



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

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Meeting Agenda

Rescheduled Work Session (Non-Voting)

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

I. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES

- A.** Commissioner Hovis - BOC - Resolution to Honor the Memory of Former Gaston County Board of Commissioners Chairman and Vice-Chairman Joseph Philip "Phil" Coyle
- B.** Commissioner Cloninger - Museum of Art & History - Commendation - To Commend the Family of John T. Biggers and Hazel Hales Biggers, Including Ina O. Biggers, James Converse Biggers III, John Robert Biggers Sr., and David Hales for the Donation of Original Works of Art by John T. Biggers to the Gaston County Museum of Art & History
- C.** Commissioner Keigher - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Assistant Chief Stephen V. Jentsch
- D.** Commissioners Brown & Worley - BOC - Proclamation - To Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of The Boston Tea Party
- E.** Certificates in Appreciation for Public Service
 - 1. Dr. Gina Ramsey, Jury Commission
 - 2. Hall S. (Smitty) Hanks Jr., Lake Wylie Marine Commission
 - 3. James R. Burke, Quality of Natural Resources Committee (QNRC)
 - 4. Michael Radford, Assistant Chief Myron K. Shelor, John B. Wilson, SARA Local Planning Committee (LEPC)
 - 5. Peter Dingle, III, Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)
 - 6. Leesa Mckee, Workforce Development Board

II. OTHER MATTERS

III. ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION

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



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INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Fraley - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-23-09-05-00162, Linda D. Pennington-Hardin (Applicant); Property Parcel: 310659, Located off Tot Dellinger Rd., Cherryville, NC, Rezone 2 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
- B. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Cloninger - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-23-09-05-00163, Derrick Kent Hunter (Applicant); Property Parcel: 167857, Located on 532 Upper Spencer Mountain Rd., Stanley, NC, Rezone 4.76 Acres from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District to the (R-3) Single Family General Zoning District
 - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 - 2. Close Public Hearing
 - 3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution
- C. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Authorize a Gaston County Level One or Level Two Incentive Grant and Approve the Conveyance of Approximately 5.2 Acres of Land in the Gastonia Technology Park (GTP) Pursuant to N.C.Gen.Stat. 158-7.1; Authorize Gaston County to Enter Into an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) with Project Manitoba
 - 1. Receive Public Comment
 - 2. Close Public Hearing
 - 3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution

- D. 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 Gaston County to Enter Into an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) with Project Server
 - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 - 2. Close Public Hearing
 - 3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution

II. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. AGENDA REVISION/APPROVAL

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 Revise the Gaston County Board of Commissioners' (BOC) 2023 Regular Meeting Schedule to Reschedule the Time of the December 12th Combined Work Session, Regular Meeting and Organizational Meeting from 6:00 PM to 3:00 PM
- B. Commissioners Brown & Worley - BOC - Proclamation - To Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of The Boston Tea Party
- C. Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy - To Accept and Appropriate State Grant Funds from the NC Council for Women for the Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center's Domestic Violence Program (Domestic Violence Funds - \$60,972; Divorce Filing Fees - \$19,000; Marriage License Fees - \$17,500) (20% Match - Existing Funds)
- D. Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy (Hope United Survivor Network) - To Accept and Appropriate State Grant Funds for the Hope United Survivor Network's Sexual Assault Program (\$32,704 with a 20% Match of \$6,541)
- E. Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy (Veterans Services) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Grant Funds for a Veterans' Treatment Court in Judicial District 27-A (Year 1: \$237,458 / Total Grant: \$949,844)
- F. Commissioner Brown - Building and Development Services - To Amend the Current Gaston County Fee Schedule to Rename the "Temporary Electric Fee" to the "Temporary Utility Fee" to Encompass other Utilities such as Electricity and Gas
- G. Commissioner Hovis - BOC - Resolution to Honor the Memory of Former Gaston County Board of Commissioners Chairman and Vice-Chairman Joseph Philip "Phil" Coyle
- H. Commissioner Brown - Communications (Human Resources) - To Approve Revisions to the Gaston County Personnel Policy Manual Related to the Social Media Policy
- I. Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information

