Public Safety; 16% to General Government; 25% to Human Services; 18% to Education; 10% to Other.

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment.

The following individuals spoke in support of school funding:

Ms. Cherie Feemster, (Gastonia, NC); Miss Cheryl Littlejohn, Gastonia, NC and Gastonia Councilwoman; Ms. Ann Doss Helms, Belmont, NC.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously accepted the document from Ms. Helms as information.

The following individuals spoke in support of Library funding:

Ms. Amanda Memrick; Miss Amelia Memrick.

Mayor Larry Simond, Lowell, NC commented on the fire tax rate and the budget ordinance.

Ms. Amy Mason, Gastonia, NC, spoke in support of more funding for the parks, libraries and museum.

Chairman Brown called for questions from the BOC.

Commissioner Cloninger presented:

"I would like to ask for consideration for my township which is Dallas and Dallas spans the Gaston County Museum of Art & History museum, a non-mandated service which serves the citizens of our community. I know for a fact that Alli Pizza and her team has worked diligently in providing advocacy teamwork, partnerships and hard work which has been seen and unseen with in-kind and monetary donations. I know that every department in our County has seen a reduction due to the \$30M gap. I've received many phone calls, had conversations, plus emails concerning the 30% overall cut to the museum. I hear what is being said. After much thought and concerns I wanted to openly express my opinion because of the history within the walls that makes this facility one of a kind. Even my mother-in-law, the late Mary Jo Cloninger and the late Jeanne Rauch were instrumental in the beginning, and we must do everything that we can do to preserve the history of Gaston County. Thank you."

Chairman Brown called for additional questions from the BOC.

Chairman Brown noted that the Board of Commissioners (BOC) has consistently supported the schools, including allocating \$500,000 annually in supplement funding, which compounds each year. During budget discussions, the BOC asked the school system to match supplements using its fund balance, with the BOC matching their contribution, an agreement supported by all Commissioners.

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He emphasized that while funds were limited, the BOC worked diligently to assist educators and be fiscally responsible. Cuts were made across multiple departments to stretch resources and ensure support for education and other priorities.

Chairman Brown called for additional comments; hearing none, declared the Public Hearing closed.

2025-140 Commissioner Brown - To Adopt the FY2025-2026 Gaston County Budget Ordinance

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Shehan, the BOC approved **2025-140** and the vote carried as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Cloninger, Fraley, Hovis, Shehan
Nays: Commissioners Bailey and Keigher

and as set forth herewith:

**BUDGET ORDINANCE
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
GASTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina:

SECTION I. BUDGET ADOPTION 2025-2026. There is hereby adopted a budget for the County of Gaston for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, a summary of which is included as Exhibits I (funding sources by fund and revenue type) and II (appropriations by fund and function) herein on page 4. The budget is hereby adopted by fund on a functional basis. The County Manager is directed to finalize the line-item detailed budget, at which time that document shall be incorporated herein as if fully set out verbatim and referred to hereinafter as the "2025-2026 Gaston County Budget."

SECTION II. TAX RATE LEVY 2025-2026. There is hereby levied for fiscal year 2025-2026 a tax rate of 59.9 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

SECTION III. SALARIES. The 2025-2026 Gaston County Budget fully funds longevity for eligible employees.

SECTION IV. BUDGET OFFICER AND FINANCE OFFICER. In accordance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, the County Manager has prepared a budget which contains a General Fund, a Community Investment Fund, a Debt Service Fund, a Capital Improvements Fund, a Social Services Beneficiaries Fund, a Travel and Tourism Fund, a Property Revaluation Fund, an Emergency Telephone Fund, a Courthouse Parking Fund, a Deeds of Trust Fund, a Civil Process Fund, a Fines and Forfeitures Fund, a Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, and a Self-Insurance Fund.

The County Manager is designated as the Budget Officer of the County and the Finance Director is designated as Finance Officer. As provided by G. S. 159-25 (b), the Board is authorized to require two signatures on each check or draft that is made on County funds. The signature of the County Manager and the Finance Officer shall be the authorized signatures of the County. The Deputy County Manager shall have signatory authority in the absence of the County Manager and the Finance Officer shall designate signatory authority to a responsible individual on their staff in their absence.

SECTION V. TRANSFERS OF FUNDS BETWEEN OBJECT ACCOUNTS. Line item changes are authorized only with the approval of the Board of Commissioners as required by law, except as provided below. The Budget Officer is authorized to transfer monies from one line item appropriation to another within the same fund in accordance with provisions of G.S. 159- 15.

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In compliance with Resolution 2003-321, upon making such transfers, the Manager shall accumulate them to be forwarded to the Clerk to the Board on or before the agenda deadline for the next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting so that said transfers may be placed in the agenda and recorded in the minutes of said meeting. Budget Change Requests included in the agenda are for information purposes and will not be discussed by the Board at the meeting unless a Budget Change Request pertains to a resolution that is on the Board's agenda for that meeting. Nothing in this resolution in any way affects the County Manager's authority to make budget transfers by the amount provided in the Budget Ordinance.

Movement of funds between expenditure categories (personnel, operating, capital and debt service) may be requested by departments, but require approval of the Budget Officer or their designee. No lapsed salary can be used to fund other operational expenditures without the Budget Officer or their designee approval. Movement of funds to purchase unbudgeted capital items requires approval of the Budget Officer or their designee.

SECTION VI. OBLIGATIONS FROM THE PRIOR YEAR. As provided by G.S. 159-13 (b), any funds of a capital or operating nature for which bids have been received or contracts executed in previous fiscal years are hereby re-appropriated. All unpaid encumbrances, ongoing projects that are assigned a project number, capital improvement projects, and any other items which have been approved by the Board of Commissioners, such as grants, are hereby re-appropriated and are to be added to this approved budget.

SECTION VII. SCHOOL BUDGET. Current Expense - The Gaston County Board of Commissioners approves an operating allocation of \$54,001,704 for the Gaston County Board of Education. In addition, the Board approves \$2,302,623 for School Resource Officers assigned to schools, as well as \$65,000 for the Commissioners' School of Excellence.

Capital/Debt Service Funds - The Gaston County Board of Commissioners appropriates \$35,361,046 for the school system's FY 2025-2026 capital and debt service needs, to be allocated as follows: \$0 for capital needs and \$35,361,046 for debt service.

SECTION VIII. GASTON COLLEGE BUDGET. In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 115D, Gaston County shall provide, based upon the appropriations herein, funds to Gaston College as needed to meet current fund and capital fund expenditures. The FY 2025-2026 appropriation for Gaston College totals \$8,445,548 to be allocated as follows: \$6,271,775 for current operating expenses, \$797,219 for capital expenses, and \$1,376,554 for debt service expenditures.

Reserves for future capital projects shall remain with Gaston County to the credit of Gaston College until requested for payment of duly appropriated obligations. Payment of all capital expenditures shall be made upon presentation of the appropriate invoices to Gaston County.

SECTION IX. APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS. The Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the amended budget of each department by the County Manager or as amended by this Board on page 4 herein and as more fully detailed in the document to be finalized per Section I above.

SECTION X. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND. The Board of the County Commissioners does hereby approve the Capital Improvement Fund as budgeted by the County Manager or as amended by this Board on page 4. Accordingly, the Finance Director is authorized to make the proper entries to the County's accounting records as of June 30, 2026 to cause the net balance of the appropriate projects to revert to the Community Investment Fund's fund balance.

