



Gaston County

Board of Commissioners

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

Chairman Chad Brown
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Cathy Cloninger
Allen R. Fraley
Kim Johnson
Tom Keigher
Ronnie Worley

Thursday, July 27, 2023

Meeting Agenda

Rescheduled Work Session (Non-Voting)

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

I. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES

- A. Commissioner Brown - BOC - Commendation - To Recognize the 90th Anniversary of South Gastonia Church of God
- B. Commissioner Fraley - BOC - Commendation - To Commend Mr. Jason Day for his Acts of Bravery During the Violent Storms in Cherryville on May 16, 2023
- C. Certificates in Appreciation for Public Service
 - 1. Jeff Booker, Economic Development Commission
 - 2. Robert Browne, Charles Martin, Dr. Edward Smith, Health and Human Services Board
 - 3. Judge Pennie Thrower, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)

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

III. PRESENTATIONS (Limited to 15 Minutes)

- A. PRESENTATION - OPIOID SETTLEMENT PLAN UPDATE:
 - Dr. Greg Grier, Director of Community Support Services
- B. PRESENTATION - PROPOSED PURCHASE OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY TO CREATE THRIVE RECOVERY CENTER:
 - Pastor Dickie Spargo, City Church
 - Mr. Doug Lance, Executive Director, Alternative Community Penalties Program, Inc.

IV. OTHER MATTERS

- A. DISCUSSION - BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY

V. ADJOURNMENT

The Rescheduled Regular County Commission Meeting Will Follow Immediately.



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INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Fraley - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-23-06-05-00151, Jane E. Bost (Applicant); Property Parcel: Portion of 202760, Located off Will Kiser Road, Crouse, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single-Family Limited Zoning District to the (R-3) Single-Family General Zoning District
 1. Receive Citizen Comments
 2. Close Public Hearing
 3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution

- B. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Fraley - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-23-06-05-00152, Gregory Farris (Applicant); Property Parcels: 303952, 303953, 301430, Located at 1929, 1941, 1947 Bess Town Rd. in Bessemer City, NC, Rezone from (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District & (R-3) Single Family General Zoning District to the (C-1) Light Commercial Zoning District
 1. Receive Citizen Comments
 2. Close Public Hearing
 3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution

- C. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Fraley - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-23-02-16-00140, Gaston County Planning Board (Applicant); Property Parcels: 158034, 158038, 158072, 158037, and 307416 Located Near the Intersection of Hephzibah Church Rd. and Anthony Grove Rd. The Request is to Accept the Parcels from Cherryville's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) Area and to Place the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District on the Parcels
 1. Receive Citizen Comments
 2. Close Public Hearing
 3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution

- D. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - Zoning Text Amendment: TEXT-23-04-25-00009 - Gaston County Planning Board (Applicant); To Consider Proposed Text Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO): Chapter 5 (Permit and Modification Procedures); Table 5.8-1 (Allowed Temporary Uses), and Section 5.8.4 (Specific Regulations for Certain Temporary Uses)
 - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 - 2. Close Public Hearing
 - 3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution

- E. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Approve a Gaston County Level Two Incentive Grant Pursuant to N.C.Gen.Stat.158-7.1 and To Authorize Gaston County to Enter into an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) with Project Program
 - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 - 2. Close Public Hearing
 - 3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution

- F. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Authorize the Sale of Real Property for Economic Development and To Approve a Gaston County Level Two Incentive Grant Pursuant to N.C.Gen.Stat. 158-7.1 and Authorize Gaston County to Enter into an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) with Project Hemmingway
 - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 - 2. Close Public Hearing
 - 3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution

- G. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Approve a Gaston County Level Two Incentive Grant Pursuant to N.C.Gen.Stat.158-7.1 and To Authorize Gaston County to Enter into an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) with Project Lucas
 - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 - 2. Close Public Hearing
 - 3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution

II. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. AGENDA REVISION/APPROVAL

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. To Approve the Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting of May 25, 2023
 - Rescheduled Meeting of June 13, 2023
 - Closed Session of June 13, 2023

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commissioner Brown - BOC - Commendation - To Recognize the 90th Anniversary of South Gastonia Church of God

- B. Commissioner Fraley - BOC - Commendation - To Commend Mr. Jason Day for his Acts of Bravery During the Violent Storms in Cherryville on May 16, 2023

