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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met in Regular Session on May 24, 2016 at 6:00 pm, in The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse.

Chairman Tom Keigher presided with Commissioners Jason Williams, Vice-Chairman; Chad Brown, Joe D. Carpenter, Allen R. Fraley and Mickey Price in attendance.

Commissioner Tracy L. Philbeck was not in attendance.

Others present included Earl Mathers, County Manager; Charles L. Moore, County Attorney; and Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board.

Upon request of Chairman Keigher, Pastor Chris Doster, Maranatha Baptist Church, Dallas NC, led those assembled in the Invocation and Commissioner Fraley led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing – Zoning Map Change: Z16-02, AGSC/Charles Gray-Manager (Applicant); Property Parcels: 199895, 204552 and the portion of 139717 that is not in the City of Gastonia located at Hudson Boulevard and Forbes Road, Gastonia, from the (CD/C-1, CD/O-M & RS-12) Zoning Districts to the (C-3) General Commercial Zoning District

Chairman Keigher announced the Public Hearing as advertised; explained procedures to be used; called for the motion to enter into Public Hearing.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Price, the BOC unanimously entered into Public Hearing.

With a quorum of the Planning Board in attendance, Chairman Keigher recognized Mr. David Williams, Director of Planning and Development Services, for comments.

Mr. Williams restated the information as outlined above and advised the Applicant's representative, Mr. Charles Grey, Manager at AGSC, LLC, was in attendance. The parcels 199895, 204552 and a portion of 139717 have a combined acreage of 13.27 acres of which a total of 12.72 is requested to be rezoned. The property is located at the corner of E. Hudson Boulevard and Forbes Road in Gastonia, NC and is currently undeveloped. It was previously under the City of Gastonia's ETJ (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction) but was relinquished to the County in 2012; County rezoned it according to the City's prior zoning. Mr. Williams reviewed the property and surrounding zoning via aerial map. Based on the goals and objectives and land use pattern in the general area, it is staff's opinion that the request is consistent with the comprehensive plan. The request was advertised and sent to adjacent property owners in accordance with County policy; staff also sent the request to the City of Gastonia but received no comments back; received two calls for information.

Chairman Keigher called for citizen comment.

The applicant's representative, Charles Gray, Manager at AGSC, LLC, 2501 Ashley Court, Belmont, NC, provided background on the parcels and explained that the requested zoning change to C-3 would provide for better utilization of the property to its highest and best use.

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Chairman Keigher called for questions from the Planning Board and the BOC; hearing none, excused the Planning Board to Room 2029 for deliberations.

Mr. Williams announced that the Planning Board would also be reviewing a variance request as part of its deliberations in Room 2029.

Chairman Keigher called for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Price, the BOC unanimously closed the Public Hearing.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES

Chairman Keigher presented a Commendation to the Forestview High School Men's Golf Team upon winning their fifth consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association Golf 3A State Championship.

Agenda Revision/Approval

- ADDED/ *Section V, Item AD – Resolution*
- CORRECT ORDER OF NUMBERING - Consent Items U and V

On motion introduced by Commissioner Carpenter and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously approved the Agenda of May 24, 2016 with changes as noted above.

Approval of Minutes

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2016 and the Closed Session Minutes of April 26, 2016 pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4).

Citizen Recognition

Mr. Tim Gause – Duke Energy, District Manager – Announced retirement and introduced his replacement, Martha Thompson.

Mr. David Turner, Lowell – Requested BOC letter of support for a sound barrier at Magnolia Place Townhomes, located next to I-85. He provided a document to the BOC which was accepted unanimously as information on motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Price.

Chairman Keigher stated he would forward to Mr. Turner the e-mail that he received from Greg Smith, the Traffic, Noise and Air Quality Supervisor.

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Consent Agenda

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

2016-129 Commissioner Keigher – BOC – To Commend Ms. Marcella McCaskill, Deputy Clerk to the Board, for Thirty Years of Service to Gaston County

2016-130 Commissioner Keigher – BOC – To Commend the Forestview High School Men's Golf Team namely: Will Booker, Madison Duffie, Drew Jurs, Avery Price, Austin Sandford, Ian Cherry and Coach Dan Ghent and congratulated them upon winning their fifth consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association Golf 3A State Championship

2016-131 Commissioner Carpenter – Budget and Purchasing – To Accept and Appropriate Funds from the Nussbaum Reimbursement Account into the Expenditure Account for Payback to Golden Leaf Foundation:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Nussbaum Reimb.	40-4920-4920-892-504		(\$13,852)
Nussbaum Penalties	40-4920-4920-892-505		(\$2,536)
Nussbaum Golden Leaf Reimb	40-4920-4920-590-000	15215-0001	\$13,852
Nussbaum Golden Leaf Penalties	40-4920-4920-590-000	15215-0002	\$2,536

2016-132 Commissioner Keigher – Budget and Purchasing – To Adopt a Fee Schedule Effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

2016-133 Commissioner Keigher – County Manager – To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Project #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#4120 County Manager			
Food & Provisions	10-4120-220-000		(200)
Dues & Subscriptions	10-4120-491-000		200
#4130 Finance			
Other Contracts & Subsid	28-4401-699-000		(50)
Professional Services: Other	28-4401-199-000		50
Other Contracts & Subsid	28-4402-699-000		(50)
Professional Services: Other	28-4402-199-000		50
Other Contracts & Subsid	28-4405-699-000		(50)
Professional Services: Other	28-4405-199-000		50
Other Contracts & Subsid	28-4406-699-000		(50)
Professional Services: Other	28-4406-199-000		50
Other Contracts & Subsid	28-4407-699-000		(50)
Professional Services: Other	28-4407-199-000		50
Other Contracts & Subsid	28-4408-699-000		(50)
Professional Services: Other	28-4408-199-000		50
Other Contracts & Subsid	28-4410-699-000		(50)
Professional Services: Other	28-4410-199-000		50
Other Contracts & Subsid	28-4413-699-000		(50)
Professional Services: Other	28-4413-199-000		50
Other Contracts & Subsid	28-4416-699-000		(50)
Professional Services: Other	28-4416-199-000		50
Other Contracts & Subsid	28-4417-699-000		(50)
Professional Services: Other	28-4417-199-000		0
Other Contracts & Subsid	28-4418-699-000		(50)
Professional Services: Other	28-4418-199-000		50

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<u>#4170 Elections</u>		
Elections	10-4170-697-000	(500)
Rent of Equipment	10-4170-432-000	500
<u>#4180 Register of Deeds</u>		
Equipment Maintenance	10-4180-352-000	(2,000)
Professional Banking Services	10-4180-194-000	2,000
<u>#4250 Public Works - Fleet</u>		
Other Vehicle Supplies	10-4265-4250-259-000	(100)
Postage	10-4265-4250-325-000	100
<u>#4261 Grounds Maintenance</u>		
Clothing Allowance	10-4261-185-000	(1,248)
Uniforms	10-4261-212-000	1,248
<u>#4265 Public Works - Administration</u>		
Professional Services	10-4265-4265-199-000	(16,000)
Salaries - Overtime	10-4265-4260-122-000	10,000
Salaries - Overtime	10-4265-4265-122-000	3,000
Advertising	10-4265-4265-370-000	3,000
<u>#4310 County Police</u>		
Salaries	10-4310-4310-121-000	(6,048)
Salaries – Longevity	10-4310-4310-127-000	6,048
<u>#4315 Sheriff's Office</u>		
Resource Materials	10-4315-4315-292-000	(486)
Books	10-4315-4315-293-000	(29)
Photographic Supplies	10-4315-4315-294-000	(2,000)
Office Supplies	10-4315-4315-260-000	2,515
<u>#4315 Sheriff's Office</u>		
Laundry & Dry Cleaning	10-4315-4315-392-000	(450)
Advertising	10-4315-4315-370-000	450
<u>#4315 Sheriff's Office</u>		
Mobile Telephone Usage	10-4315-4315-321-010	(2,000)
Telephone Service	10-4315-4315-321-000	2,000
<u>#4350 Building Inspections</u>		
Office Furn/Equip: \$5,000-\$99,000	10-4350-510-000	(3,194)
Office Furn/Equip: \$250-\$4,999	10-4350-530-000	3,194
<u>#4350 Building Inspections</u>		
Uniforms	10-4350-212-000	(632)
Software Rental/License Fee	10-4350-422-000	(368)
Clothing Allowance	10-4350-185-000	1000
<u>#4380 Animal Care & Enforcement</u>		
Professional Services	10-4380-193-000	(6,000)
Janitorial Supplies	10-4380-211-000	6,000
<u>#4720 Public Works - Solid Waste</u>		
Professional Services: Other	60-4720-199-000	(15,614)
Salaries: Longevity Pay	60-4720-127-000	2,614
Professional Services: Banking	60-4720-194-000	8,000
Janitorial Supplies	60-4720-211-000	2,500
Miscellaneous Supplies	60-4720-299-000	2,500
<u>#4721 Renewable Energy Center</u>		
Repairs & Maintenance: Equipment	60-4721-352-000	(2,500)
Postage	60-4721-325-000	2,500
<u>#4950 Cooperative Extension</u>		
Printing	10-4950-4950-341-000	(400)
Food & Provisions	10-4950-4950-220-000	400
<u>#5100 DHHS - Public Health</u>		
Laboratory Supplies	11-5100-5113-5120-234-000	(800)
Mileage Reimbursement	11-5100-5113-5120-311-000	800

