



Gaston County

Board of Commissioners

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

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Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Meeting Agenda

Work Session (Non-Voting)

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

I. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES

- A. Commissioner Hovis - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Sergeant James E. Knupp
- B. Certificates in Appreciation for Public Service
 - 1. David Abernethy, Council on Aging, Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee
 - 2. Hunter Peak, Economic Development Commission
 - 3. Paul Rathbone Jr., Environmental Review Advisory Board
 - 4. Bobby Bridges, Dora Groves, Fireman's Relief Fund Trustees

II. PRESENTATIONS (Limited to 15 Minutes)

- A. PRESENTATION - GASTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION - DOWNTOWN GASTONIA REVITALIZATION PLAN UPDATE:
 - Mr. Pat Mumford, President & CEO
- B. PRESENTATION - FY23-24 GASTON COUNTY AUDIT:
 - Ms. Kelly Gooderham, Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A.
- C. PRESENTATION - ADULT DAY CARE UPDATE:
 - Ms. Karen Creech, Director, Adult Day Care

III. OTHER MATTERS

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular County Commission Meeting Will Follow Immediately - See Next Page for Agenda.



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REVISED - Regular Meeting (To Immediately Follow the Work Session)

CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: Conditional District REZ-24-08-23-00190, Blake Johnson (Applicant); Property Parcel: 203165, Located at 2535 Tryon Courthouse Rd., Bessemer City, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District to the (CD/C-3) General Commercial Conditional District
 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 2. Close Public Hearing
 3. Accept Motion

- B. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: Conditional District REZ-24-10-30-00198, Jonathan Wiley (Applicant); Property Parcel: 166759, Located at 2235 Philadelphia Church Rd., Dallas, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District to the CD/(R-2) Single Family Moderate Conditional Zoning District
 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 2. Close Public Hearing
 3. Accept Motion

- C. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-24-10-14-00194, Tony Torrence (Applicant); Property Parcel: 193762, Located at 110 Jaybird Ln., Gastonia, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with Urban Standards (US) Overlay and Corridor Highway (CH) Overlay to the (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District with Urban Standards (US) Overlay and Corridor Highway (CH) Overlay
 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 2. Close Public Hearing
 3. Accept Motion

- D. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Authorize a Gaston County Level One Incentive Grant and Approve the Conveyance of Approximately 1.5 Acres of Land at the Southridge Business Park Pursuant to N.C.Gen.Stat. 158-7.1; Authorize Gaston County to Enter Into an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) with Project Garland
 - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 - 2. Close Public Hearing
 - 3. Accept Motion

- E. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Approve a Gaston County Level Three 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 Jasmine
 - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 - 2. Close Public Hearing
 - 3. Accept Motion

- F. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Approve a Gaston County Level One Incentive Grant Pursuant to N.C. General Stat. 158-7.1 and To Authorize Gaston County to Enter Into an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) with Project Panther 25
 - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 - 2. Close Public Hearing
 - 3. Accept Motion

II. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. AGENDA REVISION/APPROVAL

- 1. **ADDED: Section IV., Item AD.**
- 2. **ADDED: Section IV., Item AE.**

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. To Approve the Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting of October 22, 2024
 - Regular Meeting of November 12, 2024
 - Organizational Meeting of December 2, 2024

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

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commissioner Brown - BOC - To Dissolve the Child Fatality Prevention Team and the Community Child Protection Team from the Commission Appointment Records, to be Effective January 1, 2025

