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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met in Regular Session at 3:00 pm on December 12, 2023 in the Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse.

Chairman Chad Brown presided with Commissioners Bob Hovis, Vice-Chairman; Cathy Cloninger, Allen R. Fraley, Kim Johnson, Tom Keigher and Ronnie Worley in attendance.

Others present included Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager; William T. Stetzer, County Attorney; and Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board.

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

Agenda Revision/Approval

Chairman Brown asked if there were any objections to the request to move the Citizen Recognition segment to the Work Session Agenda, which will immediately follow the Organizational Meeting; none was heard.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously moved Citizen Recognition to its December 12th Work Session Agenda.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the BOC unanimously approved the Agenda of December 12, 2023 as amended.

Approval of Minutes

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Worley, the BOC unanimously approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2023, the Rescheduled Meeting of November 28, 2023 and the Closed Session of November 28, 2023.

Consent Agenda

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

2023-408 Commissioner Keigher - BOC - To Update the Provisions of the Gaston County Investment Grant Program to Extend the Small Business Investment Grant Program Through Calendar Year 2024 as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners that the Gaston County Investment Grant Program as adopted by Resolution No. 2006-065, dated February 9, 2006, is hereby amended to approve the one-year extension of the Gaston County Small Business Investment Grant for the 2024 calendar year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Investment Grant program shall sunset on December 31, 2024, and shall apply to investments made during the 2024 calendar year.

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2023-409 Commissioner Brown - Budget & Strategy - To Appropriate \$229,034 in Additional Funds for IT - Related Public Safety Expenses per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
City Gastonia PS Communication	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530023-PubSf	6,703
City Gastonia PS Communication	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530023-PubSf	1,576
City Gastonia PS Communication	1000-GPD-201-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530023-PubSf	71,997
City Gastonia PS Communication	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530023-PubSf	9,241
City Gastonia PS Communication	1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530023-PubSf	6,115
City Gastonia PS Communication	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530023-PubSf	2,962
City Gastonia PS Communication	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-530023-PubSf	78
City Gastonia PS Communication	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-530023-PubSf	362
Software Rental	1000-GPD-201-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530029-	130,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(229,034)

2023-410 Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information as follows:

ENTRY DATE	DEPT NAME	ACCOUNT	DR/CR	AMOUNT
11/01/2023	Sheriff	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530029-	C	21,293
11/01/2023		1000-SHF-210-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530029-	D	21,293
11/02/2023	Finance	1000-NDP-000-00000-SpcPrg-000000-0000-01-560000-	C	5,000
11/02/2023		1000-NDP-000-00000-SpcPrg-000000-0000-01-530015-	D	5,000
11/03/2023	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-TeenPg-000000-0000-05-530002-16241	D	1,000
11/03/2023		1000-HLT-250-00000-TeenPg-000000-0000-05-520017-16241	C	1,000
11/06/2023	Public Works	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540006-	C	3,000,000
11/06/2023		4005-PWK-191-00000-GasHsB-000000-0000-01-540005-P2206	D	3,000,000
11/06/2023		4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540006-19033	C	1,000,000
11/06/2023		4005-PWK-191-00000-GasHsB-000000-0000-01-540005-P2206	D	1,000,000
11/07/2023	Museum	1000-MUS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-530023-	C	2,000
11/07/2023		1000-MUS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520005-	D	1,000
11/07/2023		1000-MUS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520002-	D	1,000
11/07/2023	Comm Svces	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520013-	C	3,000
11/07/2023		1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-000000-0000-05-520005-	D	1,500
11/07/2023		1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-000000-0000-05-520005-	D	1,500
11/08/2023	Em Mgmt.	4005-EMG-000-00000-Annual-PayAsGo-0000-02-540002-	C	8,396
11/08/2023		4005-EMG-000-00000-Annual-PayAsGo-0000-02-540003-	D	8,396
11/08/2023	Public Works	1000-PWK-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520020-	C	4,000
11/08/2023		1000-PWK-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530010-	D	4,000
11/08/2023		4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540006-	C	29,356
11/08/2023		4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540006-P2314	D	29,356
11/08/2023		1000-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530023-18084	C	16,000
11/08/2023		1000-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530010-18084	D	16,000
11/09/2023	Comm Svces	1000-CSS-291-29102-Donatn-000000-0000-05-530023-	C	1,000
11/09/2023		1000-CSS-291-29102-Donatn-000000-0000-05-520007-	D	1,000
11/09/2023	Public Works	1000-PWK-191-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540003-	C	6,000
11/09/2023		1000-PWK-191-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520006-	D	6,000
11/09/2023		4095-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540006-19536	C	311,979
11/09/2023		4095-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540016-19536	D	311,979
11/09/2023	HR	1000-HRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520020-	C	1,000
11/09/2023		1000-HRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530015-	D	1,000
11/09/2023	Bldg. Svces	1000-BDS-232-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-520011-	C	1,000
11/09/2023		1000-BDS-232-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-520020-	D	1,000
11/10/2023	Sheriff	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530052-	C	65,500
11/10/2023		1000-SHF-000-00000-Fleet1-000000-0000-02-530052-	D	65,500
11/10/2023	Em Mgmt.	1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520005-	D	4,000