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#5300 DHHS - Social Services

Office Supplies/Materials	20-5300-5310-260-000	(500)
Program Supplies	20-5300-5310-237-000	500

#5520 DHHS - Social Services

Temporary Help Services	20-5520-4800-4827-393-000	(1,500)
Food & Provisions	20-5520-4800-4827-220-000	1,500

#5520/5300 DHHS - Social Services

WIA Administration Salaries	20-5520-4800-4810-121-000	(80)
WIA Administration Longevity	20-5520-4800-4810-127-000	80
Public Asst: Emergency Food/Clothing	20-5300-5581-475-000	16072-0001 (4,000)
Public Asst: FC Special Equipment	20-5300-5581-475-000	16075-0001 (1,000)
Public Asst: Foster Parent/Child Acti	20-5300-5581-475-000	16076-0001 (1,000)
Public Asst: Respite Care - Adults	20-5300-5581-475-000	16082-0001 (4,000)
Public Asst: CPS Drug Screenings	20-5300-5581-475-000	16079-0001 10,000

#5820 Veterans Services

Repairs & Maintenance: Equipment	10-5820-352-000	(300)
Office Supplies	10-5820-260-000	300

#5830 Juvenile Crime Prevention Cou

Psychological testing	10-5830-699-028	16178-0001 (7,750)
Making Proud Choices	10-5830-699-028	16220-0001 (4,370)
Juvenile Mediation	10-5830-699-028	16175-0001 2,400
Community Outreach	10-5830-699-028	16172-0001 9,720

#6110 Library

State Aid to Public Libraries Grant	10-6110-6110-298-000	15046-0001 (1,300)
Other Communications	10-6110-6113-329-000	1,300

#6110 Library

Employee Development/Training	10-6110-6113-395-000	(35)
Mileage Reimbursement	10-6110-6113-311-000	35

#6110 Library

Repairs & Maintenance: Equipment	10-6110-6110-352-000	(190)
Office Supplies/Materials	10-6110-6110-260-000	190

2016-134 Commissioner Keigher – Cooperative Extension – To Accept and Appropriate Program Fees for Cooperative Extension:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
COOP EXTN SERV SPEC PROJ	10-4950-4950-891-500		[4885]
Fee Based Programs Food/Supply	10-4950-4950-298-000	15226-0001	1885
Farm School	10-4950-4950-298-000	16277-0001	3000

2016-135 Commissioner Keigher – Cooperative Extension – To Accept and Appropriate 4-H Fees:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
4-H Fees	10-4950-4952-410-509		[1500]
4-H Programs	10-4950-4952-298-000	16276-0001	1500

2016-136 Commissioner Brown – Cooperative Extension – To Accept and Appropriate a \$1,200 donation from Gaston Farm Bureau for Extension's Healthy Harvest School Gardening Program and the Public Presentation of the Farmland Educational Movie:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Coop Extn Serv Spec Proj	10-4950-4950-891-500		[1,200]
Fee Based Programs food/supplies	10-4950-4950-298-000		1,200

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2016-137 Commissioner Brown – Cooperative Extension – To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds from the Gaston Farm Bureau for Extension's Home Grown Gaston Event:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Home Grown Gaston Event	10-4950-4950-841-513		[1,000]
Home Grown Gaston Sponsor	10-4950-4950-298-000	122449-0001	1,000

2016-138 Commissioner Price – DHHS – Public Health Division – To Appropriate Funds Received from Medicaid Cost Settlement for the Public Health Facility Clinical Renovation:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Medicaid Max Reserve	11-2900-23		(\$130,000)
Special Programs	11-5100-5111-298-000	16279-0001	\$130,000

2016-139 Commissioner Price – DHHS – Public Health Division – To Accept and Appropriate Funds from the Charlotte Area Health Education Center for the Public Health Clinics:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Preceptorship Funds	11-5100-5113-5120-890-530		(\$264)
Special Programs	11-5100-5113-5120-298-000	16266-0001	\$264

2016-140 Commissioner Price – DHHS – Social Services Division – To Accept and Appropriate Third Quarter Shelter Donations of Gaston County and Adult Services Donations:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Donations	20-5582-840-501		(10,642)
Shelter Private Grants	20-5582-891-518		(9,148)
Special Programs: Donations	20-5582-298-000	08162-0001	19,790
Donations	20-5600-840-501		(423)
Special Programs: Donations	20-5600-298-000	08159-0001	423
Special Programs: Donations	20-5600-298-000	15259-0001	1,198
Home Delivered Meals/Donations	20-5600-5622-840-504		(1,198)

2016-141 Commissioner Price – DHHS – Social Services Division – To Proclaim the Month of May 2016 as Older Americans Month

2016-142 Commissioner Price – DHHS – Social Services Division – To Proclaim the Month of May 2016 as Foster Care Awareness Month

2016-143 Commissioner Fraley – Finance – To Accept as Information the Attached Property Tax Refunds Less than \$100. These Tax Refunds should be Recorded in the Board's Minutes (Real Property Tax Refunds – \$4,950.38; Total HB20 Refunds – \$648.08; Total VTS Refunds – \$6,149.71; Total Vehicle Refunds – \$6,797.79):

Gaston County, North Carolina - Listing of Property Tax Refunds Less Than \$100.00 for Real Property
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TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT	TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
A SIMPLE SERVICE	5.81	Jennifer Garris	1.16
ADVANCE PROPERTY & DEV LLC	34.57	Jerry Hughes	38.72
Albert Clemmer	78.49	JESSICA TURNER	10.49
AMY MATHIS	68.89	JIM FIELDS	3.68
ANGELA OATES	3.53	JIMMIE FISHER	29.14
ANNE HAYNES	4.19	JOEL WALSH	7.21
ANTHONY AND SON BUILDERS, INC	1.16	John Arrowood	80.74
BARBARA JACKSON	4.00	JOHN FOWLER	7.21
BARRY RUDISILL	87.76	John Hendericks	86.40

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BARRY RUDISILL	9.15	John Hendericks	48.00
BEATRICE TITUS	23.87	John Presnell	2.61
BETTY HELMS	73.82	John Restrepo	6.41
BILLY YOUNT, JR	3.11	JOHNNY GOINS	22.50
BLAIN LEWIS	15.39	JOHNNY GOINS	4.38
BOBBY BEACH, JR	2.34	JOHNNY GOINS	2.90
BOBBY SISK (LIFE ESTATE)	2.16	JOYCE SCOTT	4.38
Brian Spurrier	57.60	JUSTIN STENGER	1.19
BRYAN CRAFT	97.90	KATHERINE MOORE	7.84
CALVIN BEAM	8.97	Kecha Lowery	62.52
CAMERON EAKER, JR	55.82	Kelly Cera	40.00
CARL NOLES	8.08	Kelly Hutchins	50.00
CARMEN HERNDON	89.07	KEVIN CRISP	1.48
Carolina Communications Inc	67.75	KEYOTTA BARBER	3.29
CHAMPIONSHIP NETWORKS LLC	3.40	KIMBERLY PEELER	3.24
CHARLES BOWYER	60.23	KIMBERLY WILSON	3.83
CHARLES CARPENTER	45.01	KING MORTUARY SPECIALISTS INC	5.85
CHARLES HARRIS	20.34	Kujax Brown	3.24
Christopher Graves	14.60	LEE SPARGO	2.16
Christopher Nichols	1.49	LESTER COOK, JR	2.71
CITY OF GASTONIA	11.43	LINDA MYERS	43.71
Class A Homes by R&P Inc	2.20	Linda Tallent	48.00
CLYDE CARTER, JR	7.62	LIVE WELL HOMES LLC	7.72
Commonwealth Income & Growth Fund VII	5.98	M C W Technologies Inc	5.77
Curtis Lovelace	96.40	MARCELLA BARNETTE	3.22
CURTIS LOVELACE	93.68	MARION DAVIS & ASSOCIATES	7.47
Curtis Lovelace	93.68	MARK BOSWELL	7.97
CURTIS LOVELACE	92.58	Mark Freeman	60.33
Danny Nolen	19.03	Marley Homes LLC	9.08
Darrell Garrison	57.15	MARTHA YOUNG	21.68
DAVID BAUM	7.46	Mary Harmon	5.60
David Fawcette	3.83	MELISSA JANE BRANDON	5.41
DAVID HOYLE, JR	35.74	MICHAEL BEAVER	64.62
DAVID HOYLE, JR	32.58	MICHAEL CRAIG	3.03
DAVID HOYLE, JR	12.25	MICHAEL WAHL	5.10
DAVID HOYLE, JR	9.51	New Era Textile Parts, Co, LTD	1.24
DAVID HOYLE, JR	4.52	NEW HOPE MEDICAL CLINIC PC	27.42
DAVID HOYLE, JR	2.79	ONWIA SPROTT	2.25
Dawn Trimnal	6.54	PATRICIA JOHNSON	6.62
DEBRA RHYNE	13.42	PATRICIA KIRKLAND	21.88
Denise McArver	58.92	PAUL CLONINGER	93.44
DIRT ROAD PROPERTIES LLC	52.28	Paul Hardin	25.00
DONNA LANKFORD	16.91	PENTAGON J LLC	40.03
Donna Lankford	10.86	PENTAGON J LLC	14.91
DONNA LANKFORD	4.66	PHOEBE LAWING	25.00
DONNA MITCHELL	58.23	PIEDMONT ELECTRICAL & LIGHTING	30.32
DORIS MULKEY	39.70	R PATRICK SNODDY, ATTORNEY	10.98
DOUGLAS ALEXANDER	3.00	Rachel Bryant	6.74
DOUGLAS DILLS	81.60	RALPH PAYSOUR	19.89
DWAYNE GRAHAM	18.58	RALPH PAYSOUR	4.83
EDITH NEAL	19.76	REGINALD FERRELL	4.84
Edwin Elliott	64.55	REGINALD STONE	13.07
ELAINE KENNEDY	2.00	Renae Veira	54.15
ELSIE CHANEY	9.37	RICHARD GAYAN	21.12
Eric Harvell	3.12	Richard Smeltzer Jr	2.83
F & A HOLDINGS LLC	55.65	ROBERT KENDRICK	4.89
FANTASY WORLD ACADEMY	99.52	ROBIN DARTY	6.14
FORREST PLUMBING, INC	15.22	RODDY HAYES	3.00
Fred Lowery	38.65	ROGER HOYLE	29.70
Freddie Petty	12.84	RONALD HICKS	40.00
FREDERIC SMYRE,III	11.84	ROXANNA BRITTON	50.00