- B. 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 2025

- C. Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - Historic Preservation Commission - To Accept and Appropriate a Historic Preservation Grant Awarded by the State Historic Preservation Office for the Hoyle Historic Homestead Ground Penetrating Radar Project (State Grant Funds - \$8,500; Matching Donation Funds Hoyle Historic Homestead - \$4,000; Total Grant - \$12,500)
- D. Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - To Enter Into Interlocal Agreements with the City of Belmont and the City of Lowell for the Building and Development Services Planning and Zoning Staff to Provide as-needed Plat and Site Plan Review Against the Municipality's Zoning Ordinances
- E. Commissioner Fraley - County Attorney - Resolution Authorizing County Attorney to Retain Outside Firm for Insulin Cost Litigation
- F. Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information
- G. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Public Health Division - To Accept and Appropriate Federal Grant Funds Received from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Passed Through Cabarrus Health Alliance for Year 2 of the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Grant (100% Federal Grant Funds - \$93,428)
- H. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Public Health Division - To Accept and Appropriate State Grant Funds Received from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services - State Office of Child Fatality Prevention (100% Grant Funds - \$3,572)
- I. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Public Health Division - To Accept and Appropriate Local Grant Funds Received from Partners Health Management (100% Grant Funds - \$3,995)
- J. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Funds for from the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program in the Amount of \$30,000 (No County Funds Required)
- K. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Federal Grant Funds for the Visitation Center Awarded from the Department of Justice in the Amount of (Year 1: \$400,363; Total Grant: \$1,219,877)
- L. Commissioner Cloninger - Financial and Management Services - Budget - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Grant Funds for the Sheriff's Office for the Purchase of an ATV (\$20,000 - No Additional County Funds)
- M. Commissioner Brown - Financial and Management Services - Budget - To Amend Resolution 2024-130 to Update the State Directed Grant Funds Award to the Sheriff's Office (\$175,000) and the Gaston County Police Department (\$150,000) and to Revise the BCR Accordingly
- N. Commissioner Brown - Financial and Management Services - Budget - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Governor's Crime Commission Federal Grant Funds for the Sheriff's Office for the Medication Assisted Treatment Program (Total Budget: \$100,000 with 1 Year Grant Funding \$75,000 and a Match of \$25,000)

- O. Commissioner Brown - Financial and Management Services - Budget (Hope United Survivor Network) - To Amend Budgets for NC CFWYI DV and SA Grants Accepted and Appropriated in Res. 2024-316 and 2024-315 (\$266.47 Net Reduction, No Additional County Funds)
- P. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Accept as Information the October 2024 Property Tax Refunds Less than \$100. These Tax Refunds Should Be Recorded in the Board's Minutes. (Total NCVTS Refunds - \$2,388.72)
- Q. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Appropriate Accumulated Investment Earnings from April 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024 (\$77,548.10) in FY25
- R. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Accept the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, Gaston County Audit as Information
- S. Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - To Accept and Appropriate Donations from GEMS to Gaston County Education Foundation and Employee Engagement (\$1,520)
- T. Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - To Accept and Appropriate Funds from Partners to Gaston County EMS (\$51,947.50)
- U. Commissioner Hovis - Natural Resources - To Accept and Appropriate State Grant Funds for the Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program (Year 1: \$259,073 / Total Grant: \$259,073)
- V. Commissioner Hovis - Natural Resources - To Accept and Appropriate State Grant Funds for the Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program (Year 1: \$20,000 / Total Grant: \$20,000)
- W. Commissioner Hovis - Police Department (Animal Care and Enforcement) - To Accept and Appropriate Donation Received from Bissell Pet Foundation for the "Empty the Shelters" Event in the Amount of \$2,260.00
- X. Commissioner Hovis - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Sergeant James E. Knupp
- Y. Commissioner Brown - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Detective Stacy J. Brogden
- Z. Commissioner Brown - Public Works - To Transfer Budgeted Funds for the Administration Annex Upfit Project from the Capital Fund to the General Fund via CIF (\$132,595.21 - No Additional County Funds)
- AA. Commissioner Hovis - Public Works - To Authorize the County Manager, or His Designee, to Execute a Friendly Condemnation to Acquire a Permanent Utility Easement to Install a Waterline Between Gaston County from Edward Clifford Garrett (Missing Heir of Patsy Gibson, Deceased Heir of Janell Tilley Thorn), and/or as Applicable, the Heirs of Janell Tilley Thorn for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funded Chapel Grove Elementary Waterline Project

- AB. Commissioner Cloninger - Sheriff's Office - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Chief Keith McCabe
- AC. Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$4,045.39; Overpayments - \$18,081.49; VTS Refunds - \$1,830.18; Grand Total - \$23,957.06)
- AD. **ADDED/ Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds for Essential Services for Adults and Children in the Amount of \$158,741**
- AE. **ADDED/ Commissioner Brown – DHHS – Social Services Division – To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds for Disaster Energy Assistance in the Amount of \$1,219,375 (No County Funds)**

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