



# Gaston County

## Board of Commissioners

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

*Chairman Chad Brown*  
*Vice-Chairman Bob Hovis*  
*Cathy Cloninger*  
*Allen R. Fraley*  
*Kim Johnson*  
*Tom Keigher*  
*Ronnie Worley*

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Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Meeting Agenda

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

CALL TO ORDER  
INVOCATION  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### I. COMMENDATIONS

- A. Commissioner Hovis - BOC - Commendation - To Commend the Bessemer City 12-U Girls Fast Pitch Softball All-Stars Upon Winning the 2023 Dixie Youth Ponytails State Championship and the 2023 Dixie Youth 12-U World Series
- B. Commissioner Brown - BOC - Certificate of Commendation - To Commend Jeff Thompson, Gaston County Police School Resource Officer, for his Heroic Actions Rendered in the Line of Duty at Bessemer City High School

#### II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. CONTINUED FROM 8/22/2023 - Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Approve a Gaston County Level One 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 Box
  - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
  - 2. Close Public Hearing
  - 3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution
- B. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Approve a Gaston County Level One Incentive Grant Pursuant to N.C.Gen.Stat. 158-7.1; To Authorize an Application to the NC Department of Commerce Rural Economic Development Division Building Reuse Grant Program; To Authorize Gaston County to Enter into an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) with Project Precise
  - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
  - 2. Close Public Hearing
  - 3. Accept Motion to Approve

- C. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Hovis - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-23-07-14-00153, Kimberly Hagans Bundy (Applicant); Property Parcel: 303966, Located on Freedom Mill Road, Gastonia, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District to the (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District
  - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
  - 2. Close Public Hearing
  - 3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution
  
- D. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Cloninger - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-23-07-21-00154, Jeffery Lee Millwood (Applicant); Property Parcel: 166571, Located on 1044 Upper Spencer Mountain Rd., Stanley, NC, Rezone .97 Acres from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District to the (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District
  - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
  - 2. Close Public Hearing
  - 3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution
  
- E. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Brown - Community Support Services (ACCESS) - To Request Permission to Apply for NCDOT/PTD FY25 Community Transportation Program (5311) Grant to Provide Rural Public Transportation Services; Enter into an Agreement with the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and Provide the Necessary Assurances and Required Local Match
  - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
  - 2. Close Public Hearing
  - 3. Accept Motion to Approve

### III. BUSINESS AGENDA

#### A. AGENDA REVISION/APPROVAL

#### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. To Approve the Minutes of:
  - Regular Meeting of August 22, 2023

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

### V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commissioner Brown - BOC - To Revise the Gaston County Board of Commissioners' (BOC) 2023 Regular Meeting Schedule for November 2023 to Reschedule the Combined Work Session and Regular Meeting from November 14, 2023 to November 28, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.
  
- B. Commissioner Hovis - BOC - Commendation - To Commend the Bessemer City 12-U Girls Fast Pitch Softball All-Stars Upon Winning the 2023 Dixie Youth Ponytails State Championship and the 2023 Dixie Youth 12-U World Series

- C. Commissioners Brown & Worley - BOC - Proclamation - To Commemorate the Events of September 11, 2001
- D. Commissioner Brown - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim September 17-23, 2023 as Constitution Week
- E. Commissioner Brown - BOC - Certificate of Commendation - To Commend Jonathan Pullen, Gaston County Police School Resource Officer, for his Heroic Actions Rendered in the Line of Duty, which Saved the Life of Stanley Middle School Student, Kaleb Self
- F. Commissioner Brown - BOC - Certificate of Commendation - To Commend Jeff Thompson, Gaston County Police School Resource Officer, for his Heroic Actions Rendered in the Line of Duty at Bessemer City High School
- G. Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State and Federal Grant Funds from CACNC for The Lighthouse (\$134,000)
- H. Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy (Sheriff's Office) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Reimbursement Funds for the BJA FY 2022 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) (\$51,477)
- I. Commissioner Worley - Building & Development Services (Housing Rehab) - To Accept and Appropriate \$6,340.00 for Reimbursed Rehab Housing Improvement Proration
- J. Commissioner Keigher - Cooperative Extension - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Grant Funds for Cooperative Extension's Triple P Parenting Education Program (\$37,646)
- K. Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information
- L. Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - Proclamation - To Proclaim September 15 - October 15, 2023 as National Hispanic Heritage Month
- M. Commissioner Brown - Community Support Services - Transfer Funds from the General Fund, to Reimburse the General Government Capital Fund for the Purchase of the Network Equipment and Wi-Fi Unit for the New Community Support Services Office Building (\$6,252.00)
- N. Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Public Health Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Grant Funds Received from NC Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Child and Family Wellness for the Nurse Family Partnership Program (100% Grant Funds - \$1,858)
- O. Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate the Health Promotion Disease Prevention Grant from Centralina Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging (Grant Funds \$3,600 - Required County Match Funds \$400)
- P. Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Approve Northwoods Consulting Partners as a Sole Source Vendor of the Traverse Software for the Adult Protective Services Case Management System in the Amount of \$55,000