SECTION XI. DESIGNATION OF INSURANCE RESERVES AND AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURES. The Board of Commissioners approves the designation of unspent funds, from "Insurance" line items (530024) and account 1000-NDP-000-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-01-530025- "Insurance Deductible" into fund balance titled "Designated for Insurance Reserves".

Adopted this 27th day of May 2025, to become effective on July 1, 2025.

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EXHIBIT I GASTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA BUDGET ORDINANCE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026															
FUNDING SOURCE	MAJOR FUNDS				NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS								ENTERPRISE FUND	INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	GROSS FUNDING SOURCES, ALL FUNDS
	GENERAL FUND	COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFICIARIES FUND	TOURISM FUND	PROPERTY REVALUATION FUND	COURTHOUSE PARKING FUND	EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FUND	DEEDS OF TRUST FUND	CIVIL PROCESS FUND	FINES & FORFEITURES FUND	SOLID WASTE FUND	SELF INSURANCE FUND	
AD VALOREM TAXES	\$ 211,488,597	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 211,488,597
SALES & OTHER TAXES	\$ 44,340,204	\$ 26,786,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,528,473	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 435,691	\$ -	\$ 70,652,017
INTERGOVERNMENTAL & GRANTS	\$ 35,920,459	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 850,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,707,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,477,959
FEES, LICENSES, & PERMITS	\$ 11,940,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,340,300
SALES, SERVICES & FEES	\$ 22,112,094	\$ 115,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,895,496	\$ -	\$ 33,993,524
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375,000	\$ 10,375,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 4,977,814	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,977,814
INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,615,957
TRANSFERS IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$ -	\$ 16,844,855	\$ 45,230,152	\$ 2,816,836	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,955,843
FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 693,000	\$ -	\$ 540,993	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,527,895	\$ -	\$ 6,529,888
	\$ 343,348,208	\$ 48,746,900	\$ 45,230,152	\$ 2,816,836	\$ 850,000	\$ 1,528,473	\$ 375,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 540,993	\$ 100,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,707,500	\$ 19,446,500	\$ 20,995,957	\$ 490,313,479
RECONCILIATION OF GROSS TO NET BUDGET:															
GROSS FUNDING SOURCES, ALL FUNDS	\$ 490,313,479														
LESS INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$ (35,990,025)														
NET BUDGET, ALL FUNDS	\$ 454,343,454														

EXHIBIT II GASTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA BUDGET ORDINANCE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026															
FUNCTION	MAJOR FUNDS				NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS								ENTERPRISE FUND	INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	GROSS APPROPRIATIONS, ALL FUNDS
	GENERAL FUND	COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFICIARIES FUND	TOURISM FUND	PROPERTY REVALUATION FUND	COURTHOUSE PARKING FUND	EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FUND	DEEDS OF TRUST FUND	CIVIL PROCESS FUND	FINES & FORFEITURES FUND	SOLID WASTE FUND	SELF INSURANCE FUND	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 18,720,742	\$ -	\$ 901,000	\$ 844,219	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,840,961
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 107,138,889	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 610,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 540,903	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 108,479,792
EDUCATION	\$ 80,838,470	\$ -	\$ 15,253,975	\$ 787,219	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,707,500	\$ -	\$ 96,889,173
CULTURAL & RECREATIONAL	\$ 6,946,446	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 460,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,406,446
HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 85,543,543	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 850,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86,393,543
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$ 104,736	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 104,736
ECONOMIC & PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT	\$ 6,198,936	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,182,473	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,381,409
SOLID WASTE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,296,000	\$ -	\$ 19,296,000
DEBT SERVICE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,075,177	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 190,378	\$ -	\$ 29,265,555
TRANSFERS OUT TO OTHER FUNDS	\$ 17,192,055	\$ 48,746,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,938,955
	\$ 343,348,208	\$ 48,746,900	\$ 45,230,152	\$ 2,816,836	\$ 850,000	\$ 1,528,473	\$ 375,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 540,903	\$ 100,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,707,500	\$ 19,446,500	\$ 20,995,957	\$ 490,313,479
RECONCILIATION OF GROSS TO NET BUDGET:															
GROSS APPROPRIATIONS, ALL FUNDS	\$ 490,313,479														
LESS INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$ (35,990,025)														
NET BUDGET, ALL FUNDS	\$ 454,343,454														

Presentation – FY2025-2026 Gaston County Fire Protection Service District Budget and Fire Service Contracts

Chairman Brown introduced Mr. Vincent Wong, Deputy County Manager, for comments.

Mr. Wong presented an overview of fire service funding, oversight, and goals. He emphasized the importance of sustaining reliable fire protection while improving accountability and transparency. His presentation included background on the Fire Protection Service District, the volunteer model, budget review process, funding recommendations, and future objectives.

The Fire District was created to ensure long-term funding, improve service in unincorporated areas, and promote fairness through a consistent tax rate. It uses a dynamic formula based on risk levels to allocate resources and address service gaps across the entire County.

Volunteer departments remain vital but face staffing challenges due to declining participation and increased training demands. To stabilize coverage, the BOC approved two part-time firefighters per department for 24/7 staffing last year.

The County contracts with 17 fire departments (15 in County; 1 in Lincoln County; 1 in Cleveland County) that cover a response area of 275 square miles and mutual aid area of 313 square miles. All department budgets underwent a thorough review by staff, Finance, and the Fire Commission to ensure standardization and fiscal responsibility.

The Fire Commission recommends maintaining the current 11.5-cent fire tax rate, balancing operational needs and fairness across departments, and budget discipline. For context, this equates to \$230/year on a \$200K home and \$345/year on a \$300K home.

Departments requested \$15.4M; the Fire Commission recommended \$13M after reviewing operational justifications. The decision was made to strike a balance between managing increasing

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costs and maintaining staffing levels, to ensure long-term sustainability, and consistent coverage and support of departments.

The County is updating its 2014 contracts to align expectations across departments, promote safety and competency, and establish clear, realistic standards. These updates aim to improve communication, guide funding decisions, and ensure County-funded assets remain in Gaston County.

Key focus areas for continued improvement include enhancing reporting consistency, strengthening collaboration between departments and the Fire Commission, and expanding recruitment and training support. Alternative service delivery models are also being evaluated to meet the County's growth needs.

Additionally, the County plans to add staff to support operations and transparency, with the addition of a dedicated finance/fire liaison position.

Mr. Wong thanked staff, the Fire Commission, BOC, County leadership, attorneys, Fire Chiefs, and fire personnel for their work and collaboration. He noted that at the Chairman's behest, a tax reduction impact table was provided to each Commissioner at their seat.

Chairman Brown thanked the attending firefighters, and all participants in the process, and noted the BOC will vote on June 24. Hearing no questions, he thanked Mr. Wong for the presentation.

Agenda Revision/Approval

- ADDED/ PRESENTATION - FY2025-2026 Gaston County Fire Protection Service District Budget and Fire Service Contracts - III., C.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Shehan, the BOC unanimously approved the Agenda of May 27, 2025 with changes as noted above.

Approval of Minutes

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Shehan, the BOC unanimously approved the Minutes of the Closed Session of February 25, 2025, Closed Session of March 11, 2025, Closed Session of March 25, 2025, Closed Session of May 13, 2025 and the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2025.

Citizen Recognition

Mayor Larry Simonds, Mayor of Lowell, voiced concerns about the budget's preparation, review prior to its adoption and double taxation regarding fire district, property and municipal taxes.