- C. Commissioner Brown - BOC - To Set Forth the Names of the 2023 Students of the Senator James S. Forrester Commissioners' School of Excellence in the Board of Commissioners' Minutes
- D. Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy (Hope United Survivor Network) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Grant Funds Designated for Domestic Violence Programs from the NC Human Trafficking Commission for The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center; This Grant Includes a New Position with 100% of Salary/Benefits Divided Between Two Human Trafficking Grants (\$86,540 - No County Funds)
- E. Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy (Hope United Survivor Network) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Grant Funds from the Human Trafficking Commission for Economic Assistance to HUSN for Sexual Assault Services (\$71,930 - No County Funds); This Funding Includes a New Position Funded at 50% with the Sexual Assault Human Trafficking Grant and 50% with the Domestic Violence Human Trafficking Grant
- F. Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - To Amend the By-Laws of the Planning Board to Better Represent Current Processes and Procedures for the Board
- G. Commissioner Brown - County Attorney/Tax Assessor - To Subordinate to the City of Gastonia the County's Tax Lien Related to Parcel No. 217580 and the Storm Water Easement the City of Gastonia is Entering into with Winston Development Corporation
- H. Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information
- I. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services - To Amend the Resolution Directing the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds (Res# 2023-160, Adopted May 25, 2023) to Reflect Strategy 3 - Community Paramedicine Program
- J. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$267,363.60 for the Collaborative Strategic Planning Program
- K. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$866,139.80 for the Recovery Transportation Program
- L. Commissioner Worley - DHHS - Community Support Services - To Authorize Bid Award for the Gaston County ARPA Grant Project for Homeless Outreach - Mobile Shower and Laundry Trailers to Montondo Trailers, LLC (\$223,100)
- M. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services (Hope United Survivor Network) - Transfer Funds from General Fund to General Government Capital Fund to Purchase an I-Record Digital Video and Audio Recording System for the Family Justice Center (\$7,939)
- N. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services (Hope United Survivor Network) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds from the NC Council for Women & Youth Involvement for The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center for FY2023 (\$1,673.75)

- O. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services (Hope United Survivor Network) - To Accept and Appropriate Donations Received from April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023 in the Amount of \$30,104.75
- P. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve the Gaston County Public Health Department Patient Fee Schedule
- Q. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Health Division - To Accept and Appropriate Miscellaneous Funds Received During Fiscal Year 2023 from the Upstream Organization for the Public Health Family Planning Clinic (100% Miscellaneous Funds - \$5,000)
- R. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Health Division - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Grant Funds received from Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Services Administration and Passed Through the NC Division of Public Health - Women, Infant, and Community Wellness Section (100% Grant Funds - \$12,000)
- S. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Approve the FY2023-2024 Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding Plan (No Funding Appropriated Herein)
- T. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Adoption Promotion Program Funds to Enhance the Adoption Program in the Amount of \$289,652 (No County Funds Required)
- U. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Authorize Bid Award to Two Hawk Workforce Services for Services to be Provided for the Adult and Dislocated Workers Program through the Workforce Innovations and Opportunities Act (WIOA) (\$485,427)
- V. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Authorize Bid Award to Gaston College for Services to be Provided for the Youth Program through the Workforce Innovations and Opportunities Act (WIOA) (\$306,856)
- W. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Donated Funds Received During the Fourth Quarter of FY23 for Various Social Services Programs in the Amount of \$845
- X. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Authorize Bid Award to Allies4Outcomes for Training Services to be Provided for the Child Welfare Program to Include Evaluation, Technical Assistance and Consultation (\$97,300)
- Y. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Authorize Bid Award to Two Hawk Workforce Services for One Stop Operator Services to be Provided for the Workforce Innovations and Opportunities Act (WIOA) Program (\$90,762.53)
- Z. Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Amend Gaston County ARPA Grant Project Ordinance 2021-264 to Approve and Appropriate Additional Project Funding for two Projects: the Homeless Outreach - Mobile Shower and Laundry Trailers (\$900); Broadband Great Grant Project (\$65,500)

