



# Gaston County

## Board of Commissioners

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

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

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Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Meeting Agenda

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### Regular Meeting 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER  
INVOCATION  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

- A. Commissioner Brown - Veterans Services - Proclamation - To Proclaim November 4th through November 11th as Operation Green Light for Veterans in Gaston County, in Recognition of Veterans Day, November 11, 2025, and in Honor of All Who Have Served Our Country in the United States Armed Forces
- B. Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Commendation - To Commend the Knights of Columbus, St. Gregory Council, No. 6700 on its 50th Anniversary
- C. Commissioner Keigher - Hope United Survivor Network - Proclamation - To Proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- D. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management/Fire Services - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of October 5-11, 2025 Fire Prevention Week
- E. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management/Fire Services - Presentation of Certificates to Gaston County Volunteer Fire Fighters and Rescue Squad Members
- F. Commissioner Hovis - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Master Police Officer Douglas Alexander Hord
- G. Commissioner Hovis - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Master Police Officer Scotty Allen Daves

#### II. PRESENTATIONS (Limited to 15 Minutes)

- A. PRESENTATION – PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT FUND PROGRAM:
  - Mr. Will Wier, Natural Resources Director
- B. PRESENTATION - COURTHOUSE PARKING REVIEW:
  - Mr. Dan Ziehm, Public Works Director
  - Mr. Wilson Lemly, Assistant Director of Auxiliary Services

**III. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A.** CONTINUED FROM 7/22/2025 REGULAR MEETING: Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: Conditional District REZ-23-08-02-00158, Paul Shriver and Thomas Springs (Applicants); Property Parcels: 180092, 181214, 181225, 199264, 202690, 210290, 225889, 312830, Located on Catawba Ave. in Mount Holly, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) and (RS-12) Residential Zoning Districts with the (US) Urban Standards Overlay to the (CD/RS-8) Conditional Zoning District with the (US) Urban Standards Overlay
1. Receive Citizen Comment
  2. Close Public Hearing
  3. Accept Motion
- B.** Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Cloninger - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-25-05-22-00229, Clayton Homes of Conover (Applicant); Property Parcel: 315338, Located at 135 Hillside Dr., Dallas, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay to the (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay
1. Receive Citizen Comment
  2. Close Public Hearing
  3. Accept Motion
- C.** Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Hovis - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: Conditional District REZ-24-12-16-00203, DeWayne Jordan (Applicant); Property Parcel: 145599, Located at 4545 Crowders Crest Dr., in Gastonia, Rezone from the (R-3) Single Family General Zoning District with (US) Overlay to the CD/(R-3) Conditional Zoning District with (US) Overlay
1. Receive Citizen Comments
  2. Close Public Hearing
  3. Accept Motion
- D.** Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Hovis - Building & Development Services - To Approve Amendment to the Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan and Maps for Gaston County Communities, to Reflect the Route Recommendation of the Gastonia-Crowders Mountain Paved Pathways Feasibility Study
1. Receive Citizen Comment
  2. Close Public Hearing
  3. Accept Motion

**IV. BUSINESS AGENDA****A. AGENDA REVISION/APPROVAL**

1. *DELETED: Section VII., Item C.*

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. To Approve the Minutes of:
  - Regular Meeting of September 23, 2025

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

- A. Commissioner Brown - BOC - To Revise the Gaston County Board of Commissioners' November 2025 Meeting Schedule to Reschedule the November 13th Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting to Monday, November 17th - 6:00 P.M.
- B. Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Commendation - To Commend the Knights of Columbus, St. Gregory Council, No. 6700 on its 50th Anniversary
- C. Commissioner Hovis – County Manager – To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information
- D. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Public Health Division - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Grant Funds Received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the Public Health Environmental Health Healthy Wells Project (Year 6) (100% Grant Funds - \$140,000)
- E. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Amend Budget for Caregiver Support Program Accepted and Appropriated in Original Approved Budget (\$16,685 Reduction)
- F. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Funds for the Gaston County Workforce Development Youth Program from the North Carolina Department of Commerce in the Amount of \$412,022 (100% Federal Funds)
- G. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Donations Received During First Quarter of FY26 Totaling \$5,354.47
- H. Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Authorize Acceptance and Appropriation of the NCDOC Rural Economic Development Division Building Reuse Grant for the Benefit of Lynddahl Telecom A/S (Project Server) and to Authorize a Fund Balance Appropriation for the Required Match of \$7,500