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Consent Agenda

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

2025-141 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

2025-142 Commissioners Brown & Shehan - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2025 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

2025-143 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.
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 2025 BOC Meeting Schedule to RESCHEDULE the June 10th Work Session to precede the June 24th Regular Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

2025-144 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, namely: Lane Crotts, Ian Irish, Drew Mercer, Britton Steede, Trip Stacey, Luke Stevens, Aiden Vargosko, Assistant Coach Matthew Jackson and Coach Ben McMillian

2025-145 Commissioner Hovis - Communications - Proclamation - To Recognize June 19th as "Juneteenth" in Gaston County

2025-146 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

2025-147 Commissioner Fraley - County Attorney - Resolution Rescinding Resolution 94-282 (October 18, 1994) to Remove Antiquated Notice Processes for Making Personnel Policy Modifications as follows:

WHEREAS, Resolution 94-282, adopted on October 18, 1994, requires County management to post proposed changes to Gaston County's Personnel Policy on "departmental bulletin boards" and to give employees an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes; and,

WHEREAS, these procedures predate modern communications technologies and electronic board meeting systems that support enhanced transparency and accessibility; and,

WHEREAS, the County will continue to communicate with employees using existing channels, such as emails, newsletters, the intranet, and the electronic agenda management system, and policy change proposals will be handled in accordance with the Board of Commissioners' normal rules and procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Gaston, North Carolina that Resolution 94-282 is rescinded.

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ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 27th day of May, 2025.

I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County at a Regular Meeting duly called and held on May 27, 2025.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the County this 27th day of May, 2025.

2025-148 Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information as follows:

ENTRY DATE	DEPT NAME	ACCOUNT	DR/CR	AMOUNT
03/31/2025	Public Works	4005-PWK-000-00000-WSLine-HShiDal-0000-01-540007-AG011	C	62,500
03/31/2025	Public Works	4005-PWK-000-00000-WSLine-HShiDal-0000-01-540016-AG011	D	62,500
04/02/2025	Undefined Department	4010-000-000-00000-GOBANs-Sch2023-0000-03-540017-P2409	C	44,000
04/02/2025	Undefined Department	4010-000-000-00000-GOBANs-Sch2023-0000-03-540100-P2409	D	44,000
04/03/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-191-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-540003-	C	6,000
04/03/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520013-	C	150
04/03/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-191-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530029-	D	6,000
04/03/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520012-	D	150
04/04/2025	Library	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-04-520020-G0119	C	8,000
04/04/2025	Emerg. Mgt. & Fire Svces.	1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530023-	C	6,211
04/04/2025	Library	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-04-520002-G0119	D	8,000
04/04/2025	Emerg. Mgt. & Fire Svces.	1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530020-	D	6,211
04/07/2025	County Police	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530053-G0045	C	4,600
04/07/2025	Public Works	4005-PWK-000-00000-WSLine-HShiDal-0000-01-540007-AG015	C	29,000
04/07/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-191-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-540003-	C	3,000
04/07/2025	County Police	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520011-G0045	D	4,600
04/07/2025	Public Works	4005-PWK-000-00000-WSLine-HShiDal-0000-01-540016-AG015	D	29,000
04/07/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-191-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530020-	D	3,000
04/08/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-192-00000-ChPrkg-0000000-0000-01-530015-	C	300
04/08/2025	Non-Departmental	1000-NDP-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-540003-	C	38,024
04/08/2025	Commissioners	1000-BOC-000-00000-SBALnP-0000000-0000-01-560000-	C	111,976
04/08/2025	Community Svces.	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530010-AG028	C	47,154
04/08/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-192-00000-ChPrkg-0000000-0000-01-530029-	D	300
04/08/2025	Non-Departmental	1000-NDP-000-00000-InsSet-Vehicle-0000-01-530025-	D	150,000
04/08/2025	Community Svces.	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520020-AG028	D	47,154
04/09/2025	Community Svces.	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOAdlt-0000-05-560014-	C	10,000
04/09/2025	Community Svces.	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOAdlt-0000-05-560013-	D	10,000
04/10/2025	Non-Departmental	1000-NDP-000-00000-Forest-0000000-0000-06-530000-	C	500
04/10/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520013-	C	81
04/10/2025	Non-Departmental	1000-NDP-000-00000-Forest-0000000-0000-06-530002-	D	500
04/10/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530002-	D	81
04/14/2025	County Police	1000-GPD-201-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530023-	C	11,000
04/14/2025	Board of Elections	1000-BOE-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530013-	C	14,001
04/14/2025	Health	1000-HLT-253-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530010-	C	2,112
04/14/2025	Health	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520012-	C	1,148
04/14/2025	Health	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530015-	C	5,000
04/14/2025	County Police	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530023-	D	11,000
04/14/2025	Board of Elections	1000-BOE-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520001-	D	3,000
04/14/2025	Board of Elections	1000-BOE-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520006-	D	11,000
04/14/2025	Board of Elections	1000-BOE-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-510002-	D	1
04/14/2025	Health	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530002-	D	5,000
04/14/2025	Health	1000-HLT-253-00000-Matern-0000000-0000-05-530002-	D	276
04/14/2025	Health	1000-HLT-253-00000-HHCntr-0000000-0000-05-530002-	D	1,836
04/14/2025	Health	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530002-	D	1,148
04/15/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520006-AR012	C	500
04/15/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-SmrtSt-0000000-0000-05-520011-GSMST	C	186
04/15/2025	Community Svces.	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-0000000-0000-05-520002-L0004	C	2,000
04/15/2025	Community Svces.	1000-CSS-000-00000-Hmless-0000000-0000-05-570006-AR019	C	12,195
04/15/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520012-AR012	D	500
04/15/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-SmrtSt-0000000-0000-05-520002-GSMST	D	186

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04/15/2025	Community Svces.	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-0000000-0000-05-520005-L0004	D	2,000
04/15/2025	Community Svces.	1000-CSS-000-000000-Hmless-0000000-0000-05-570001-AR019	D	1,953
04/15/2025	Community Svces.	1000-CSS-000-000000-Hmless-0000000-0000-05-570002-AR019	D	242
04/15/2025	Community Svces.	1000-CSS-000-000000-Hmless-0000000-0000-05-530053-AR019	D	10,000
04/16/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-HESummt-0000-05-520015-L0014	C	200
04/16/2025	Community Svces.	1000-CSS-293-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520020-	C	4,500
04/16/2025	Library	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-04-520020-G0119	C	4,000
04/16/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-HESummt-0000-05-520002-L0014	D	200
04/16/2025	Community Svces.	1000-CSS-293-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520011-	D	4,500
04/16/2025	Library	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-04-520002-G0119	D	4,000
04/22/2025	Dept. of Soc. Svces	1000-DSS-271-00000-FostCr-Partner-0000-05-560008-L0016	C	124,299
04/22/2025	Dept. of Soc. Svces	1000-DSS-271-00000-FostCr-FCBBHSF-0000-05-560008-	D	124,299
04/23/2025	Public Works	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-540005-P2315	C	85,363
04/23/2025	Public Works	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-540006-	C	86,512
04/23/2025	Community Svces.	1000-CSS-291-29103-Donatr-0000000-0000-05-520019-	C	5,000
04/23/2025	Building Svces.	1000-BDS-231-00000-HistcP-0000000-0000-04-530023-G0113	C	12,500
04/23/2025	Public Works	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-540005-P2306	D	85,363
04/23/2025	Public Works	4005-PWK-191-00000-GasHsB-0000000-0000-01-540005-P2206	D	86,512
04/23/2025	Community Svces.	1000-CSS-291-00000-Hope4H-0000000-0000-05-520007-	D	5,000
04/23/2025	Building Svces.	1000-BDS-231-00000-HistcP-0000000-0000-04-530010-G0113	D	12,500
04/24/2025	Health	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530010-GCFRP	C	3,572
04/24/2025	Health	1000-HLT-255-00000-BioTer-0000000-0000-05-520002-GBIOT	C	8,700
04/24/2025	Health	1000-HLT-255-00000-BioTer-0000000-0000-05-530002-GBIOT	C	3,100
04/24/2025	Health	1000-HLT-255-00000-BioTer-0000000-0000-05-530003-GBIOT	C	100
04/24/2025	Health	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520002-GCFRP	D	3,572
04/24/2025	Health	1000-HLT-255-00000-BioTer-0000000-0000-05-510001-GBIOT	D	11,900
04/28/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-191-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-540003-	C	3,500
04/28/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-191-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530029-	D	3,500
04/29/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520012-	C	100
04/29/2025	Library	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-04-520020-G0119	C	15,000
04/29/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520007-	D	100
04/29/2025	Library	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-04-520002-G0119	D	15,000
04/30/2025	Health	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520002-G0096	C	400
04/30/2025	Health	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520007-G0096	D	400