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11/10/2023		1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-560000-EMPGO	C	4,000
11/10/2023	Comm. Svces	1000-CSS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520012-	C	58
11/10/2023		1000-CSS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530029-	D	58
11/10/2023	Sheriff	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-510001-	C	127,303
11/10/2023		1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530010-22026	D	127,303
11/14/2023	Health	1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-0000000-0000-05-520002-21547	C	100,000
11/14/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-0000000-0000-05-530013-21547	D	100,000
11/14/2023	Public Works	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-540006-	C	93,200
11/14/2023		4005-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-540006-P2411	D	93,200
11/14/2023		4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-540006-	C	102,300
11/14/2023		4005-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-540006-P2410	D	102,300
11/14/2023	Comm. Svces	1000-CSS-291-00000-Hope4H-0000000-0000-05-520005-	C	1,500
11/14/2023		1000-CSS-291-00000-Hope4H-0000000-0000-05-520007-	D	1,500
11/15/2023	Parks & Rec	1000-PRK-000-00000-RecPrg-0000000-0000-04-530015-	C	2,000
11/15/2023		1000-PRK-000-00000-RecPrg-0000000-0000-04-520002-	D	2,000
11/15/2023	Comm. Svces	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtNut-Title3B-0000-05-520020-AG009	D	11,500
11/15/2023		1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtNut-Title3B-0000-05-510006-AG009	C	5,551
11/15/2023		1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtNut-Title3B-0000-05-510103-AG009	C	4,849
11/15/2023		1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtNut-Title3B-0000-05-510104-AG009	C	500
11/15/2023		1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtNut-Title3B-0000-05-510105-AG009	C	200
11/15/2023		1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtNut-Title3B-0000-05-510106-AG009	C	400
11/15/2023	Comm. Svces	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-Title3B-0000-05-530015-AG019	D	89,243
11/15/2023		1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-Title3B-0000-05-530013-AG019	C	62,755
11/15/2023		1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-Title3B-0000-05-520015-AG019	C	20,993
11/15/2023		1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-Title3B-0000-05-520013-AG019	C	5,000
11/15/2023		1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-Title3B-0000-05-520020-AG019	C	495
11/15/2023	Health	1000-CSS-292-00000-SrPrgm-0000000-0000-04-520002-	C	2,200
11/15/2023		1000-CSS-292-00000-000000-0000000-0000-04-520020-	D	2,200
11/16/2023	GCPD	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530052-	C	80,000
11/16/2023		1000-GPD-000-00000-Fleet1-0000000-0000-02-530052-	D	80,000
11/16/2023	Elections	1000-BOE-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530002-	C	250
11/16/2023		1000-BOE-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530015-	D	250
11/16/2023	Sheriff	1000-SHF-210-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520007-	C	12,600
11/16/2023		1000-SHF-210-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520020-	D	12,600
11/20/2023	Comm. Svces	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520007-	C	5,000
11/20/2023		1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520015-	D	5,000
11/20/2023	Landfill	6000-SWS-380-00000-000000-0000000-0000-08-540009-21012	C	550,000
11/20/2023		6000-SWS-380-00000-000000-0000000-0000-08-540016-21012	D	550,000
11/21/2023	Health	1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-0000000-0000-05-510001-AG013	D	33,123
11/21/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-0000000-0000-05-510100-AG013	D	116
11/21/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-0000000-0000-05-510101-AG013	D	2,557
11/21/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-0000000-0000-05-510102-AG013	D	330
11/21/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-0000000-0000-05-510103-AG013	C	7,975
11/21/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-0000000-0000-05-510104-AG013	C	199
11/21/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-0000000-0000-05-510105-AG013	C	584
11/21/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-0000000-0000-05-520002-AG013	C	10,369
11/21/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-0000000-0000-05-520014-AG013	C	2,599
11/21/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-0000000-0000-05-530010-AG013	C	9,200
11/21/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-0000000-0000-05-530053-AG013	C	5,200