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Fricketrent PLLC	2.37	SALLY PARKER	43.10
Gail Huss	2.35	Sams Tires & Auto Services Inc	3.14
Gary Grant	43.16	SARA ROBINSON	76.23
GASTON AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES INC	5.41	SHARON TROTTER	4.10
GASTON AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES, INC	14.81	Shirletha Grier	71.09
GASTON COUNTY	66.50	Shivkrupa Corp of NC Inc	54.22
GASTONIA IRON WORKS INC	11.49	STEVEN DAYTON	7.91
GASTONIA ORNAMENTAL WELDING	5.34	STOTT/HOLLOWELL/PALMER/WINDHAM	1.54
George Keeter	20.55	Suella Decker	18.89
GEORGE SUHAREANU	2.81	Susan Hogue	1.94
GROUNDSCAPE PLUS INC	1.12	TAMMY KEETER	2.52
Gwyndolyn Parker	10.00	TAMMY ROGERS	1.42
Hamrick Law Firm	38.87	TASCA OF GASTONIA LLC	46.67
HANNAH WILLIAMS	53.04	Teresa Parham	18.84
HAROLD TEAGUE	26.12	TERRY GLOVER	17.72
HARRIETT FEIMSTER	1.23	TERRY JACKSON	4.46
HARVEY BEATY	10.00	The Generator Shop Inc	3.39
HEATH INVESTMENT INC	69.68	THOMAS ADKINS	38.69
HELEN ANDERSON	17.56	THOMAS KEENER	29.21
Huston Sheppard	46.87	THOMAS LAMBERT	27.52
JACKIE MEREDITH	4.00	THOMAS SWILLING DDS	16.17
JAMES GREENE	9.24	Thomas Wilson	1.93
JAMES LOMICK, JR	2.55	Touch of Essence	2.29
JAMES MCABEE	32.04	TRACIE NANCE	6.99
JAMES SHOPE	5.21	TRACY HOPPER	5.34
JAMES STALLINGS	78.99	USDA DEPT OF AGRICULTURE	10.00
JAMES WOODWARD	4.66	Vatsal Raval	25.06
JANET MYRICK	5.95	WANDA CAMPBELL	10.00
JANET PUETT	33.60	Warren Tadlock (Chapter 13 Trustee)	22.63
JANET PUETT	31.25	William Beaver	7.25
JANET WARD	4.84	WILLIAM WALKER	15.76
JASON CRAIG	3.11	Yvette Nivens	2.96
JASON JONES	5.10	YVONNE ROZZELLE	4.81
Jeffery Judd	40.34	TOTAL REAL PROPERTY REFUNDS	4,950.38

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TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT	TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
CHARLES BURLESON	18.98	Marcarlos Williamson	16.31
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DAVID UNDERWOOD	23.97	MARIE JOHNSON	8.87
Elizabeth Sharpe	4.97	Myra Woods	2.44
Elizabeth Sharpe	76.13	Robert Cecil	26.71
ERIC BROWN	31.21	SHARELLE CHAMBERS	4.23
GERRY LITTLE	53.03	Sherita Miller	33.56
ILEANA CASTILLO	37.48	Tracy Wriston	70.30
JESSIE YOUNG	22.86	VANESSA BURLESON	22.05
KAYE BENNETT	62.73	Zachary Allison	67.04
LUIS ZAYAGO	11.60	TOTAL HB20 REFUNDS	648.08
NCVTS			
ALEXANDER, TIMOTHY CURTIS	29.06	LOPEZ, ALEX JR	17.85
ALLEN, RICKY DALE JR	39.15	LOVINGOOD, RICKEY EDWARD	19.44
ALLEN, RICKY DALE JR	95.24	LUTZ, WHITNEY RANKIN	90.46
BADGER, PAMELIA GRUBBS	4.56	MATHESON, WENDY LEE	20.52
BANKS, JULIA ANN	14.71	MCCAIN, VALERIE FRIDAY	74.32
BARKER, CHRISTOPHER DEVON	46.52	MCGINNIS, CHARLES DONALD II	9.02
BEACHAM, KATHLEEN	4.96	MCRANEY, CHARLES RODRICK	12.95
BEACH-SOWARDS, MICHELLE	5.51	MCSWAIN, LINDA TURBEVILLE	20.33
BLAKE, GWENDOLYN WILLIAMS	45.99	MEADOWS, PAMELA BLYTHE	90.40
BRANCH, DANIELLE DENISE	42.35	MEADOWS, RONALD LYNN	15.35
BRANDON, RICHARD ALLISON	5.18	METTLER TOLEDO INC	89.22
BRASWELL, JOHNNIE RAY	50.37	MILLSAPS, MARILYN ARGO	66.15
BREWINGTON, HEATHER NICOLE	68.74	MINECK, RAYMOND JOHN	4.53
BRITT, GARY ELTON	17.33	MINECK, RAYMOND JOHN	43.39
BROWN, JAUQUES SUDON DIANGELO	7.48	MORDASZEWSKI, ELIZABETH	23.13