2025-149 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) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(\$29,000.00)
Furn/Equip<\$5K	1000-MGR-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520020-	(\$6,000.00)
Transfer to CIF	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-000000-0000-98-584000-	\$35,000.00
Transfer from General Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-000000-0000-98-481000-	(\$35,000.00)
Transfer to Capital Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-000000-0000-98-584005-	\$35,000.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(\$35,000.00)
Prof Svcs: CapitalProj-AdminBld	4005-MGR-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-540016-P2308	\$6,000.00
ProfSvcs:Capital Proj-BDS1stFl	4005-BDS-230-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-540016-P2516	\$29,000.00

2025-150 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 (\$130,000) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Salaries-SupprtWomensHlth	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-Year003-0000-05-510001-G0096	\$68,682.00
FICA-SupprtWomensHlth	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-Year003-0000-05-510100-G0096	\$5,254.00
Retirement-SupprtWomensHlth	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-Year003-0000-05-510101-G0096	\$9,340.00
Health Insur-SupprtWomensHlth	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-Year003-0000-05-510103-G0096	\$12,000.00
Dental Insur-SupprtWomensHlth	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-Year003-0000-05-510104-G0096	\$300.00
Office Supplies-SupprtWomensHl	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-Year003-0000-05-520001-G0096	\$150.00
Program Suppl-SupprtWomensHlth	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-Year003-0000-05-520002-G0096	\$25,579.00
Uniforms-SupprtWomensHlth	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-Year003-0000-05-520006-G0096	\$250.00

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Misc Suppl/Exp-SupprtWomensHlt	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-Year003-0000-05-520007-G0096	\$1,000.00
Mileage ReimbSupprtWomensHlth	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-Year003-0000-05-520010-G0096	\$1,000.00
Employee Training-SupprtWomens	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-Year003-0000-05-520011-G0096	\$1,755.00
Dues&Subscriptions-SupprtWomen	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-Year003-0000-05-520012-G0096	\$150.00
Printing-SupprtWomensHlth	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-Year003-0000-05-520013-G0096	\$1,200.00
Advertising-SupprtWomensHlth	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-Year003-0000-05-520015-G0096	\$2,000.00
Furn/Equip<\$5K-SupprtWomensHlt	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-Year003-0000-05-520020-G0096	\$500.00
Phone Service-SupprtWomensHlth	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-Year003-0000-05-530002-G0096	\$840.00
State Grant Rev-SupportWomensHI	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-Year003-0000-05-410001-G0096	(\$130,000.00)

2025-151 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) 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:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

- a. Budget item or Resolution required. 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.
- b. Budget item or Resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated 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:

1. First strategy authorized:
 - a. Name of strategy: Naloxone Distribution
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A of the NC MOA
 - c. Item letter and/ or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the NC MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 7
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$1,282,129.00
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2025, through End date June 30, 2027.
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: 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.
 - Outreach
 - Better address emerging hazards
 - Continue and expand Naloxone Kit Distribution
 - g. Provider: Gaston Emergency Medical Services

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The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated for the above named and authorized strategies is \$1,282,129.00.

and per Budget Change Request:

Account Description (Year 1)	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	2055-NDP-000-0000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(607,937.00)
Salaries	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510001-	310,727.00
Overtime	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510002-	46,609.00
FICA	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510100-	27,336.00
Retirement	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510101-	48,598.00
401K Contribution	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510102-	17,867.00
Health Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510103-	57,000.00
Dental Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510104-	1,425.00
Life Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510105-	950.00
Uniforms	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520006-	1,500.00
Employee Training	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520011-	4,975.00
Furn/Equip <5k	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520020-	6,950.00
Office Supplies	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520001-	1,000.00
Program Supplies	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520002-	500.00
Professional Services	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530010-	31,850.00
Other Services	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530015-	500.00
Medications	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520003-	5,850.00
Miscellaneous Supplies/Expense	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520007-	2,700.00
Phone Service	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530002-	1,100.00
Printing	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520013-	500.00
Software Rental	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530029-	40,000.00

Account Description (Year 2)	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	2055-NDP-000-0000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(674,192.00)
Salaries	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510001-	330,731.00
Overtime	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510002-	49,610.00
FICA	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510100-	29,097.00
Retirement	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510101-	51,727.00
401K Contribution	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510102-	19,018.00
Health Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510103-	60,000.00
Dental Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510104-	1,500.00
Life Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-510105-	1,000.00
Uniforms	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520006-	1,575.00
Employee Training	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520011-	5,224.00
Furn/Equip <5k	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530029-	3,000.00
Office Supplies	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530029-	1,050.00
Program Supplies	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520002-	525.00
Professional Services	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530010-	68,952.00
Other Services	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530015-	525.00
Medications	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530010-	6,143.00
Miscellaneous Supplies/Expense	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530010-	2,835.00
Phone Service	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530010-	1,155.00
Printing	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530010-	525.00
Software Rental	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530029-	40,000.00

2025-152 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) 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,

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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:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

- a. Budget item or Resolution required. 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.
- b. Budget item or Resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated 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:

1. First strategy authorized
 - a. Name of strategy: Collaborative Strategic Planning
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A of the NC MOA
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the NC MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 1
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$429,028.00
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2025 through End date June 30, 2027
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Gaston County Prevention Strategies Coordinator, Public Health Director, Public Health Assistant Director, Grants Coordinator, Business Administrator, Assistant Business Administrator, Community Health Administrator, Community Strategist, Health Educator
 - Program will monitor outcomes and impact of funded and recommended programs and ongoing assessment of data and current and emerging community needs.
 - Monitoring, surveillance, data collection, and evaluation of programs and strategies described in this opioid abatement strategy list.
 - Maintain a dashboard to ensure accountability and transparency with use of the Opioid Settlement Funds
 - Provide oversight and management of funded programs.
 - g. Provider: Gaston County Public Health

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated for the above named and authorized strategies is \$429,028.00.

and per Budget Change Request:

Account Description (Year 1)	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	2055-NDP-000-0000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(214,514.00)
Salaries	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510001-	141,932.00
FICA	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510100-	10,858.00
Retirement	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510101-	19,302.00
401K Contribution	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510102-	7,097.00
Health Insurance	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510103-	18,600.00
Dental Insurance	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510104-	465.00
Life Insurance	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510105-	310.00
Program Supplies	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-520002-	1,000.00
Food and Provisions	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-520005-	4,000.00
Employee Training	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-520011-	6,000.00
Printing	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-520013-	100.00
Postage	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-520014-	50.00
Software Rental	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-530029-	4,800.00
Account Description (Year 2)	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	2055-NDP-000-0000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(214,514.00)
Salaries	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510001-	141,932.00

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FICA	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510100-	10,858.00
Retirement	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510101-	19,302.00
401K Contribution	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510102-	7,097.00
Health Insurance	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510103-	18,600.00
Dental Insurance	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510104-	465.00
Life Insurance	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-510105-	310.00
Program Supplies	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-520002-	1,000.00
Food and Provisions	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-520005-	4,000.00
Employee Training	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-520011-	6,000.00
Printing	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-520013-	100.00
Postage	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-520014-	50.00
Software Rental	2055-HLT-000-00000-CSPIng-Stratg1-0000-05-530029-	4,800.00

2025-153 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) 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:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

- a. Budget item or Resolution required. 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.
- b. Budget item or Resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated 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:

1. First strategy authorized:
 - a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A of the NC MOA
 - c. Item letter and/ or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the NC MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 3
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$752,432.00
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2025, through End date June 30, 2027.
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Gaston County Recovery Transportation.
 - Transportation will be provided to those without transportation to addiction treatment, harm reduction services, other recovery support services, primary healthcare, and other services needed to support their recovery, health, and well-being using low-barrier model.
 - All drivers and supervisors are certified peer support specialists or recovery coaches.
 - Peer support specialists and recovery coach staff will help participants navigate and reduce barriers to access consistent treatment and care.
 - Staff will partner with community paramedics, local hospital systems, and other MAT providers to ensure MAT participants have access to ongoing care without interruption.
 - g. Provider: Gaston County Emergency Medical Services

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The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated for the above named and authorized strategies is \$752,432.00.

and per Budget Change Request:

Account Description (Year 1)	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	2055-NDP-000-0000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(372,557.00)
Salaries	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-510001-	192,943.00
Overtime	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-510002-	23,408.00
FICA	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-510100-	16,551.00
Retirement	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-510101-	29,424.00
401K Contribution	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-510102-	10,818.00
Health Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-510103-	48,000.00
Dental Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-510104-	1,200.00
Life Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-510105-	800.00
Office Supplies	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520001-	1,000.00
Program Supplies	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520002-	1,500.00
Uniforms	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520006-	1,200.00
Miscellaneous Supplies/Expense	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520007-	500.00
Employee Training	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520011-	4,000.00
Advertising	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520015-	1,000.00
Furn/Equip <5k	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520020-	1,500.00
Phone Service	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-530002-	2,688.00
Professional Services	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-530010-	750.00
Other Services	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-530015-	1,000.00
Motor Fuels/Lubricants	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-530021-	20,000.00
Repairs and Maint.	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-530023-	2,000.00
Software Rental	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-530029-	12,275.00

Account Description (Year 2)	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	2055-NDP-000-0000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(379,875.00)
Salaries	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-510001-	195,833.00
Overtime	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-510002-	23,760.00
FICA	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-510100-	16,800.00
Retirement	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-510101-	29,866.00
401K Contribution	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-510102-	10,981.00
Health Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-510103-	48,720.00
Dental Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-510104-	1,218.00
Life Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-510105-	812.00
Office Supplies	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520001-	1,050.00
Program Supplies	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520002-	1,575.00
Uniforms	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520006-	1,260.00
Miscellaneous Supplies/Expense	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520007-	525.00
Employee Training	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520011-	4,200.00
Advertising	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520015-	1,050.00
Furn/Equip <5k	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520020-	1,575.00
Phone Service	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-530002-	2,823.00
Professional Services	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-530010-	788.00
Other Services	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-530015-	1,050.00
Motor Fuels/Lubricants	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-530021-	21,000.00
Repairs and Maint.	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-530023-	2,100.00
Software Rental	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-530029-	12,889.00

2025-154 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) 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

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WHEREAS, Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA"); and, 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:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

- a. Budget item or Resolution required. 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.
- b. Budget item or Resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated 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:

1. First strategy authorized:
 - a. Name of strategy: Evidence - Based Addiction Treatment
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A of the NC MOA
 - c. Item letter and/ or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the NC MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 2
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$614,829.12
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2025, through End date June 30, 2027.
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Expanded MAT for uninsured and underinsured Gaston County residents.

Funds will enable Kintegra Health to continue services through funded staff members and cover costs of medications and required labs to support the growth of their existing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program. Staff funded will include a part-time community resource advocate, full-time behavioral health provider, part-time behavioral health provider, and part-time medical assistant. These staff will provide ongoing medical care and medication services to uninsured and underinsured Gaston County residents. The behavioral health providers will provide substance use counseling services and expansion of telehealth services. This provider will ensure individuals needing mental health or substance use treatment can have same-day, convenient, and affordable access.

- g. Provider: Kintegra Health

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated for the above named and authorized strategies is \$614,829.12.

and per Budget Change Request:

Account Description (Year 1)	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	2055-NDP-000-0000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(307,414.56)
Professional Services	2055-HLT-000-00000-ExpMAT-Stratg2-0000-05-530010-	307,414.56
Account Description (Year 2)	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	2055-NDP-000-0000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(307,414.56)
Professional Services	2055-HLT-000-00000-ExpMAT-Stratg2-0000-05-530010-	307,414.56

2025-155 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) 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

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WHEREAS, Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA"); and, 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:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

- a. Budget item or Resolution required. 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.
- b. Budget item or Resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated 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:

1. First strategy authorized:
 - a. Name of strategy: Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A of the NC MOA
 - c. Item letter and/ or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the NC MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 2
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$668,378.00
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2025, through End date June 30, 2027.
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Gaston County Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Scholarship fund (GCMATS).

The GCMATS program will be developed and implemented by McLeod Centers for Wellbeing and will provide Gaston County's uninsured/underinsured residents the opportunity to receive Evidence-Based Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder along with care navigation to address social determinants of health that may impact a patient's recovery, the most important among these being financial insecurity.

- g. Provider: McLeod Centers for Wellbeing

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated for the above named and authorized strategies is \$668,378.00.

and per Budget Change Request:

Account Description (Year 1)	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	2055-NDP-000-0000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(314,126.00)
Professional Services	2055-HLT-000-00000-MATSch-Stratg2-0000-05-530010-	314,126.00
Account Description (Year 2)	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	2055-NDP-000-0000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(354,252.00)
Professional Services	2055-HLT-000-00000-MATSch-Stratg2-0000-05-530010-	354,252.00

2025-156 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) 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,

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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:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

- a. Budget item or Resolution required. 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.
- b. Budget item or Resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated 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:

1. First strategy authorized:
 - a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A of the NC MOA
 - c. Item letter and/ or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the NC MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 3
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$295,917.00
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2025, through End date June 30, 2027.
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Gaston County Parent Partners for Positive Change (PPPC).
 - g. Provider: Olive Branch Ministry
- Using a harm reduction approach, peer support specialists will be embedded in Children & Family Services and will work with families who are involved with child protective services and permanency planning/foster care due to a parent's opioid use disorder. The peer support specialists will work with child welfare to address the needs of parents with opioid use disorder and will partner directly with parents to support their recovery. Expected outcomes are improved treatment completion and recovery rates for parents, decreased time in out-of-home placement for children, and increased reunification rates for children whose parents have an opioid use disorder.