2023-411 Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services (ACCESS) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds Awarded Through the North Carolina Department of Transportation for Rural Operating Assistance Program in the Amount of \$219,800 per Budget Change Request:

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Account Description	Account Number	Amount
St Grt Rev: ROAP: EDTAP	1000-CSS-290-29001-000000-0000000-0000-05-410001-G0011	(120,954.00)
StGrtRev: ROAP Rural Gen Public	1000-CSS-290-29001-000000-0000000-0000-05-410001-G0012	(98,846.00)
Fund Balance Appropriations	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	219,800.00

2023-412 Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Approve the Transfer of \$784,530 from General Fund to the General Government Capital Fund, via the Community Investment Fund (CIF) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Repairs & Maint: Receiving Home	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530023-P2302	(\$45,750)
State Foster Care Board Payments	1000-DSS-271-00000-FostCr-FCBBHSF-0000-05-560008-	(\$738,780)
Transfer to CIF	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584000-	\$784,530
Transfer from General Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	(\$784,530)
Transfer to CIF	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	\$784,530
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(\$784,530)
Building&Improv:Receiving Home	4005-DSS-000-00000-Annual-PayAsGo-0000-05-540005-P2302	\$784,530

2023-413 Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Emergency Rental Assistance Funds from the NC Pandemic Recovery Office in the Amount of \$6,624,455.62 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Emerg Rental Assistance Grant 4	1000-CSS-270-00000-ERAP00-0000000-0000-05-410000-G0088	(6,624,455.62)
Salaries: ERA 4	1000-CSS-270-00000-ERAP00-0000000-0000-05-510001-G0088	100,000
FICA: ERA 4	1000-CSS-270-00000-ERAP00-0000000-0000-05-510100-G0088	10,000
Retirement: ERA 4	1000-CSS-270-00000-ERAP00-0000000-0000-05-510101-G0088	15,000
401K Contribution: ERA 4	1000-CSS-270-00000-ERAP00-0000000-0000-05-510102-G0088	5,000
Health Ins: ERA 4	1000-CSS-270-00000-ERAP00-0000000-0000-05-510103-G0088	15,000
Dental Insurance: ERA 4	1000-CSS-270-00000-ERAP00-0000000-0000-05-510104-G0088	1,000
Life Insurance: ERA 4	1000-CSS-270-00000-ERAP00-0000000-0000-05-510105-G0088	1,000
Unemployment Ins: ERA 4	1000-CSS-270-00000-ERAP00-0000000-0000-05-510106-G0088	1,000
Temp Services: ERA 4	1000-CSS-270-00000-ERAP00-0000000-0000-05-530013-G0088	514,446
Direct Client payments: ERA 4	1000-CSS-270-00000-ERAP00-0000000-0000-05-530053-G0088	5,962,009.62

2023-414 Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Approve the Transfer of \$8,500 from General Fund to the General Government Capital Fund, Via the Community Investment Fund (CIF) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Furniture / Equipment < \$5,000	1000-EDC-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-07-520020-	(8,500.00)
Transfer To CIF	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584000-	8,500.00
Transfer from GF	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	(8,500.00)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	8,500.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(8,500.00)
Furniture / Equipment > \$5,000	4005-EDC-000-00000-Annual-PayAsGo-0000-07-540002-	8,500.00