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BRYSON, JONATHAN WARREN	89.04	MORRIS, BOBBY MASON JR	19.38
BULTMAN, ELIZABETH WYLLY	83.73	MOTLEY, JAMES DWIGHT KK	26.11
BUMGARDNER, JOYCE JENKINS	71.87	MOYE, TRACY	26.44
BURNHAM, KELLY MALCOLM	72.93	MURAWSKI, JOHN STANLEY JR.	52.85
BURNHAM, KELLY MALCOLM	27.91	MURRIEL, WILLIE WILLIAMS	63.38
CAMPBELL, DAVID DONALD JR.	33.01	NEWELL, WILLIAM MURRAY JR	95.31
CAROLINA FAB INC	15.00	OJHA, ABHISHEK	65.93
CASAS, ERICA DEE	8.73	PARCHMENT, NADIA ROXANNE	38.43
CHANON, ROBERT PAUL	59.57	PATEL, VIJAY NARANBHAI	88.02
CLARK, CHARLES DALE	55.64	PAYNE, HEIDI JANKE	6.56
CLEMMER, DEANNA DENT	6.15	PILLOCK, GREGORY ALLAN	29.90
COCKER, BETTY MORROW	75.69	PLUMMER, MARY BETH	86.21
COOK, ANITA LORAINE	17.49	POPE, ROBERT LOGAN	70.45
COOLEY, RONNIE LEE	32.96	POPE, ROBERT LOGAN	2.30
CRIBB, JOSEPH WAYNE	79.80	PROCTOR, MARY HALL	30.27
DAVIS, MARK EUGENE	36.58	REID, GERLENE ERWIN	5.61
DEATON, THOMAS LEONARD	4.45	REINHARDT, CHARLES NELSON	40.46
DENNIS, ANDREW LEWIS	14.65	RHYNE, ROBIN PHILLIPS	98.09
DONALDSON, FRANKLIN HOUSTEN	44.94	RICH, FRANK ALLEN	95.79
DOSTER, DENIS MICHAEL	44.80	RIVERS, ASHLEY SHANEE	83.98
EDWARDS, DEJON LATIE	52.92	ROACH, DOUGLAS LEE	17.84
ESTES, THOMAS WOODROW	23.49	ROBERTS, JOSHUA LYNN	71.21
EVANS, WILLIAM RICHARD III	6.16	ROBINSON, HELEN MARIE	85.53
FEUTI, ROBIN MARIE	10.88	ROLLINS, STEPHEN ANDREW	22.19
FORD, SHANDA RAQUEL-DIONNE	40.29	ROMERO JOE MARLO	42.24
FRIDAY, DONNA LYNN	18.09	ROSKI, FRANK BRUNO	57.66
GALLOWAY, WILLIAM DEWEY	19.77	RUSH, DEBRA JEAN	23.05
GARRISON, LUTHER MILLER	18.52	SADLER, JOE LEWIS	1.35
GEITNER, JACQUELINE	42.86	SAVAGE, GARLAND JAMES	22.62
GENERAL MILLS SALES, INC.	47.49	SCHIED, ROBERT IVAN	43.30
GEORGE, JOHN SCOTT	96.96	SCOTT, MARK DAVID	6.84
GOINS, JOHN FOSTER	11.81	SELF, WILLIAM HASTEN JR	38.68
GOODWIN, RUSSELL JEROMY	86.57	SIMPSON, THOMAS EUGENE	10.67
GRAY, J LANDER III	74.62	SMITH, CECIL PRINCE JR	42.85
GUFFEY, LARRY DALE	9.41	SOWARDS, CHARLES LOVELL	53.04
HALE, BENNY DARRELL	48.92	SPROUT, BRIAN ANDREW	50.03
HALL, ALLISON MICHELLE	71.80	SPROUT, BRIAN ANDREW	18.41
HAMRICK, JAMES RODNEY	85.98	STEPHENS, ROBERT	25.73
HANSEN, FEFFERY ALLEN	15.41	SWEENEY, RICHARD JAMES	43.71
HARDY, RHONDA AIKEN	53.00	TAYLOR, MARTY RAY	4.32
HARROON, ABDULLAH	35.00	TEAL, EUGENE PAUL	13.61
HARRIS, RICHARD EDWARD	13.30	TEAL, EUGENE PAUL	44.80
HARRISON, JUDITH BEATTY	69.38	TEMPEST, MARSHALL TAYLOR	48.82
HEAVENER, DONALD LEE JR	67.71	THOMAS, JERRY LEE	39.03
HELTON, PHILLIP DEAN	77.51	THOMPSON, ERIN MICHELLE	75.09
HORNE, JEFFREY BRIAN	94.95	THOMPSON, NEIL CURTIS	8.58
HUFFSTETLER, BRICE DANIEL	49.69	THRELKELD, LISA RENEE	50.99
ISENHOUR, CYNTHIA MAXWELL	37.75	TYSON, MATTHEW GREGORY	50.11
JACKSON, DWIGHT ROLAND	43.87	WALKER, LARRY EUGENE	23.51
JACKSON, JONATHAN DANIEL	21.18	WEICH, DAVID EDWARD	90.25
JOHNSON, MELISA KAY	7.70	WHITWORTH, CRYSTAL OSBORNE	8.27
JULIAN, JOSHUA ANDREW JESSE WHITAKER	10.49	WILLIAMS, JAMES EWELL	34.80
JUNE, DESMOND ASHANTA	16.75	WOLFE, MICHAEL KIME	2.60
KASE, BRITTANY RUTH	87.23	WOODWARD, JOHN GREGORY	26.14
KEENER, SANDRA FOWLER	85.11	WOODWARD, JOHN GREGORY	33.39
KENDRICK, ROBERT CHRISTOPHER	32.33	WORICK, DAVID JOSEPH	56.26
KRALL, ROBERT CARL	40.63	WORICK, DAVID JOSEPH	51.52
LAWRENCE, JAMES DANIEL	22.40	YOUNG, DANA HOLCOMB	88.56
LEONHARDT, WILLIAM KENT	99.56		
		TOTAL VTS REFUNDS	6,149.71
		GRAND TOTAL VEHICLE REFUNDS	6,797.79

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2016-144 Commissioner Keigher – Finance – Appropriation of Accumulated Investment Earnings from April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	40-9900991-500		(346)
Investment Earnings – School Bonds	40-8300-493-501		(4,008)
School Bonds -03/01/04	40-5911-580-001	04277-0001	5
School Bonds – 10/01/06	40-5911-580-001	07269-0001	4,349
Fund Balance Appropriated	40-9900991-500		(589)
Investment Earnings – School Build America Bonds	40-8300-493-506		(6,062)
School Bonds -08/08/09	40-5911-580-001	10296-0001	6,651
Fund Balance Appropriated	40-9900-991-500		(268)
Gaston College Bond Interest	40-8300-493-505		(3,668)
Gaston College 2007 Bonds	40-5921-580-001	08252-0001	3,936
Fund Balance Appropriated	25-9900-991-500		(12)
Interest – Police Treasury/Justice	25-8300-491-502		(1,530)
Drug Forfeitures – US Treasury	25-4310-4310-511-000	10002-0001	1,471
Drug Forfeitures – Justice	25-4310-4310-511-001	50113-0001	69
Drug Lab Supplies	25-4310-4310-238-001		2
Fund Balance Appropriated	25-9900-991-500		(4)
Interest – Sheriff Treasury/Justice	25-8300-491-505		(67)
Drug Forfeitures – US Treasury	25-4315-4315-511-000	04243-0001	71
Fund Balance Appropriated	26-9900-991-500		(21)
Interest – USUB Police	26-8300-491-513		(301)
Controlled Substance Abuse Tax	26-4310-4310-511-002	50112-0001	320
Investigative Computer Supplies	26-4310-4310-298-000	07300-0001	2
Fund Balance Appropriated	26-9900-991-500		(2)
Interest – USUB Sheriff	26-8300-491-514		(23)
Controlled Substance Abuse Tax	26-4315-4315-511-002	02192-0001	25
Interest – ROAP (Access)	10-8300-491-510		(50)
Transportation of Clients	10-4520-4521-315-000		50

2016-145 Commissioner Fraley – GEMS – To Accept and Appropriate Funds from Gaston County Emergency Management to Gaston Emergency Medical Services (GEMS) Equipment Repair:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Miscellaneous Revenue	10-4370-890-501		(\$ 5,000)
Equipment Repair	10-4370-352-000		\$ 5,000

2016-146 Commissioner Philbeck – GEMS – To Approve the GEMS “Road Map to Enterprise Fund” Plan:

FY2016	BOC decides to pursue EMS Enterprise Fund. Approval of rate increase to begin on 1/1/2017 Approval of Subscription plan sales to begin on 9/1/2016.
FY2017	Move GEMS budget to a Special Revenue Fund Rates and subscription plan in effect.
FY2018	Subsidize the EMS Special Revenue fund for FY 18 but only to 67% of the level of net FY 17 Funding Reinvest any excess available funds in EMS. Adjust fees or reduce expenses to the level of available funds.
FY2019	Subsidize the EMS Special Revenue fund for FY 19 but only to 34% of the level of net FY 17 Funding Reinvest any excess available funds in EMS. Adjust fees or reduce expenses to the level of available funds.
FY2020	Eliminate all EMS subsidies. Move GEMS budget to an EMS Enterprise Funds. Reinvest any excess available funds in EMS. Adjust fees or reduce expense to the level of available funds.

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2016-147 Commissioner Fraley – GEMS – To Change the Chassis Brand and Model on the Bid Award Approved by the BOC on February 10, 2015 and the Bid Extension Approved on January 26, 2016, from Mercedes Sprinter to Ford Transit. To Authorize Staff to Make the Necessary Adjustments to Purchase the Ambulances out of Existing FY 2015 and FY 2016 Funds

2016-148 Commissioner Keigher – Human Resources – To Accept and Appropriate Vending Machine Revenue:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Choice USA Commission	10-4122-412-519		(3,392)
Special Programs (Emp. Recog.)	10-4122-298-000	16036-0001	3,392

2016-149 Commissioner Keigher – Parks and Recreation – To Accept and Appropriate a Gaston County Travel and Tourism Grant for the First Annual BikeFest:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Local Recreation Grants	10-6120-841-504		(\$1,750)
Special Programs	10-6120-298-000	16091-0001	\$1,750

2016-150 Commissioner Keigher – Parks and Recreation – To Transfer \$35,000 from the Available County Home Demolition Account to the North Belmont Park Lighting Account:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Demo of County Home	40-6120-590-000	16161-0001	(\$35,000)
North Belmont Park Lighting	40-6120-590-000	16237-0001	\$35,000

2016-151 Commissioner Keigher – Parks and Recreation – To Accept and Appropriate \$2,879 in Sponsorships and Donations and \$5,368 in Entry Fees for Gaston County Senior Games:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Donations	10-6130-840-501		(\$2,879)
Senior Center Event Fees	10-6130-412-506		(\$5,368)
Senior Games	10-6130-298-000	13270-0001	\$8,247

2016-152 Commissioner Brown – Police Department – To Proclaim May 1 – 7, 2016 as Law Enforcement Week and May 4, 2016 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day in Gaston County

2016-153 Commissioner Keigher – Public Works – To Waive the Qualification Based Selection (QBS) Process and Authorize the County Manager to Execute a Contract with LaBella Associates, P.C. for the Final Design, Bidding, and Construction Administration of the Mechanical Screen and Grinder at the Gaston County Jail

2016-154 Commissioner Keigher – Sheriff's Office – To Accept and Appropriate Revenues Billed and Received from the City of Belmont and the Town of Stanley for Reimbursement of Policing Services Provided in February and March 2016:

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Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
BELMONT POLICING REIMB	10-4315-4315-890-532		{11,756}
STANLEY POLICING REIMB	10-4315-4315-890-534		{9,590}
OVERTIME	10-4315-4315-122-000	13270-0001	17,812
FICA	10-4315-4315-181-000		1,362
RETIREMENT	10-4315-4315-182-000		1,273
401(K) CONTRIBUTION	10-4315-4315-188-000		899