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated for the above named and authorized strategies is \$295,917.00.

and per Budget Change Request:

Account Description (Year 1)	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	2055-NDP-000-0000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(146,832.00)
Other Services	2055-HLT-000-00000-OBPPPC-Stratg3-0000-05-530015-	146,832.00
Account Description (Year 2)	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	2055-NDP-000-0000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(149,085.00)
Other Services	2055-HLT-000-00000-OBPPPC-Stratg3-0000-05-530015-	149,085.00

2025-157 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

2025-158 Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2025 as Older Americans Month

2025-159 Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2025 as Foster Care Awareness Month

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- 2025-160 Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division (ACCESS) - Approval of the Grants and Financial Management Policies and Procedures**
- 2025-161 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**
- 2025-162 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**
- 2025-163 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**
- 2025-164 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**
- 2025-165 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) as follows:**

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT	TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
APRIL 2025 REFUNDS			
ATLEE, VARUN	\$ 11.75	ICARD, SHERRY DAVIS	\$ 71.53
BAILEY, EUGENE SEAN	\$ 11.89	JOHNSON, MARK ALAN	\$ 18.13
BAKER, MARCUS CHARLES	\$ 20.06	KALLINI, ALEXANDER FARID	\$ 62.06
BANE, JAMES WALTER	\$ 76.08	KALLINI, PHILLIP ALEXANDER FARID	\$ 28.05
BAYLON, JOSE JULIO	\$ 58.60	LEBLANC, JAIDEN SANTANA	\$ 47.08
BONNELL, GAYE HORTON	\$ 99.58	LEE, PAUL DAVID	\$ 11.01
BRAUNSCHEIDEL, THOMAS HAROLD	\$ 16.77	LEWIS, SUSAN HOFFMAN	\$ 16.17
BRIGGS, PAMELA ANN	\$ 38.09	LLEWELLYN, NANCY ELIZABETH	\$ 27.56
BRIODY, JOHN PETER	\$ 13.27	MANLEY, AMBER ELIZABETH	\$ 37.27
CHAMPION, LISA DAE	\$ 35.27	MAYS, SHATOSHIA YORKINA	\$ 23.87
CLARK, KEITH EDWARD	\$ 5.31	MCGEE, RICHARD LARRY	\$ 23.39
DAUGHTRIDGE, JAMES ELVIN JR	\$ 80.21	MILLSPAW, BENJAMIN LEE	\$ 64.73
DESTINE, CELIFAIT	\$ 28.50	NAULT, PAUL HAROLD	\$ 11.70
DIXON, ANGELA MICHELLE	\$ 66.64	NGUYEN, DAO XUAN	\$ 76.97
DUCKWORTH, ARTHUR GARRICK	\$ 12.65	PHILLIPS, ANDREA DENEIN	\$ 48.69
DUFFY, JOSEPH ANDREW	\$ 71.54	PRINCE, DAVID ANDERSON	\$ 97.14
FORD, JOSHUA DAVID LEE	\$ 82.86	R & R POWDER COATING INC	\$ 61.46
FRISBY, JOHN MARK	\$ 32.27	RHYNE, DESSLAVA TCHAVDAROVA	\$ 98.19
HALL, LOGAN MADISON	\$ 95.71	SEAY, MARCUS CARROLL	\$ 52.88
HAMPTON, NATHANIEL PAUL	\$ 46.50	SEBASTIAN, JUSTIN ELLIS	\$ 3.17
HASTY, JOHN HENDERSON	\$ 6.57	SICELOFF, ELIZABETH FORD	\$ 12.51
HAWKINS, JOHN WADE	\$ 39.14	SIGMON, LEANNA DAVIS	\$ 50.26
HENRY, GARY BREVARD	\$ 10.66	SMITH, TERRY FOX	\$ 27.00
HENRY, GARY BREVARD	\$ 40.93	STEWART, STEPHEN DWIGHT	\$ 12.11
HOPKINS, ALEXANDER THOMAS	\$ 63.19	TAHIR, FARZANA	\$ 53.99
HUBERT, NORMAN VERNARD JR	\$ 70.86		
		TOTAL	\$ 2,171.82

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2025-166 Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Service - Finance - To Approve Giving Authorization to the Procurement Administrator to Pre-audit Gaston County Contracts

2025-167 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Interest Earnings	4096-NDP-000-00000-School-BondInt-0000-03-444001-	(328.38)
2016 GO School Bonds	4096-000-000-00000-GOBond-Sch2016-0000-03-540100-16283	103.55
2018 GO School Bonds	4096-000-000-00000-GOBond-Sch2018-0000-03-540100-19040	224.83
Interest Earnings - Treasury	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(3,191.95)
Asset Forfeitures - Treasury	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530043-AFTPD	3,191.95
Interest Earnings - Justice	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(2,922.01)
Asset Forfeitures - Justice	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530043-AFJPD	2,922.01
Interest Earnings - Drug Supplies	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(23.01)
Asset Forfeitures - Drug Supplies	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530048-	23.01
Interest Earnings - Treasury	2020-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(640.25)
Asset Forfeitures - Treasury	2020-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530043-AFTSH	640.25
Interest Earnings - Justice	2020-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(27.76)
Asset Forfeitures - Justice	2020-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530043-AFJSH	27.76
Interest Earnings	2025-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(3,604.79)
Controlled Substance Tax	2025-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530045-CSTPD	3,604.79
Interest: Courthouse Renovation	4005-NDP-000-00000-NCOSBM-0000000-0000-02-444001-G0054	(48,069.19)
Prof Svcs Cap Proj: NCOSBM CntyCH	4005-PWK-192-00000-CourtF-0000000-0000-01-540016-G0054	48,069.19
Interest Earnings	1000-NDP-000-00000-ROAPAc-0000000-0000-05-444001-	(452.86)
Transportation of Clients	1000-CSS-290-29001-000000-0000000-0000-05-560001-	452.86
Interest Earnings	2025-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(472.64)
Controlled Substance Tax	2025-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530045-CSTSH	472.64
Fund Balance Appropriated	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(16.06)
Interest Earnings	1000-NDP-000-00000-HumTrf-0000000-0000-05-444001-AG020	(49.02)
Salaries: HT DV funds	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-0000000-0000-05-510001-AG020	65.08
Fund Balance Appropriated	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(50.36)
Salaries: HT SA funds	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-510001-AG021	50.36
Fund Balance Appropriated	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(7,911.98)
Interest Earnings	1000-NDP-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-444001-G0089	(11,188.72)
Program Suppl-Innovative Court	1000-NDP-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520002-G0089	442.24
Food&Provision-InnovatvCrtProg	1000-NDP-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520005-G0089	14.34
Misc Suppl/Exp-InnovatvCrtProg	1000-NDP-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520007-G0089	15.12
Furn/Equip<\$5K-InnovativeCourt	1000-NDP-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520020-G0089	490.44
Professional Services	1000-NDP-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530010-G0089	834.69
Temp Services-InnovatvCrtProg	1000-NDP-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530013-G0089	2,429.06
Other Services-InnovatvCrtProg	1000-NDP-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530015-G0089	14,329.89
TranspOfClients-InnovatvCrtPrg	1000-NDP-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-560001-G0089	544.92