- Q.** Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of August 2023 as Child Support Awareness Month in Gaston County
- R.** Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - Proclamation - To Recognize September 17-23, 2023 as National Adult Day Services Week in Gaston County
- S.** Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Authorize a Fund Balance Appropriation for the Required Local Match (50%) for the NCDOC One NC Grant of \$25,000 - Polykemi USA
- T.** Commissioner Brown - EDC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of October 2-6, 2023 as Gaston County Manufacturing Week
- U.** Commissioner Hovis - Finance - To Appropriate \$1,753,221, in FY2023, for the Implementation of GASB 96 Subscription Agreements
- V.** Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Amend Gaston County ARPA Grant Project Ordinance 2021-264 to Approve and Appropriate Project Funding - Gaston College (\$3,200,000) and Tryon Elementary Waterline Extension Project (\$703,000)
- W.** Commissioner Hovis - Finance - To Appropriate 2021 Vehicle Financing Interest Earnings and Unspent Proceeds Totaling \$16,681 for Payment to Bank of America (\$16,681)
- X.** 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 - \$2,068.16)
- Y.** Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - Declare Surplus and Sell Equipment to Kings Mountain Fire Department for \$1
- Z.** Commissioner Fraley - Human Resources - To Approve Revisions to the Gaston County Personnel Policy Manual Related to the Cell Phone Policy, Refunds/Reimbursements/Deductions Policy, Residency Policy, Holidays, Worker's Compensation, and Pay Plan for Acting Status Pay and Clothing Allowance Pay
- AA.** 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
- AB.** Commissioner Worley - Police Department - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Discretionary Funds through the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice in the Amount of \$12,302 to Continue the Pilot Program, Traffic Teen Court, in Gaston County for Court-Involved Youth through Fiscal Year 23-24
- AC.** Commissioner Brown - Police Department - To Appropriate Funds (\$180,000) from the Federal (Treasury/Justice) Drug Asset Forfeiture and Equitable Sharing Program and the Controlled Substance Abuse Tax for the Purpose of Purchasing Department Equipment; and to Accept Flock Group Inc. (Flock Safety) as a Sole Source Vendor for the Purchase of Flock Safety ALPR Camera System
- AD.** Commissioner Keigher - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Police Chief Joseph D. Ramey

- AE.** Commissioner Keigher - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Assistant Police Chief Myron K. Shelor
- AF.** Commissioner Keigher - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Police Sergeant Jeremy J. Burrell
- AG.** Commissioner Keigher - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Master Police Officer Christopher G. Haskett
- AH.** Commissioner Cloninger - Public Works - To Authorize the County Manager, or Her Designee, to Execute a Professional Services Contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Assessment and Expansion of the Gas Collection and Control System at the Gaston County Landfill
- AI.** Commissioner Johnson - Public Works - To Authorize the County Manager, or Her Designee, to Award a Purchase and Services Contract with Genxtech AV & Communication for the Purchase and Installation of Equipment for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Courthouse Video Arraignment Project Totaling \$90,877.59
- AJ.** Commissioner Cloninger - Public Works - To Authorize Innio Jenbacher North America, LLC as a Sole Source Provider for a GE 420 Engine Block and to Transfer Funds into the Appropriate Expenditure Account for the Purchase (\$492,716)
- AK.** Commissioner Keigher - Public Works - To Approve the Sale of Surplus County Vehicle #310 to Gaston College
- AL.** Commissioner Brown - Sheriff's Office - To Authorize the Addition of One Full-Time SRO at Community Public Charter School for Enhanced School Security and to Appropriate Additional Funds for the Position (\$81,300 - CPC Share 67% - \$67,479 / Fund Balance 17% - \$13,821)
- AM.** Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds \$1,619.75; Overpayments - \$23,882.79; VTS Refunds - \$8,105.08; Grand Total - \$33,607.62)

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

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

## **VIII. APPOINTMENTS**

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

**IX. REPORTS**

**A. Commissioners Committee Reports**

**B. County Manager's Report**

**C. County Attorney's Report**

**X. OTHER MATTERS**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**