2016-155 Commissioner Fraley – Tax – Pursuant to G.S.105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that April Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Real Estate – \$39,571.37; Vehicles & ETC – \$5,739.16; VTS Refunds – \$3,553.34; Grand Total – \$48,863.87):

TAXPAYER NAME	OWNER NAME	AMOUNT
APRIL 2016 REAL ESTATE		
Adams, Allison		\$157.14
Agnew, La Norris		\$101.88
Alton, Matthew		\$101.79
Austin, Richard		\$383.69
Bates, Anna		\$132.57
Beard, Lee		\$244.06
Beattie, Martin		\$687.15
Bennett, Dorothy		\$131.55
Branch, Donna		\$733.42
Browning, John		\$200.77
Capps, Ronald		\$156.21
Carpenter, Landrum		\$426.52
Carpenter, Michael		\$165.76
Carter, Jason		\$196.96
Cheek, Barry		\$606.48
Creason, Stephen		\$343.88
Creel, Rocky		\$110.98
Davis, Marethia		\$200.00
Davis, Rebecca		\$797.94
Dick, Jesse		\$1,025.19
Dillard, Linda		\$381.85
Duff, Sharese		\$275.00
Eason, Marsha		\$450.00
Edwards, Ivan		\$231.35
Feaster, Debra		\$100.00
Fink, Rick		\$357.40
Freeman, Ruth		\$232.88
Friday, David		\$316.12
Gaston County Tax		\$1,431.13
Glance, Molly		\$462.75
Goodson, Douglas		\$781.00
Gopalakrishnan, Santosh		\$2,357.72
Graham, Lonnie		\$204.32
Grier, Shiretha		\$201.95
Grindle, Cathy		\$241.00
Grindstaff, Howard		\$147.32
Groves, Christopher		\$353.00
Haas, Christopher		\$286.16
Hoffman, Ralph		\$153.59
Holmes, Michael		\$317.91
Horney, Charyle		\$190.82
Houser, William		\$209.23
Houze, Ashley		\$127.04
Hudson, Adam		\$165.25
Inman, James		\$1,059.17
Jackson, Evelyn		\$200.00
Jarrett, Kenneth		\$130.50

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Jessen, Robert	\$266.36
Johns, David	\$304.00
Jones, James	\$141.51
Kiser, Jody	\$599.62
Lane, Robert	\$498.63
Larson, Kyle	\$135.72
Lay, Patrick	\$674.09
Lemons, Dearl	\$403.97
Leonard, Tina	\$307.80
Leong, Kirsten	\$272.22
Lewis, Jackie	\$287.44
Lindsay, Jeffery	\$459.66
Lloyd, Jeffery	\$326.00
Lovelace, Curtis	\$132.24
Maldonado, Javier	\$272.00
Marr, Ronald	\$691.38
Mcarver, Denise	\$125.46
Mingo, Mark	\$400.00
Moore, Leigh	\$405.94
Morris, Johnathan	\$124.58
Nguyen, Gio	\$184.50
Norris, Timothy	\$100.00
Ogu, Chinwe	\$215.08
Pack, Louise	\$121.49
Pellerin, J Keith	\$1,983.61
Pendleton, John	\$111.69
Pritchett, Randy	\$1,091.28
Queen, Timothy	\$189.75
Raval, Vatsal	\$284.59
Richardson, Frances	\$149.00
Roberts, Brandon	\$151.00
Roseman, Darrell	\$100.00
Sawyer, Susan	\$175.22
Seagle, Theresa	\$822.12
Sexton, Charles	\$132.98
Sexton, Patti	\$121.48
Sharpe, Jeffery	\$108.75
Sherard, Georger	\$837.35
Shihada, Hassan	\$788.00
Shrewsbury, Thomas	\$102.46
Singleton, Sheryl	\$430.45
Sisk, Karen	\$118.82
Smith, Danny	\$1,954.12
Smith, Derrick	\$105.70
Stanley Gas LLC	\$1,084.30
Stroupe, Steven	\$197.53
Styers, Joe	\$135.00
Taule, Brian	\$540.52
Todd, Jamison	\$140.08
Wall, Jonathan	\$340.00
Warren L Tadlock Chap 13	\$114.31
Weaver, Michael	\$153.85
Williams, Catherine	\$269.64
Woods, Neil	\$147.52
Woody, Doris	\$368.00
Wooten, Charlene	\$604.16
TOTAL	\$39,571.37

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APRIL 2016 VEHICLES & ETC

Adams, Robert	\$672.66
Albertson, Myra	\$112.98
Clarke, Lynn Diane	\$428.82
Holt, Lucinda	\$273.57
Joerns Healthcare	\$1,625.79
Jordon, Ray	\$472.23
Moody, Renee	\$167.47
Parsons, Adrian	\$730.09
Stroupe, Cathy	\$117.99
The Pancake House	\$132.97
Warren L Tadlock Chap 13	\$1,004.59
TOTAL	\$5,739.16

APRIL VTS REFUNDS

Current, James	\$133.49
Barton, Lindsay	\$247.10
Boone, Robert	\$116.10
Briggs, Jerome	\$105.88
Burchfield, Robert	\$223.17
Burchfield, Robert	\$169.58
Burchfield, Robert	\$456.48
Carpenter, Michael	\$112.24
Carter, Daniel	\$125.74
Hodge, Matthew	\$140.56
Jones, Larry	\$163.24
Kiker, Helen	\$125.18
Mackey, Rhonda	\$203.42
McQuaige, James	\$240.50
Miller, Brandon	\$180.68
Myers, Albert	\$149.93
Robicheaux, Greg	\$109.60
Severance, Randy	\$252.44
Walters, Nieta	\$191.63
Williams, Denny	\$106.38
TOTAL	\$3,553.34
GRAND TOTAL	\$48,863.87

2016-156 Commissioner Philbeck – Veterans Services – To Accept and Appropriate North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs Grant Funds to the Gaston County Department of Veterans Services:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Restricted Intergov't Rev/Veteran Service: State	10-5820-310-502		[\$3813.00]
VSO Matching Grant	10-5820-298-000	16280-001	\$3813.00

2016-157 Commissioner Keigher – Travel and Tourism – To Transfer Unused Funds from the Sports Complex Project Back into Travel & Tourism Fund Balance:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	40-9900-991-500		(1,200,000)
Transfers to Tourism Fund	40-9800-980-022		1,200,000
Transfers From Cap Improv	22-9800-980-540		(1,200,000)
Fund Balance Appropriated	22-9900-991-500		1,200,000

2016-158 Commissioner Keigher – County Attorney – Legislative Request – To Request Legislation to Authorize the Conveyance of the North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital Property in Gastonia to Gaston County:

WHEREAS, Partners Behavioral Health Management is one of eight LME/MCO entities authorized by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to manage mental health, substance use disorder and intellectual/developmental disability services within the state; and,

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WHEREAS, Partners manages these services for an eight county region, including Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland, Catawba, Burke, Surry, Yadkin and Iredell counties; and,

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina and the County of Gaston entered into a lease agreement for the County to occupy the campus of the former North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital in Gastonia on December 7, 1979; and,

WHEREAS, Partners Behavioral Health has occupied a large portion of the campus for a number of years, and the Gaston County Board of Commissioners finds that it is in the best interests of the County, in terms of maintaining the historically significant buildings on the campus, and in maintaining significant employment on the campus, that these activities remain on the campus in the future; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County Board of Commissioners finds that the best way to facilitate the preservation of the property and the continued occupancy of the property is to obtain title to the campus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners that:

1. The Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the Gaston County Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly introduce and support legislation to transfer title for the North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital property to Gaston County.
2. This Resolution shall be forwarded to the Local Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly.

2016-159 Commissioner Price – Economic Development – To Support and Approve the Proposed Phase II South Fork Sewer Project

On motion introduced by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, **2016-159** was approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

** With the Planning Board still in deliberations, Chairman Keigher moved to the next item of business, "Appointments". The Zoning Matter, as detailed below, was taken up after Committee Reports.*

2016-160 Commissioner Williams – Planning/Zoning – Zoning Map Change: Z16-02, AGSC/Charles Gray-Manager (Applicant); Property Parcels: 199895, 204552 and the portion of 139717 that is not in the City of Gastonia located at Hudson Boulevard and Forbes Road, Gastonia, from the (CD/C-1, CD/O-M & RS-12) Zoning Districts to the (C-3) General Commercial Zoning District

The County Attorney advised that the Planning Board recommended approval by a unanimous vote.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, the BOC unanimously adopted Resolution **2016-160**, after consideration of the map change application, public hearing comment and Planning Board recommendation as follows:

- 1) The map change request is consistent with the County's approved Comprehensive Plan and the Commission considers this action to be reasonable and in the public interest, based on: Planning Board recommendation and compatibility with existing land uses in the immediate area. 199895, 204552 and p/o 139717, be approved effective with the passage of this Resolution.
- 2) The County Manager is authorized to make necessary notifications in this matter to appropriate parties.