2025-168 Commissioner Brown - Financial and Management Services - Grants - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Domestic Violence Grant Funds from

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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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
State Grant Rev-FY25 NCCFW DV	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-00000000-0000-05-410001-G0125	(999.56)
Salaries-FY25 NCCFW DV	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-00000000-0000-05-510001-G0125	999.56
State Grant Rev-FY25 NCCFW SA	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-00000000-0000-05-410001-G0124	(959.03)
MiscSupplies/Exp-FY25 NCCFW SA	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-00000000-0000-05-520007-G0124	959.03
Health Insur-FY25 NCCFW DV	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-00000000-0000-05-510103-G0125	199.91
Health Insurance (Match)	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-00000000-0000-05-510103-	(199.91)
Salaries-FY25 NCCFW SA	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-00000000-0000-05-510001-G0124	191.81
Salaries (Match)	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-00000000-0000-05-510001-	(191.81)

2025-169 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) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Other Grant Rev-SheriffOff ATV	4005-SHF-000-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-02-445006-L0018	(31,702.18)
Motor Vehicle-Sheriffs Off ATV	4005-SHF-000-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-02-540003-L0018	31,702.18

2025-170 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) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Furn/Equip<\$5K-2024 JAG:SHF	1000-SHF-000-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-02-520020-G0138	(\$900.00)
Transfer to CIF Fund	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-00000000-0000-98-584000-	\$900.00
Transfers from General Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-00000000-0000-98-481000-	(\$900.00)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-00000000-0000-98-584005-	\$900.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-00000000-0000-98-484000-	(\$900.00)
Furn/Equip>\$5,000-2024 JAG:SHF	4005-SHF-000-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-02-540002-G0138	\$900.00

2025-171 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) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
State Grant Rev-MCDMVS Grant	1000-CSS-293-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-05-410001-G0147	(\$18,288.97)
Office Supplies-NCDMVS Grant	1000-CSS-293-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-05-520001-G0147	\$1,500.00
Employee Training-NCDMVS Grant	1000-CSS-293-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-05-520011-G0147	\$6,900.00
Advertising-NCDMVS Grant	1000-CSS-293-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-05-520015-G0147	\$3,000.00
Printing-NCDMVS Grant	1000-CSS-293-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-05-520013-G0147	\$1,000.00
Furn/Equip<\$5K-NCDMVS Grant	1000-CSS-293-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-05-520020-G0147	\$3,500.00
Professional Serv-NCDMVS Grant	1000-CSS-293-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-05-530010-G0147	\$1,388.97
Postage-NCDMVS Grant	1000-CSS-293-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-05-520014-G0147	\$1,000.00

2025-172 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) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Federal Grant Rev-Quality Impr	1000-EMS-000-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-02-410000-G0148	(\$20,000)
Software Rental-Quality Improv	1000-EMS-000-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-02-530029-G0148	\$20,000

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2025-173 Commissioner Bailey - GEMS - To Declare Surplus and Sell One Ambulance to the City of Belmont Police Department

2025-174 Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of May 18-24, 2025 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Gaston County

2025-175 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Miscellaneous Revenue	1000-HRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-445001-	(\$7,140.85)
Food and Provisions	1000-HRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520005-	\$3,191.85
Building Rental	1000-HRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530027-	\$3,075.00
Advertising	1000-HRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520015-	\$874.00

2025-176 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)

2025-177 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)

2025-178 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Federal GmtRev-FY25 HlthPromo	1000-CSS-292-00000-HLTPRO-0000000-0000-04-410000-G0079-	(\$3,600)
Program Supplies	1000-CSS-292-00000-SRPRGM-0000000-0000-04-520002-	(\$400)
Other Serv-FY25 Health Promo	1000-CSS-292-00000-HLTPRO-0000000-0000-04-530015-G0079-	\$4,000

2025-179 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Repairs and Maint.	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530023-	(\$50,000)
Transfer to CIF Fund	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584000-	\$50,000
Transfer from General Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	(\$50,000)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	\$50,000
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(\$50,000)
Furn/Equip>\$5,000	4005-GPD-000-00000-Annual-PayAsGo-0000-02-540002-	\$41,200
Professional Services	4005-GPD-000-00000-Annual-PayAsGo-0000-02-540016-	\$8,800

2025-180 Commissioner Keigher - Police Department - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2025 as Treatment Court Month in Gaston County

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2025-181 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Donations and Gifts	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-445004-	(2,388.89)
Miscellaneous Supplies/Expense	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520007-	2,388.89

2025-182 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Repairs and Maint.	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530023-	(21,893)
Transfer to CIF Fund	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584000-	21,893
Transfer from General Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	(21,893)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	21,893
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(21,893)
Buildings and Improvement	4005-GPD-200-00000-Annual-PayAsGo-0000-02-540005-	21,893

2025-183 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Donations and Gifts	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-445004-	(1,000.00)
Miscellaneous Supplies/Expense	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520007-	1,000.00

2025-184 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**2025-185 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****2025-186 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 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Other Improvement and Capital Outlay	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540006-	86,512.00
Repairs & Maint.	1000-PWK-191-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530023-	(86,512.00)
Transfer to CIF Fund	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584000-	86,512.00
Transfers from General Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	(86,512.00)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	86,512.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(86,512.00)

2025-187 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 per Budget Change Request:

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Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Furn/Equip>\$5,000	4005-PWK-190-00000-Annual-PayAsGo-0000-01-540002-	23,000.00
Professional Services	1000-PWK-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530010-	(23,000.00)
Transfer to CIF Fund	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584000-	23,000.00
Transfers from General Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	(23,000.00)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	23,000.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(23,000.00)

2025-188 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) as follows:

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
April 2025 RELEASES AND REFUNDS	
MANN+HUMMEL	\$113.05
MANN+HUMMEL	\$1,176.90
MANN+HUMMEL	\$1,748.91
MANN+HUMMEL	\$9,559.18
ROBINSON, ELAINE	\$350.87
TOTAL	\$12,948.91

April 2025 OVERPAYMENTS	
AMOS, MICHAEL H	\$221.15
BISHOP, EDWARD KENT	\$204.98
BLEDSON, BILLY JOE	\$150.00
CHANDLER, JONATHAN	\$106.11
CORELOGIC	\$100.00
CORP, RAYMOND	\$127.41
FERGUSON, PHOEBE ANN	\$221.99
FLOWERS, MISTY	\$200.00
GALBREATH COSTNER, LLC	\$429.32
GINGLES, JUDY G	\$200.00
JENNY P. HOLMAN	\$139.47
JENNY P. HOLMAN	\$395.92
JOHNSON, CLEOPATRA	\$192.01
JONES, JASON BLAIRE	\$1,173.31
JONES, JASON BLAIRE	\$185.54
KELLY, AMY GREEN	\$142.18
LAIL, BRETT	\$141.43
LAIL, BRETT W	\$132.63
LERETA, LLC	\$1,000.00
LONG, BRYAN K	\$208.25
LOVELACE, CAROLYN F.	\$1,026.13
MALLOY, PAUL KENNETH	\$210.00
MELLIS, WINSLOW G	\$780.00
PENDLETON, CLAYTON R	\$141.75
PHH MORTGAGE SERVICES	\$725.21
RUCCIO, WILLIAM P	\$266.63
VASUDEVANNAIR, UNNIKRISHNAN	\$346.35
VASUDEVANNAIR, UNNIKRISHNAN	\$611.54
WALLEN, ARTHUR	\$120.33
WALLEN, EMMA	\$127.49

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WELLS, ROBERT G JR	\$301.87
TOTAL	\$10,329.00
April 2025 VTS REFUNDS	
CLEVELAND COUNTY TAX	\$361.39
LINCOLN COUNTY TAX	\$310.40
LINCOLN COUNTY TAX	\$220.60
LINCOLN COUNTY TAX	\$619.62
MCREE, RONNIE EUGENE	\$289.57
MOSTELLER, JERRY KENNETH	\$137.75
POPE, JOSHUA LEE	\$203.25
TOTAL	\$2,142.58
GRAND TOTAL	\$25,420.49

Non-Consent**2025-000 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**

Commissioner Keigher introduced a motion to approve and Commissioner Bailey provided the second.