- I. Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Authorize Acceptance and Appropriation of the NCDOC Rural Economic Development Division Building Reuse Grant for the Benefit of Healsee Capsules, Inc. (Project Arrival) and To Authorize a Fund Balance Appropriation for the Required Match of \$25,000
- J. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management/Fire Services - To Approve a Certificate of Need (CON) for Waco Fire Department for Reimbursement of Purchase of Flash Upgrades for 35 Radios to Meet State TDMA Requirement in the Amount of \$18,659.90
- K. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management/Fire Services - To Accept and Appropriate Duke Grant Funds Received from Duke Energy Foundation Grant for Funding of a High-Capacity Generator and/or Drones to Enhance Disaster Preparedness and Climate Resiliency in the Amount of \$10,000.00
- L. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Approve the Appropriation of Unified Fire Protection Service District Fund, Fund Balance for Distribution to East Gaston Fire Department in the Amount of \$26,000 for Vehicle and Property Insurance
- M. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Accept as Information the September 2025 Property Tax Refunds Less than \$100. These Tax Refunds Should Be Recorded in the Board's Minutes. (Total NCVTS Refunds - \$2,469.91)
- N. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Appropriate Reconciled Accumulated Investment Earnings from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025 (\$68,711.21) in FY26. To Appropriate Accumulated Investment Earnings from July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025 (\$61,074.52) in FY26. Total Appropriation is \$129,785.73
- O. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management/Fire Services - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of October 5-11, 2025 Fire Prevention Week
- P. Commissioner Brown - Human Resources - Resolution Placing Local DHHS Employees Under the Gaston County Personnel Policy
- Q. Commissioner Keigher - Hope United Survivor Network - Proclamation - To Proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- R. Commissioner Hovis - Natural Resources - To Authorize the County Manager, or His Designee, to Execute a Professional Services Contract with KCI Associates for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Design of the Cramerton Central Park Stream Restoration Project
- S. Commissioner Shehan - Office of Capital Improvements - To Authorize the County Manager, or His Designee, to Execute an Interlocal Agreement Between Gaston County, the City of High Shoals, and the City of Gastonia/Two Rivers for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) High Shoals - Sewer Line Project

- T. Commissioner Hovis - Office of Capital Improvements - To Authorize the Conversion of a Temporary ARPA Position to a Full-time Project Manager Position to Continue Implementing Capital Projects in the Office of Capital Improvements. The Position will be Fully Funded Using ARPA Funds Through the End of Calendar Year 2026. Beginning January 1, 2027, at the Conclusion of ARPA Funding, the Position Will Be Funded Through Chargebacks to Capital Projects
- U. Commissioner Cloninger - Parks and Recreation - To Accept and Appropriate Funds from Recreation Fees for the Gaston County Parks and Recreation Adult Soccer League (\$5,140)
- V. Commissioner Cloninger - Parks and Recreation - To Accept and Endorse the Naming Rights Agreement Between Caromont Health and Carolina Thread Trail for the Spencer Mountain Trail
- W. Commissioner Cloninger - Parks and Recreation - To Accept and Adopt the Updated Master Plan for George Poston Park
- X. Commissioner Brown - Police Department - To Accept and Appropriate Donation Received from the Gaston County Police Foundation in the Amount of \$600.00
- Y. Commissioner Hovis - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Master Police Officer Douglas Alexander Hord
- Z. Commissioner Hovis - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Master Police Officer James Patrick Brienza
- AA. Commissioner Hovis - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Master Police Officer Scotty Allen Daves
- AB. Commissioner Bailey - Public Works - To Award a Construction Contract to Gais Construction, Inc. and Authorize the County Manager, or His Designee, to Execute the Necessary Contract Documents for the Cramerton Shared Site Facilities - New Hope Recycling Center (\$5,172,565.20)
- AC. Commissioner Cloninger - Public Works - To Accept and Appropriate a North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) Grant, "Recycling Expansion for Gaston County E-Waste" (State - \$25,600; Solid Waste Enterprise Fund - \$5,120)
- AD. Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed September 2025 Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$3,014.37; Overpayments - \$16,346.81; VTS Refunds - \$1,310.15; Grand Total - \$20,671.33)
- AE. Commissioner Brown - Veterans Services - Proclamation - To Proclaim November 4th through November 11th as Operation Green Light for Veterans in Gaston County, in Recognition of Veterans Day, November 11, 2025, and in Honor of All Who Have Served Our Country in the United States Armed Forces

## VII. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. [TABLED 10/28/25/ Commissioner Brown - Communications - Resolution for Closing of Government Access Channel, to be Effective December 31, 2025](#)
- B. [Commissioner Fraley - County Attorney - Adoption of Ordinance Maintaining the Criminal Enforcement of Certain Existing County Ordinances](#)
- C. [WITHDRAWN Commissioner Brown - County Manager - To Approve a Resolution Declaring County-Owned Property Surplus and Authorizing Sale by Sealed Bid - Mary Ellen Nelson Center \(Parcel ID #170825\)](#)

**VIII. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

**IX. ITEMS ADDED BY MAJORITY VOTE FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

**X. APPOINTMENTS**

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

**XI. REPORTS**

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

**XII. OTHER MATTERS**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**