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Appointments

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed/reappointed to the ***Parks & Recreation Advisory Board***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Price	Mr. Richard Franks	June 2019
Commissioner Fraley on behalf of Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Brown	Mr. Daniel Britton	June 2019
Commissioner Price	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Paul Outlaw	June 2019
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Brown	Mr. Scott Pagan	June 2019
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Brown	Mr. Chad Duncan	June 2019
Commissioner Carpenter	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Steven Amos	June 2019

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the ***Council on Aging & Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Fraley on behalf of Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Brown	Ms. Eleanor Beasley	June 2017 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Price	Commissioner Keigher	Ms. Shirley Wiggins	June 2018

On behalf of Commissioner Philbeck and on motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Rebecca Schwindeman to the ***Family Advisory Board*** to a term ending May 2019.

On behalf of Commissioner Philbeck and on motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Monte Monteleone to the ***Gaston County Board of Adjustments*** to an unexpired term ending February 2019.

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the ***Region F Aging Advisory Committee***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Fraley on behalf of Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Brown	Ms. Eleanor Beasley	June 2017 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Price	Commissioner Keigher	Ms. Shirley Wiggins	June 2018

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the ***Workforce Development Board***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Fraley on behalf of Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Brown	Mr. Paul Dunn	June 2019
Commissioner Price	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Eric Davis	June 2019
Commissioner Williams	Commissioner Carpenter	Mr. Dennis McElhoe	June 2019
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Brown	Ms. Kaye Gribble	June 2019
Commissioner Carpenter	Commissioner Keigher	Ms. Malissa Gordon	June 2019

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Clare Charzewski to the ***Library Board of Trustees*** to an unexpired term ending December 2016.

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On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, the BOC unanimously reappointed Mr. Stephen Campbell to the **Gaston College Board of Trustees** to a term ending June 2020.

Commissioners Committee Reports

Commissioner Price reported attendance to the **Gaston Family Health Services Regular Board Meeting** in April - have coordinated walking teams to promote healthy living; **Gaston County Department of Health and Human Services** – reported update on the Zika Virus; additional testing data is available and more North Carolinians have contracted the virus; **Job Fair - April 4, 2016 – Job Fair:** 14 employers and 73 applicants attended and 4 people gained employment; **April 23, 2016 – Gaston County Free Rabies Clinic; 2016 LINKS Graduation - Youth Links Working to Build Independent Living Skills that Impact Our Community** – 11 graduates.

Chairman Keigher reported that he represented the County at **County Assembly Day in Raleigh**; thanked Representative Torbett and Senator Curtis for their time and participation; **College Trustee Meeting** – noted the 2016 Graduation was the largest graduating class to date; Chaired a **Campus Affairs Committee** meeting of the College Board – working on updating the Human Resources Manual.

Chairman Keigher read from an email received from the State House: *“In a strongly bipartisan 103-12 vote, the state House approved its fiscal year 2017 budget on May 19, placing it in the hands of the Senate for the next stage of development. The budget includes raises and bonuses for teachers and state employees, \$100 million from lottery proceeds for school construction, and places \$30 million into a new reserve fund to address behavioral health problems across the state. It also adds \$300 million to the state’s Savings Reserve Account...”*

County Manager’s Report**Presentation of the FY2016-2017 Gaston County Budget**

The Manager reviewed the FY2016-2017 Budget Message as follows:

In accordance with the General Statutes of North Carolina, I am pleased to submit for your consideration the Recommended FY 2016-2017 Budget. The budget is balanced and prepared under the guidelines of the North Carolina Local Government Budget & Fiscal Control Act, as well as incorporating the priorities and policy direction communicated by the Board of Commissioners. It is also significant that the budget is prepared with moderate optimism and a conservative approach in revenue and expenditure projections; this approach has served the County well in past years.

Budget Summary

Approaching the new fiscal year, Gaston County’s financial condition continues to improve. Fiscal restraint and vigilance have made a significant impact, especially when working in tandem with revenue growth. Gaston County closed the books on FY 15 with a substantial increase to fund balance. The majority of this increase can be attributed to the \$20 million that we received from CaroMont Health for the lease of hospital land. Even without the \$20 million one-time payment, we would have actually decreased fund balance. However, the decrease would have been less than \$100,000. As we approach the end of FY 16, we recognize that our use of fund balance will have increased significantly due to the “CaroMont Lease” and “Township” grant programs which, in combination, represent a total expenditure of

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\$12.2 million. However, revenue growth and expenditure control continue to enable Gaston County to move away from the precarious financial situation of two years ago. The implementation of Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) as well as the frugality of Gaston County administration and departments has enabled us to look forward to a future in which strategic investments in maintaining a high caliber workforce, addressing critical infrastructure needs and sustaining economic growth are realistic prospects.

In response to the direction provided by the Board of County Commissioners, the budget proposed by the County Manager is essentially flat. While there are increases in the budgets of a number of county departments, many are lower than FY 15-16. During the process of reviewing and analyzing the proposed departmental budgets, more than \$15 million in cuts were made in order to reach a relatively flat budget. Also, more than \$10 million in cuts were made to the schools and college requests to reach a flat budget. In total over \$25 million in cuts were made by staff to ensure the Boards' direction was met. However, the schools are receiving \$1.5 million additional

appropriations for teacher supplements, and the college is receiving \$244,000 more in capital funding in order to restore the appropriation to pre-recession levels. While \$16.89 Million in fund balance was used to create a balanced budget, it is hoped that we will spend considerably less as we go through FY 16-17.

Gaston County has experienced significant growth during the past year, including commercial and residential development, along with increased revenue from sales tax. Increased growth is critical for continued revenue and tax base enhancements. However, growth comes with increased cost of services and, therefore, should be carefully and thoughtfully planned. Also, comparatively high expenditures for health, social services and public safety continue to present fiscal challenges. A major contributing factor is persistent poverty and its underlying causes. The commissioners are to be commended for their continuing support of economic development activities and strategic investments with promising returns should continue.

Gaston County has experienced many years of austerity; however, there is continued hopefulness at the present time. Our sale of school bonds in the amount of \$55 million is complete and is a strategic investment for the future of Gaston County's youth. Our debt service levels have increased from the issuance of bonds, but increased growth and fiscal stewardship enables this budget to remain relatively flat in comparison to last fiscal year. I am proposing a budget that maintains our current tax rate of 87.0 cents per \$100 of valuation.

Priority Based Budgeting

We have successfully completed the second phase of Priority Based Budgeting (PBB). The departmental programs have been refined, and as a result, we have seen a dramatic shift in the array of success that PBB can yield. Our programs have migrated away from the third and fourth quartile toward the second and first, indicating that our financial resources are becoming more closely aligned with the Board's priorities. Nevertheless, PBB is not a budget-balancing tool, but is being used as a management tool to yield better performance and results within the critical services offered to the citizens of Gaston County.

PBB has enabled us to make better informed recommendations concerning the use of scarce resources. Cost savings are being identified, and ultimately, PBB will facilitate Commissioner decision-making regarding program cuts if necessary. One way to evaluate programs is to identify which are not mandated and are lower community priorities. These programs deserve greater scrutiny before funding is decided. Decisions to cut programs are never easy, but PBB will provide the level of information needed to document the process in a defensible manner. The next step in PBB is to acquire quality metrics, data, and key performance indicators that enable conversations and decisions to be made with the best data available. Finally, incorporating citizen input will ensure that citizen priorities and Board priorities are in harmony.

Budget Priorities

- Sustainable Growth/Economic Development – Consistent with the Board of Commissioners' priorities, this budget provides resources for economic development initiatives. Sales tax growth from expanded services is being earmarked for future year economic development. The amount is expected to be \$820,000 per year toward this designation. Also, \$100,000 in sales tax growth will be used to fund a sewer project in McAdenville, which will position the county for future growth initiatives.
- Investing in Employees – The budget being presented includes a 3% COLA for all county employees. The COLA is essential in order not to fall further behind market pay in several job classifications. The approach being used will allow us to be closer to market once the salary survey approved by the Board is complete. These steps are essential to attracting and retaining the best and brightest to Gaston County.
- Maintaining Service Levels – Although this budget is relatively flat, the services that we offer to the citizens are not being compromised. We are able to maintain services levels, while reducing costs and saving tax-payer dollars.

Positions Requested

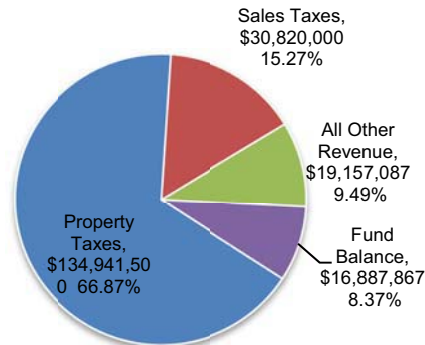
There were 29 positions requested in the departmental requests for the FY 2017 budget. Two positions were funded, with one necessary to bring courthouse parking services in-house, which will be paid from the Courthouse Parking Deck Fund. The other funded position was in IT in order to be properly staffed as we implement new accounting and HR software systems. The positions that were not funded were not without merit, but tradeoffs had to be made in order to produce a flat budget. The positions included eight from GEMS, six from the Sheriff's Office, ten from DSS, and two from Telecommunications.