Chairman Brown called for discussion.

Commissioner Keigher asked if the Board of Education (BOE) or BOC requested the \$1.5M appraisal.

Dr. Morgan A. Houchard, Ed.D., Schools Superintendent, advised the appraisal was conducted on behalf of the BOE's request. He noted they contacted the County for a list of appraisers.

Commissioner Keigher asked what firm or individual they used.

Dr. Houchard responded they selected the Julian Appraisal Group.

Chairman Brown called for the vote which failed to carry as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Bailey, Cloninger, Keigher
Nays: Commissioners Brown, Fraley, Hovis, Shehan

Legislative Request**2025-189 Board of Commissioners – Legislative Request: Resolution in Opposition of Changes to Local Planning and Zoning by the North Carolina General Assembly**

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Shehan, the BOC unanimously approved **2025-189** as follows:

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WHEREAS, several bills have been introduced in the 2025 session of the North Carolina General Assembly (SB 495, SB 497, SB 498, SB 688, and HB 765) that would change many aspects of local planning and zoning and dramatically affect the ability of local governments to reflect the will of their citizenry; and,

WHEREAS, local governments have historically served as the final guardian of the rights of the people, and local government zoning practices have made in-person attendance and comment easier for proponents and opponents of zoning decisions, thereby allowing citizens to actively participate in matters that affect their community through the public hearing process; and,

WHEREAS, several bills now pending in the General Assembly would effectively mandate many planning and zoning decisions that are currently made at the local level through the public participation process, thereby eroding the community's ability to uphold public health, safety, and welfare; and,

WHEREAS, changing from a legislative to a quasi-judicial public hearing process, as proposed in SB 688, would severely restrict the ability of citizens to participate meaningfully in the planning and zoning process; and,

WHEREAS, SB 497 would create a new category identified as "middle housing," which would require local governments to allow duplex, triplex, quadplex, and townhouse units — either as owner-occupied or long-term rental units — in any single-family residential district without a public hearing and without regard to the impact on the value of neighboring single family properties; and,

WHEREAS, HB 765 mandates required density levels for property and established approval times for applications that if they can't be meet grant automatic approval to projects without the vote of local elected officials, and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes mandates comprehensive planning and zoning practices, which would be severely eroded by the passage of these bills that eliminate meaningful citizen input and trust in the process; and,

WHEREAS, local governments, with the direct involvement and input of their citizens, are best positioned to recognize and enforce the need for appropriate planning and zoning ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County strongly believes that local governments are best suited to represent their citizens on local matters affecting land use and development; and,

WHEREAS, local governments should continue to decide planning and zoning issues with the guidance and participation of their citizens who have a vested interest in such important decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners respectfully urges the North Carolina General Assembly to leave planning and zoning decisions to locally elected Boards and their citizens and further urges the General Assembly to seek input from elected local Boards across the state before enacting any legislation that would reduce or eliminate citizen participation and local government authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Local Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Appointments

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously reappointed Mrs. Cherie M. Feemster to the ***Gaston Community Action Board of Trustees (GCA)*** to a term ending May, 2028.

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed/reappointed to the ***Parks and Recreation Advisory Board***:

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<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Keigher	Mrs. Cathy Hart	May, 2028
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Eddy J. Ivester	May, 2028
Commissioner Bailey	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Alex Ormaza	May, 2028
Commissioner Cloninger	Commissioner Keigher	Sheriff Chad Hawkins	May, 2028
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Scott Pagan	May, 2028
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Chad Duncan	May, 2028
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Steven Amos	May, 2028
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Shehan	Mr. Ronald C. Eddington	May, 2028
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Hovis	Comm. Cathy Cloninger	May, 2026

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

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Shehan	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Greg Smith	May, 2028
Commissioner Cloninger	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Daniel F. Styers, Jr.	May, 2028
Commissioner Cloninger	Commissioner Keigher	Ms. Nina Williams	May, 2028
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Richard Randall	May, 2028
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Dr. Bradford R. Frazier	May, 2028

On motion introduced by Commissioner Shehan and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously reappointed Ms. Gayla Woody to the **Council on Aging/Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee** to a term ending May, 2027.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Shehan and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously reappointed Ms. Gayla Woody to the **Region F Aging Advisory Committee** to a term ending May, 2027.

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

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Bailey	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Michael R. Neece	June, 2027
Commissioner Bailey	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Denton T. Conard	June, 2027

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Donald Mark Blanton to the **Library Board of Trustees** to an unexpired term ending November, 2028.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously appointed Commissioner Tom Keigher to the **Gaston Business Association** to a term ending December, 2025.

Commissioner Brown – Re: Removal of Equalization and Review Board Member

Chairman Brown called for a motion to remove Dr. James C. Julian from the Equalization and Review Board.

On motion introduced by Commissioner **Keigher** and seconded by Commissioner **Shehan**, the BOC unanimously removed Dr. James Julian from the Equalization and Review Board.

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Commissioners' Committee Reports

Commissioner Keigher reported that Gaston College's Women's Rhinos Softball Team reached the national semi-finals, finishing the season ranked 4th in the nation with an impressive 60–4 record.

County Manager's Report

Deputy County Manager Mr. Wong noted this is County Manager Matt Rhoten's first budget and commended his dedication in aligning it with the Board's priorities amid challenging financial conditions. He expressed pride in the collaborative efforts that led to consensus.

He shared that the County Manager is temporarily stepping back to focus on a personal family matter and asked for continued thoughts and prayers. He praised the County Manager's leadership, compassion, and work ethic, and assured the Board that staff remains committed to moving the County forward during his absence.

County Attorney's Report

No report.

Clerk's Note: See Appointments – Board of Equalization and Review. Chairman Brown revisited this portion of the meeting to address an earlier omission in the Board appointments.

Other Matters

Chairman Brown thanked Budget Coordinator Elizabeth McGee and staff for their hard work and dedication on the budget. He also asked everyone to keep the County Manager in their thoughts and prayers.

Commissioner Hovis noted that while this is the County Manager's first official budget, he has been the County's lead budget architect for the past eight years. He praised the County Manager's transparency, collaboration with the Board, and detailed approach in addressing budget challenges, particularly in light of sales tax distribution changes impacting revenue. He expressed pride in the County Manager's leadership, calling him a public servant second to none.

Adjournment

By unanimous consent, Chairman Brown adjourned the Regular Meeting of May 27, 2025 at 7:22 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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