2023-415 Commissioner Hovis - Finance - To Award Bid for Financing up to \$4,634,989.65 for Rolling Stock (Vehicles & Ambulances) and Equipment (SAN Replacement) to Banc of America Public Capital Corp and to Approve the Attached Budget Change Request (to appropriate funds) and Resolution Approving Financing Terms per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Debt Financing Prcds: FY24 LP	4000-NDP-000-00000-InstFn-VLP2024-0000-01-470001-P2401	(4,634,989.65)
Fund Balance Appropriated	4000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	4,634,989.65
Motor Vehicles: FY24 LP	4005-BDS-230-00000-InstFn-VLP2024-0000-02-540003-P2401	(5,999.00)
Motor Vehicles: FY24 LP	4005-BDS-232-00000-InstFn-VLP2024-0000-07-540003-P2401	(6,945.00)
Motor Vehicles: FY24 LP	4005-DSS-000-00000-InstFn-VLP2024-0000-05-540003-P2401	(3,950.00)

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Motor Vehicles: FY24 LP	4005-GPD-000-00000-InstFn-VLP2024-0000-02-540003-P2401	(50,014.00)
Motor Vehicles: FY24 LP	4005-GPD-200-00000-InstFn-VLP2024-0000-02-540003-P2401	6,113.00
Motor Vehicles: FY24 LP	4005-HLT-252-00000-InstFn-VLP2024-0000-05-540003-P2401	(4,503.00)
Motor Vehicles: FY24 LP	4005-PRK-360-00000-InstFn-VLP2024-0000-01-540003-P2401	(476.00)
Motor Vehicles: FY24 LP	4005-SHF-000-00000-InstFn-VLP2024-0000-02-540003-P2401	(129,286.00)
Fund Balance Appropriated	4000-NDP-000-00000-FBAppr-00000000-0000-99-490000-	195,060.00
Transfer to Gen Gov Cap	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-00000000-0000-98-584005-	(195,060.00)
Transfers from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-00000000-0000-98-484000-	195,060.00

2023-416 Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Accept and Appropriate 1st Installment for Year 3 of the 21st Century Community Learning Center and Afterschool Program for Woodhill Elementary School (\$136,000) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
21 st Cent: Woodhill/Cohort 15	1000-FIN-140-00000-21Cent-Year003-0000-01-410000-22513	(136,000)
Salaries: 21 st Century: Woodhi	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-00000000-0000-01-510001-22513	4,590
OtherCont: 21 st Cent Woodhill/	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-00000000-0000-01-570006-22513	131,410

2023-417 Commissioner Worley – Finance – To Amend Gaston County ARPA Grant Project Ordinance 2021-264 to Approve and Appropriate Project Funding – Homeless Projects (\$375,000); To Amend Board Action 2022-002 to Extend the Performance Period for Short-Term Emergency Housing Assistance as follows:

Section 1: This ordinance is to establish a budget for a project to be funded by the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of H.R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (CSLRF). Gaston County has received the full \$43,612,126 allocation of CSLRF funds. These funds may be used for the following categories of expenditures, to the extent authorized by state law.

1. Support public health expenditures, by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff
2. Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector
3. Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic
4. Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors
5. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

Section 2: The following amounts are appropriated for the project and authorized for expenditure:

CSLRF Project \$ 43,612,126*

Project Allocations

- FJC Program Project \$ 300,000 – Amended 06/28/2022
- Grants Manager Position \$ 676,887 – Amended 04/26/2022
- Short-term Emergency Housing Assistance \$ 250,000 – Approved 01/11/2022
- Cherryville Park Design \$ 200,000 – Approved 03/22/2022
- North Belmont Park Waterline Extension \$ 300,000 – Approved 04/26/2022
- Lowell Elementary School Waterline Extension \$ 22,940 – Amended 09/27/22
- Chapel Grove Elementary Waterline Extension \$ 472,000 – Approved 04/26/2022
- Tryon Elementary Waterline Extension \$ 1,203,000 – Amended 09/26/2023
- Courthouse Video Arraignment System \$ 136,313 – Approved 07/26/2022
- ARPA Project Coordinator (2 positions) \$ 1,155,967 – Approved 07/26/2022
- Revenue Replacement (Standard Allowance) \$ 10,000,000 – Approved 11/10/2022

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- Mobile Shower/Laundry Unit \$ 223,100 – Amended 07/27/2023
- GREAT Grant \$ 65,500 – Approved 07/27/2023
- Gaston College \$ 3,200,000 – Approved 09/26/2023
- **Homeless Projects** **\$ 375,000 (BCR Attached) 12/12/2023**
 - **Catherine's House**
 - **Integrated Care of Greater Hickory (ICGH)**
 - **HealthNet**

Remaining Available CSLRF Project \$ 25,031,419

[*Once it is determined how we will spend all or a portion of the ARP funds, the governing board will amend this section to authorize appropriations for specific programs, services, projects, and activities. The Board may also appropriate some or all of these funds to an enterprise fund in an annual budget ordinance for a water, wastewater, or stormwater infrastructure project.]