- J. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services - To Appropriate and Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds for the Gaston County Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Scholarship Fund (GCMATS) to be Developed and Implemented by McLeod Centers for Wellbeing (Year 1: \$122,800 / Total Project: \$368,400)
- K. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services - To Appropriate and Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate to Expanded Medication Assisted Treatment Services (MAT) (Year 1: \$125,533.42/Total Project: \$376,600.26)
- L. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services - To Appropriate and Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds for the Gaston County Partners for Positive Change Program to be Implemented by Olive Branch Ministries (Year 1: \$78,257.68/Total Project: \$234,773)
- M. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Donated Funds Received During the Month of October for Various Social Services Programs in the Amount of \$15,480.02
- N. Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Authorize an Application to the NC Department of Commerce Rural Economic Development Division Building Reuse Grant Program and One NC Grant Application on Behalf of Project Server
- O. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Approve a Certificate of Need for Community Volunteer Fire Department to Obtain Financing, in the Amount of \$916,637.00, for the Purchase of a 2024 SMEAL Custom Fire Apparatus
- P. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Approve a Certificate of Need for Crowders Mountain Fire & Rescue to Obtain Financing, in the Amount of \$28,000.00, for the Installation of Sprinkler System
- Q. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Approve a Certificate of Need for Agriculture Center Volunteer Fire Department to Obtain Financing, in the Amount of \$1,050,000.00, for the Purchase of a Smeal Custom Class A Pumper
- R. Commissioner Hovis - Finance - To Appropriate Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant Funds Out of Fund Balance in Order to Refund the State for Unspent Funds in Fiscal Year 2022/2023 (\$3,564.00)
- S. Commissioner Hovis - Finance - To Approve Budget Transfer for Allowance of Administrative Costs on Collection of Real Estate Conveyance Taxes from Deeds of Trust Fund to General Fund (\$150,000)
- T. 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 - \$2,189.73)
- U. Commissioner Hovis - Finance - To Appropriate Accumulated Investment Earnings from May 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023 (\$275,681.20)

- V. Commissioner Johnson - Human Resources - To Approve Revisions to the Gaston County Personnel Policy Manual Related to the Educational Reimbursement Policy and Donation of Leave Policy
- W. Commissioner Hovis - Information Technology - To Approve the Transfer of \$111,602 from General Fund to the General Government Capital Fund, via the Community Investment Fund (CIF) (No Additional County Funds)
- X. Commissioner Cloninger - Museum of Art & History - Commendation - To Commend the Family of John T. Biggers and Hazel Hales Biggers, Including Ina O. Biggers, James Converse Biggers III, John Robert Biggers Sr., and David Hales for the Donation of Original Works of Art by John T. Biggers to the Gaston County Museum of Art & History
- Y. Commissioner Hovis - Police Department (Animal Care and Enforcement) - To Accept and Appropriate Donation Received from Bissell Pet Foundation for the "Empty the Shelters" Event Held July 6 - 31, 2023 in the Amount of \$3,250
- Z. Commissioner Keigher - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Assistant Chief Stephen V. Jentsch
- AA. Commissioner Keigher - Public Works - To Authorize the County Manager, or Her Designee, to Execute a Professional Services Contract with AME Consulting Engineers, PC for the Gaston College ARPA Project
- AB. Commissioner Brown - Public Works - To Authorize the Purchase of Buffer Property Adjacent to the Gaston County Landfill for \$850,000 as well as Associated Closing Costs, Direct the County Attorney to Draft Any Necessary Documents, and Authorizes the County Manager, or Designee, to Execute Said Documents for Closing Purposes
- AC. Commissioner Johnson - Public Works - To Authorize the County Manager, or Her Designee, to Execute a Construction Contract with JM Cope Construction for the Fleet Services Expansion & Renovation Totaling \$7,344,308.30 and Appropriate \$2,477,622.00 to Fund this Contract
- AD. Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$494.18; Overpayments - \$10,237.38; VTS Refunds - \$9,671.60; Grand Total - \$20,403.16)

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