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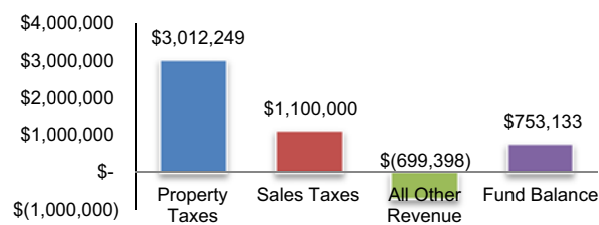
Where the Money Comes From \$201,806,454

**Revenues**

The Recommended General Fund Budget for FY 2016-2017 totals \$201,806,454, and this amount represents an increase of \$4,165,984 or 2.11% over the Adopted FY 2015-2016 budget and maintains a tax rate of 87 cents.

Just under \$135.0 million or 66.87% of general fund revenues are expected to come from property tax. The next largest source of revenue is sales tax that is expected to generate almost \$30.82 million or 15.27% of all revenue. All other General Fund revenues total \$19.15 million, and this budget uses \$16.89 million of fund balance from the General Fund to balance expected expenditures.

The county's reliance on the use of fund balance as revenue to fund recurring expenditures needs to be addressed. The proposed budget appropriates \$16.89 million in fund balance to offset expected shortfalls in revenues for FY 2017. This figure represents an increase in the use of fund balance of \$753,133. It is very likely that our revenue projections are conservative and that our expenditure projects are liberal and that not all of the \$16.89 million will actually be spent when the books are closed on FY 2017, but Gaston County does have a structural imbalance which is unlikely to be fixed in the upcoming year.

Recommended Changes in Revenue
\$4,165,984

Sales tax is performing very well. As the economy continues to improve and as we experience more growth, our sales tax should continue to improve. Sales tax is projected to increase by over \$1.1 million next year, an indicator of a strong economy that may help bolster our financial position. As mentioned earlier, there is also \$920,000 in sales tax revenue budgeted in the capital fund that is reserved for future year economic development initiatives and a sewer project.

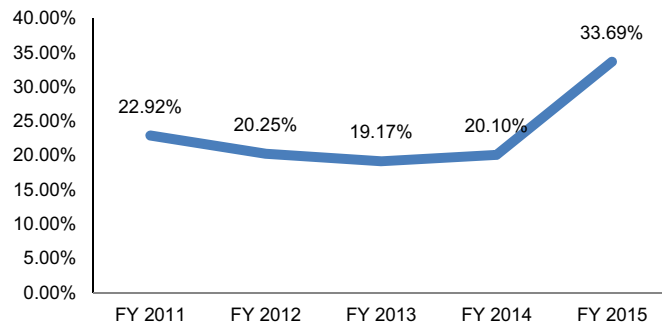
Fund Balance

The graph below illustrates our story over the last few years. In FY 2011 our available fund balance was a rather healthy 22.92%, and from FY 2011 through FY 2013, we decreased fund balance by 3.75 percentage points to 19.17%. Fund Balance slightly increased in FY 2014 to 20.10%, but keep in mind that this increase was actually a product of receiving almost \$3.2 million in additional motor vehicle taxes from the State in FY 2014. Finally, in FY 2015 we increased fund balance to 33.69%; however, this increase was due to a onetime payment from CaroMont Health for the lease of hospital land in the amount of \$20 million. The Board has since earmarked or spent \$12.2 Million of the one-time revenues on one time capital projects around the county.

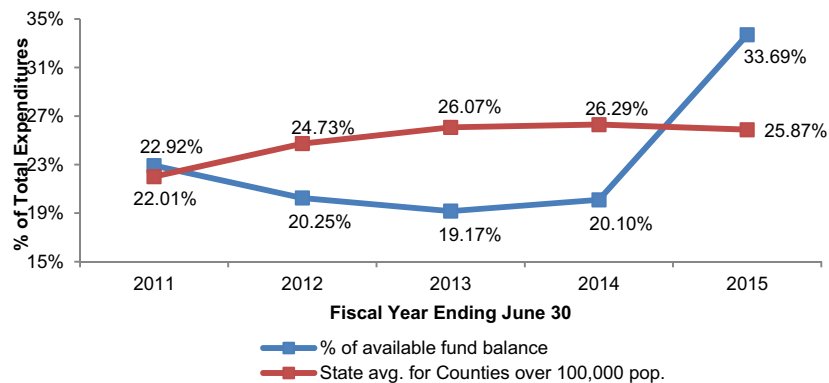
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Gaston County Available Fund Balance

Our fund balance is and will remain over the 10% minimum that our adopted financial policies require, but we are losing ground to those counties in North Carolina with populations over 100,000 when controlling for the lease funds that have since been earmarked. The rating agencies pay particular attention not only to how our own revenues and expenditure align but also to how we compare to our state peer group.

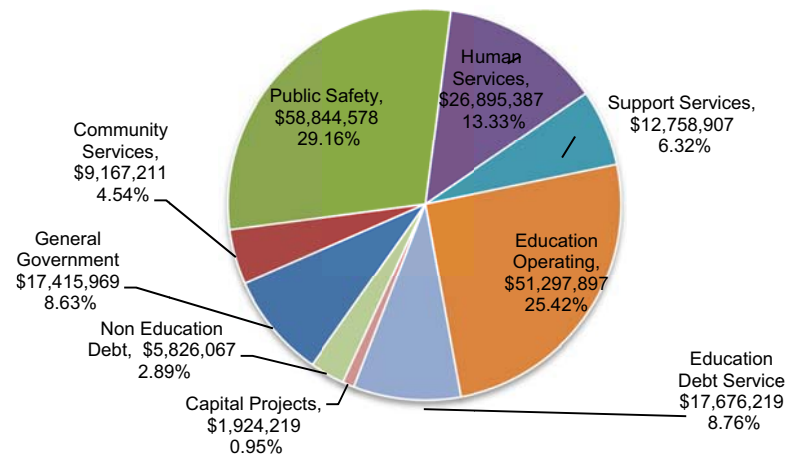
Gaston County General Fund and Public Assistance Fund Balance Available

As our peer counties have increased their available fund balance, our fund balance has continued to decline, in years other than FY 2014 and FY 2015 when we received one-time excess revenues that have since been spent.

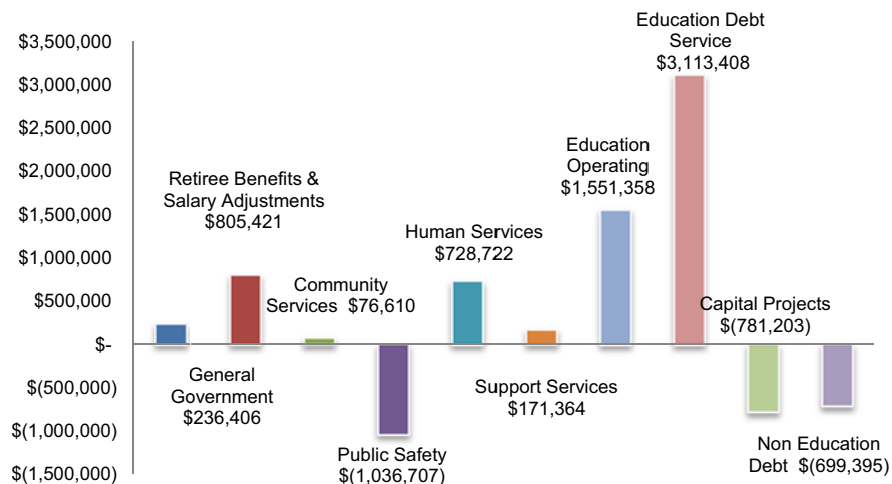
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Where the Money Goes \$201,806,454**Expenditures**

The pie chart above indicates that Education, Public Safety, and Human Services constitute the largest portion of General Fund expenditures. These three functions account for over 76% of all County General Fund spending.

Recommended FY 17 Changes by Function \$4,165,984

The Recommended Budget is projected to increase by \$4,165,984 for next year. The largest increases are in Education (\$4.67 million), Human Services (\$728,722), and General Government (\$1.04 million). The largest cut from FY 2016 to FY 2017 is the amount budgeted for fuel. Gas prices are expected to remain relatively stable during the next fiscal year. We have budgeted for some escalation; however, if drastic escalation occurs, in fuel prices or increased demand additional appropriations will be necessary.

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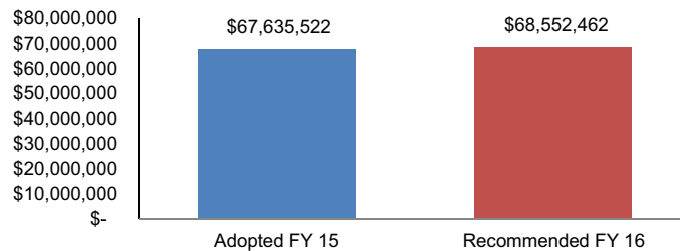
Education

The chart below indicates an increase in school funding of \$4,664,766. The majority of this increase can be seen in operating expenses and local debt service funding, with the minority of the increase in school resource officers. The county sold bonds in the amount of \$55 million in order to build an elementary and middle school. The issuance results in increased education debt in the amount of \$3.11 million for next fiscal year. School of excellence remains flat, and as a side note, school capital funding remains flat at \$1,227,000.