Section 3: The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

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- ARPA: Family Justice Center \$ 300,000 – Amended 06/28/2022
- Grants Manager Position \$ 676,887 – Amended 04/26/22
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Section 4: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the grantor agency and the grant agreements.

Section 5: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to report the financial status of the project to the governing board on a quarterly basis.

Section 6: Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the Budget Officer, the Finance Officer and to the Clerk to County Commissioners.

Section 7: This grant project ordinance expires on December 31, 2026, or when all the CSLRF funds have been obligated and expended by the County, whichever occurs sooner.

and per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
ARPA: HEALTHNET	4000-CSS-000-00000-HMLESS-0000000-0000-05-410000-AR018	(125,000.00)
ARPA: HEALTHNET	4000-NDP-000-00000-TRFXTO-0000000-0000-98-584005-	125,000.00
ARPA: HEALTHNET	4005-NDP-000-00000-TRFXFR-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(125,000.00)
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ARPA: ICGH	1000-CSS-000-00000-HMLESS-0000000-0000-05-410000-AR020	(125,000.00)
ARPA: ICGH	1000-CSS-000-00000-HMLESS-0000000-0000-05-530053-AR020	125,000.00

2023-418 Commissioner Johnson – Human Resources – To Approve Revisions to the Gaston County Personnel Policy Manual Related to the Inclement Weather Policy and the Interpreter Pay Policy

2023-419 Commissioner Worley – Library – To Accept and Appropriate \$291,570 from the North Carolina State Library for the Gaston County Public Library per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
State Grant Rev-Libr State Aid	1000-LIB-000-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-04-410001-GliSA	(\$291,570)
Books,AV Suppl-Libr State Aid	1000-LIB-000-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-04-520018-GliSA	\$125,000
Furn/Equip<\$5K-Libr State Aid	1000-LIB-000-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-04-520020-GliSA	\$166,570

2023-420 Commissioner Cloninger – Public Works (DHHS – Social Services Division) – To Authorize the County Manager, or Her Designee, to Execute a Construction Contract with Quinn Sales, Inc. dba Custom Building Systems for the DHHS Family Visitation Center and Include Appropriation of \$100,000.00 from Existing Public Works Funding

2023-421 Commissioner Brown – Sheriff – Administrative Correction – To Correct Budget Change Request for Resolution 2023-334 Adopted at the 9/26/23 BOC Meeting per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Salaries	1000-SHF-000-00000-CommCh-ChrtSRO-0000-02-510001-	45,729
FICA	1000-SHF-000-00000-CommCh-ChrtSRO-0000-02-510100-	3,498
Retirement	1000-SHF-000-00000-CommCh-ChrtSRO-0000-02-510101-	6,420
401(K)	1000-SHF-000-00000-CommCh-ChrtSRO-0000-02-510102-	2,287
Health	1000-SHF-000-00000-CommCh-ChrtSRO-0000-02-510103-	9,545
Salaries	1000-SHF-000-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-02-510001-	(45,729)
FICA	1000-SHF-000-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-02-510100-	(3,498)
Retirement	1000-SHF-000-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-02-510101-	(6,420)
401(K)	1000-SHF-000-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-02-510102-	(2,287)
Health	1000-SHF-000-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-02-510103-	(9,545)

Non-Consent Agenda

2023-422 Board of Commissioners – Appointment of Mr. John D. Joye as the County Attorney Effective January 29, 2024

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Worley, the Board unanimously approved **2023-422** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina, hereby appoints Mr. John D. Joye to the position of County Attorney, to be effective January 29, 2024, or upon the commencement of his employment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman is authorized to execute the contract on behalf of Gaston County.

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2023-423 Board of Commissioners – To Appoint Deputy County Attorney Ms. Courtney C. Rogers to the Position of Interim County Attorney, Effective January 1, 2024

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the BOC unanimously approved **2023-423** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina, appoints Ms. Courtney C. Rogers to the position of Interim County Attorney beginning on January 1, 2024 through January 28, 2024, or until the permanent County Attorney's employment commences.