- AA.** Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Accept as Information the Attached Property Tax Refunds Less than \$100. These Tax Refunds Should Be Recorded in the Board's Minutes. (Total NCVTS Refunds - \$2,262.54)
- AB.** Commissioner Hovis - Finance - To Appropriate \$80,000,000 in Proceeds and \$1,144,800 in Bond Premium for the General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes for the Schools (\$81,144,800)
- AC.** Commissioner Hovis - Finance (County Manager) - To Approve the Use of Accrued Interest from the 2018 GO School Bonds (\$520,124.71)
- AD.** Commissioner Worley - Library - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal LSTA Grant Funds (\$8,000)
- AE.** Commissioner Hovis - Natural Resources - To Approve a Revised Interlocal Agreement for Enforcement Services of the Gaston County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Ordinance
- AF.** Commissioner Hovis - Natural Resources - To Approve a Revised Interlocal Agreement for Enforcement Services of the Gaston County Stormwater Ordinance
- AG.** Commissioners Brown & Worley - Parks and Recreation - 1) To Approve and Authorize Execution of a Lease Agreement with Duke Energy for Operation of the Southpoint Access Facility; 2) To Authorize a Cost Share Agreement for Construction of a Canoe/Kayak Launch with Associated Parking and Storage and Appropriate the Required Funds (\$303,639 - Fund Balance); 3) To Approve Staffing and Fee Schedules to Offset Costs for Operational Purposes of the Facility and Appropriate the Anticipated Revenue and Expense (\$195,988)
- AH.** Commissioner Brown - Police Department - To Request Approval to Transfer Federal Governor's Crime Commission Law Enforcement Block Grant from General Fund to Capital (\$24,500)
- AI.** Commissioner Cloninger - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Master Police Officer Paul Edward Burgess
- AJ.** Commissioner Keigher - Public Works - To Declare the Vehicles on the Attached List as Surplus and Approve the Sale of Said Vehicles to the Highest Bidder on GovDeals.com and Authorize Staff to Prepare the Necessary Documents in Accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-266
- AK.** Commissioner Keigher - Public Works - To Declare the List of Attached Equipment as Surplus and Approve the Sale of Said Equipment to the Highest Bidder on GovDeals.com and Authorize Staff to Prepare the Necessary Documents in Accordance with North Carolina General Statutes 160A-266
- AL.** Commissioner Brown - Public Works - To Approve the Sale of Surplus County Vehicle # 94 to the East Gaston Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

- AM.** Commissioner Cloninger - Public Works - To Award a Construction Contract to Shamrock Environmental Corporation and Authorize the County Manager, or Her Designee, To Execute the Necessary Contract Documents for Unit III Cell Construction at the Gaston County Landfill (\$5,880,920.00 - Bid Amount) and To Approve and Appropriate the Additional Funds Needed to Execute the Contract (\$3,343,920 - Solid Waste Fund Balance)
- AN.** Commissioner Fraley - Public Works - To Approve and Appropriate Up to \$1,500,000 for the City of Cherryville to Construct a Community Gymnasium, Direct the County Attorney to Draft an Interlocal Agreement Outlining the Terms and Conditions for Funding the Project, and Authorize the County Manager or Her Designee to Execute Said Agreement
- AO.** Commissioner Brown - Tax Collections - To Accept the Annual Tax Settlement Report of Taxes Billed and Collected Over the Previous Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, per N.C.G.S. 105-373
- AP.** Commissioner Fraley - Authorization for Tax Collection - To Adopt and Enter into the Minutes an Order Directing the Tax Collector to Collect the Taxes Charged in the Tax Records and Receipts, and a Copy of the Order to be Delivered to the Tax Collector, Pursuant to N.C.G.S.105-321(b)
- AQ.** Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Overpayments - \$21,934.51; VTS Refunds - \$5,439.76; Grand Total - \$27,374.27)
- AR.** Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$3,211.79; Overpayments - \$17,973.12; VTS Refunds - \$16,785.60; Grand Total - \$37,970.51)

IV. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A.** Commissioner Brown - County Attorney - To Provide an Advisory Opinion to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Recommending Abandonment of a Portion of a Publicly Dedicated Right-of-Way Known as State Road 2004, aka Mountain View Street
- B.** Commissioner Hovis - Natural Resources - To Amend Chapter 4 - Buildings, Construction and Related Activities Article III, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control, of the Gaston County Code of Ordinances Concerning Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control

V. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

VI. ITEMS ADDED BY MAJORITY VOTE FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

VII. APPOINTMENTS

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

VIII. REPORTS

A. Commissioners Committee Reports

B. County Manager's Report

C. County Attorney's Report

IX. OTHER MATTERS

X. ADJOURNMENT