Appointments

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

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Fraley	Mr. Richard (Dick) Cromlish	December 31, 2026
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Dr. John Hauser	December 31, 2026

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the ***Environmental Review Advisory Board***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Fraley	Mr. Zack Horne	December 31, 2026
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Bob Hovis	December 31, 2026

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed/reappointed to the ***SARA Local Planning Committee (LEPC)***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Fraley	Mr. Robert Jackson	January 31, 2026 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Fraley	Ms. Diane Turbyfill	January 31, 2026 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Fraley	Mr. Mark Lamphiear	December 31, 2026
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Alexa Hodge	December 31, 2026
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Michael Nance	December 31, 2026
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Hoyle Withers	December 31, 2026

On motion introduced by Commissioner Cloninger and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Harold Hoyle to the ***Gaston County Board of Adjustment*** to an unexpired term ending January 31, 2025.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Cloninger and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Yolanda Hall-Miller to the ***Region F Aging Advisory Committee*** to an unexpired term ending May 31, 2025.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Cloninger and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Yolanda Hall-Miller to the ***Council on Aging/Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee*** to an unexpired term ending May 31, 2025.

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the ***Caromont Health/Gaston Memorial Hospital Board of Directors***:

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<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Joseph (Joe) Davis	December 31, 2027
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Frank A. Stewart	December 31, 2027
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Bob Hovis	December 31, 2024

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the **Fireman's Relief Fund Trustees** to terms ending November 30, 2025:

Mr. Klent Craft	Mr. Harold Fullbright	Mr. Virgil Harper	Mr. Jimmy Johnson
Mr. Mike Rhyne			

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously reappointed Commissioner Ronnie Worley to the **Montcross Area Chamber Board of Directors** to a term ending December 31, 2024.

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

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. L. Allen Beatty	December 31, 2026
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. James Julian	December 31, 2026
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Johnson	Mr. Randy Boyd	December 31, 2026
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Maureen O'Keefe	December 31, 2026
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Johnson	Ms. Leslie Dale	December 31, 2024 (Unexpired Term)

Commissioners Committee Reports

Commissioner Keigher thanked everyone who reached out to him during his recovery period.

County Manager's Report

Re: Cold Weather Shelter: The County Manager advised she provided the BOC a full update on the Cold Weather Shelter at their seats and noted it has been operational eight times this year and is getting more activity than previously; she will keep the BOC updated on the status.

County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney noted he met with the Interim County Attorney (Ms. Courtney C. Rogers) and the incoming Attorney (Mr. John D. Joye) to review current County matters and believe those matters are poised for a smooth transition.

He thanked the BOC for its trust in allowing him to serve as County Attorney for two years and stated it has been a privilege.

Chairman Brown thanked the County Attorney for inviting the Board to his investiture ceremony.

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Other Matters

December 10, 2023 Newspaper Editorial (regarding local leadership and homelessness): Commissioner Keigher stated he spoke with the County Manager about an editorial in Sunday's paper (*My Turn: What's going on with leadership vacuums?*) written by Dwayne Burks, and noted he was taken aback by the negativity directed toward the County and local cities in the area; none of the good things were mentioned; spoke with the County Manager and she provided some information about the County's efforts; the problems actually lie within the cities (particularly those that border I-85); wanted to see if the County is expeditiously still working on the procedures/goals and achieving what it set out to do.

Chairman Brown stated he saw the article and expressed his frustration noting the County's past work and ongoing efforts. He noted in 2018 and 2019, the County began its work to create a community-wide strategic vision (One Gaston 2040) to help shape the community and allow it to continue to grow and thrive; these efforts led to the establishment of a countywide homeless task force. The task force report recommended creating a *Homeless Prevention Committee* made up of countywide representatives; the community met monthly for two years coordinating with communities to create a cold-weather shelter. The County also committed \$1M of ARPA funds to reduce the harm felt by the homeless community and provided shower and laundry facilities.

The County has been a leader in coordinating the community-focused response to help those most in need within our community and continues to do so as we go forward to accomplish our goals throughout the County. There is still work to be done. He asked the County Manager to comment. The County Manager advised the Homelessness Task Force has been meeting monthly for the past two years to try to forward this work; structurally, inside the County, a community services group led by Dr. Greg Grier was created to lead this effort; it is not just a County responsibility and that is part of the challenge in terms of moving speedily – the County is working with the City (Gastonia), Salvation Army and all partners to move this forward. She concluded that it is a piece of the County's strategic plan and a part of the 2040 vision and would be happy to provide a more detailed report on the steps that the Homelessness Task Force is working through.

Chairman Brown thanked Commissioner Keigher for emailing Mr. Burks about the article.

Adjournment

Chairman Brown called for a motion to adjourn.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the BOC unanimously adjourned the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2023 at 3:16 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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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on December 12, 2023 at 3:16 pm following its Regular Meeting in The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse, for the purpose of reorganization of the County Commission.

Commissioners Chad Brown, Cathy Cloninger, Allen R. Fraley, Bob Hovis, Kim Johnson, Tom Keigher and Ronnie Worley were in attendance.

Others present included Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager; William T. Stetzer, County Attorney; and Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board.

Election of the Chairman

The County Attorney entertained nominations for the Chairman of the Board as follows:

Commissioner Fraley nominated Commissioner Chad Brown to serve as Chair of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners and Commissioner Hovis provided the second.

The County Attorney asked if there were any other nominations; none was heard.

The County Attorney declared the nominations closed and called for the vote to elect Commissioner Chad Brown as Chairman of the County Commission and the motion carried unanimously as follows:

2023-424 Commissioner Chad Brown is hereby elected to serve as **Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.**

Commissioner Worley failed to vote; therefore, his vote was cast with the majority.

Election of the Vice-Chairman

Chairman Brown entertained nominations for the Vice-Chairman of the County Commission.

Commissioner Worley nominated Commissioner Bob Hovis to serve as Vice-Chairman of the County Commission and Commissioner Fraley provided the second.

Chairman Brown asked if there were any other nominations; none was heard.

Chairman Brown declared the nominations closed and called for the vote to elect Commissioner Bob Hovis as Vice-Chairman of the County Commission and the motion carried unanimously as follows:

2023-425 Commissioner Bob Hovis is hereby elected to serve as **Vice-Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.**

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Appointment of County Manager

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2023-426** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina, appoints Dr. Kim S. Eagle to the position of County Manager.

Commissioner Keigher failed to vote; therefore, his vote was cast with the majority.

Appointment of County Clerk

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2023-427** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina, appoints Donna S. Buff as Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

Resolution of Meetings

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2023-428** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina sets forth the time and place of its required meetings at 6:00 pm, The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse, 325 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Gastonia, North Carolina as follows:

- ***Work Sessions to be held on the 2nd Tuesday each month***
- ***Regular Meetings to be held on the 4th Tuesday each month,***

with exception of the following meetings in 2024:

- **November 26th BOC Regular Meeting to be Combined with November 12th Work Session – 6:00 PM**
- **December 2nd BOC Induction Ceremony & Organizational Meeting – 9:00 AM – Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse**
- **December 24th BOC Regular Meeting to be Combined with December 10th Work Session – 6:00 PM**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when the Board of Commissioners sets a location with date and time of a meeting away from the Courthouse, the location for the meeting will be designated by the Commissioner representing the township where such meeting

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is to be held. The Clerk shall cause the place of the meeting to be published as required by law.

Resolution of Approval of Bonds

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2023-429** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, that in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, bonds are hereby set and approved as follows:

- Sheriff, Chad Hawkins \$25,000
- Register of Deeds, Susan S. Lockridge \$10,000
- Interim Finance Director, Kyle Sutherland \$1,000,000
- Tax Collector, Chelsea Tarbush \$1,000,000
- Faithful Performance Blanket Bond \$500,000

Resolution of Meeting with Legislative Delegation

On motion introduced by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2023-430** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County will meet with the aforementioned legislative delegation as required during the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the time and place of the aforementioned meetings are to be scheduled by the Chair after consultation with the members of the legislative delegation.

Resolution for Annual Planning Session

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2023-431** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners that the policy of the Board of Commissioners shall be to have one major annual Planning Session with said date being determined at a later time.

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Other Matters

None.

Adjournment

Upon unanimous consent, Chairman Brown adjourned the Organizational Meeting of December 12, 2023 at 3:19 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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