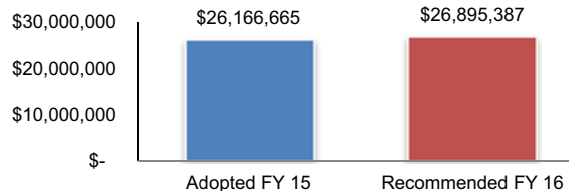
School Funding	2016	2017	Variance	Percent Change
Operating	\$ 43,816,704	\$45,351,704	\$1,535,000	3.50%
Debt Service - Local Funds	\$ 12,613,954	\$15,727,362	\$3,113,408	24.68%
School Resource Officers	\$ 1,036,756	\$ 1,053,114	\$ 16,358	1.58%
School of Excellence	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ -	
Total	\$ 57,532,414	\$62,197,180	\$4,664,766	8.11%

The proposed budget consists of a flat operating budget for the college. Recurring capital increased to \$697,219. This increase brings the college's capital funding to pre-recession levels. The one time funding last fiscal year for an Advanced Manufacturing Center is also absent for the FY 17 budget.

Gaston College Funding	2016	2017	Variance	Percent Change
Operating	\$ 4,828,079	\$ 4,828,079	\$ -	
Debt Service - Local Funds	\$ 1,946,658	\$ 1,948,857	\$ 2,199	0.11%
Recurring Capital	\$ 453,219	\$ 697,219	\$ 244,000	53.84%
One-Time Capital	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ (500,000)	-100.00%
Total	\$ 7,727,956	\$ 7,474,155	\$ (253,801)	-3.28%

Human Services**Human Services Total Funding**

Those departments that compose our Human Services departments total a proposed \$68.55 million next year. While this number represents an increase of \$916,940 or 1.36%, it is important to remember that not all of the growth in this function is funded by local dollars. Overall local county funding of the Human Services function is increasing by \$728,722 or 2.78% next year.

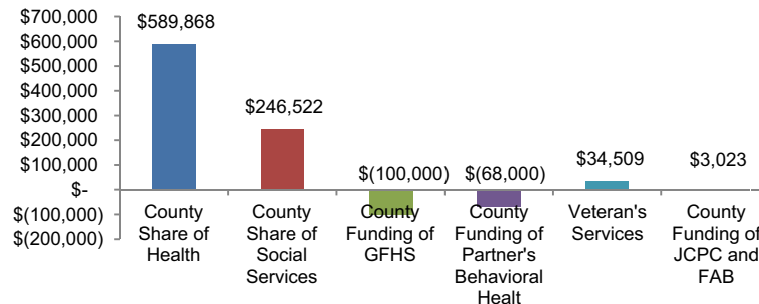
Human Services - Local Funds

The increase of \$728,722 is attributed to the main agencies that deliver services for the County.

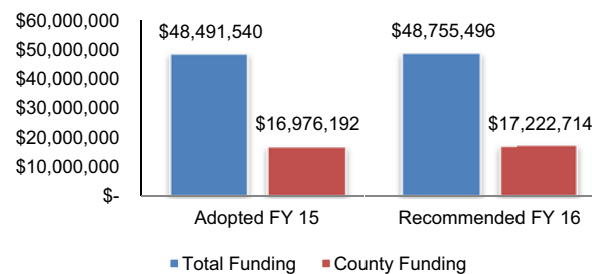
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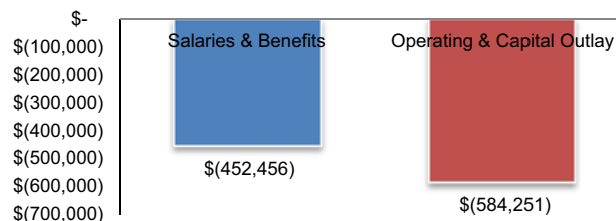
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Human Service Funding Changes - Local Funds

The county share of the Health Division is increasing by \$589,868 and of Social Services Division by \$246,522. These increases are mostly due to lost State and Federal funding that has now become the burden of the county.

Social Services Funding

Overall the Social Services operations are increasing by \$263,956 or 0.54%. The county's share of the Social Services Division is increasing by \$246,522 or 1.45%.

Public Safety**Changes in Public Safety Funding**

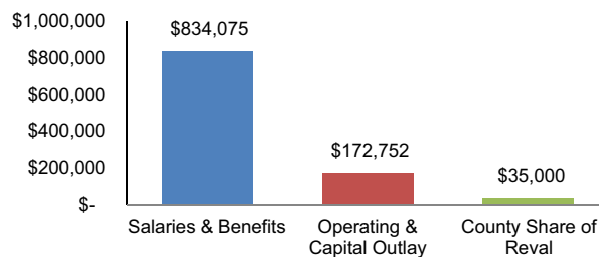
Salaries & Benefits for Public Safety employees are decreasing by \$452,456 next year. Operating & Capital Outlay has decreased by \$584,251. The decrease can mostly be attributed to lapsed salary; we have pulled out more than usual in this budget. We have budgeted for a 4.5% vacancy for the County Police, Telecommunications, GEMS and the Sheriff's Office. Budgeting for a vacancy this large will cause departments to monitor their hiring and to track payroll spending more closely. It is hoped that this vacancy rate has minimal impact to service delivery. Budgeting a larger vacancy rate is a tactic to help bring down the net cost of funding a 3% COLA for FY 2017. Also, as

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noted earlier, we have pulled out funding for fuel due to decreased prices. Finally, last year we spent over \$600,000 for ruggedized laptops for public safety and that prior expenditure also contributes to the decrease this fiscal year.

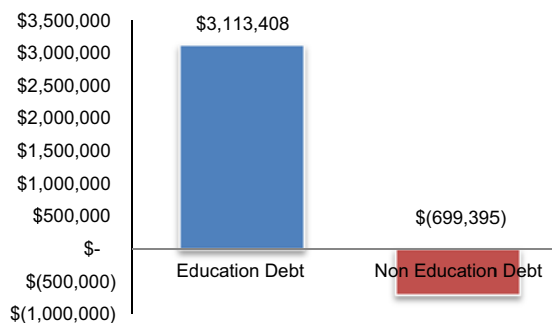
General Government**Changes in General Government Funding**

The largest increase for this function is in the Salaries & Benefits Category with an increase of \$834,075; however, it is the General Government category that we budget for some of those items that are centrally allocated. A portion of the 3% COLA is centrally budgeted in a general government account that will be spread to other functions upon adoption and accounts for \$805,421 of the increase in salaries & benefits.

Operating and Capital Outlay have increased by \$172,752. The increase in operating is relatively modest and is a major accomplishment considering inflation.

Debt Service

The county sold bonds in the amount of \$55 million in order to build an elementary and middle school. The issuance results in increased education debt in the amount of \$3.11 million for next fiscal year. As a result of building the two schools, our debt service levels will continue to be elevated for the next three fiscal years; additional appropriations will be necessary until old debt retires and our debt service levels off. However, non-education debt is retiring and results in a decrease of \$699,395.

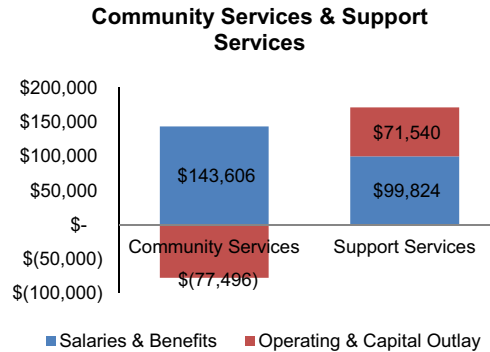
Changes in Debt Payments

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Community Services & Support Services



Overall, Community Services is increasing by \$66,110, and Support Services is increasing by \$171,364. .

Capital Projects

In addition to the capital funds mentioned for the school system and college, we have also funded a sewer project in McAdenville in the amount of \$100,000 a year for the next five years. The Commissioners have also established \$820,000 from increased sales tax to be earmarked for future economic development projects.

Future Challenges

Gaston County needs to make several major investments that have been delayed in this budget. These include a new public safety radio system and a range of infrastructure improvements, some of which will help to assure ADA compliance. Strategic investment in land for development is also needed in order to sustain economic growth. Once the new Animal Care and Enforcement facility is opened, increases in operating costs will need to be funded. Also, future capital needs for the school system are much needed and have been delayed over the past fiscal year. Finally, we are conducting a salary market study for employee compensation that will likely require substantial additional funding in order to bring our employees to market.

Next Steps

The Commission may wish to schedule budget work sessions between now and June 14, 2016 to review all facets of this budget.

The Gaston County Board of County Commissioners will hold its regularly scheduled Work Session on June 14, 2016, at 6:00 pm, in the Harley B. Gaston Jr. Public Forum in the Gaston County Courthouse. Immediately following the Work Session, the Board has scheduled a Special Meeting to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget, and the BOC may consider adoption of the Budget Ordinance at that time.

The budget can be viewed at the Main Library located at 1555 East Garrison Blvd, Gastonia NC 28054, at the Office of the Clerk to the Board located in the County Administration Building, 128 West Main Avenue, Gastonia NC 28053 or online at <http://www.gastongov.com/>.

Public comment is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Mathers
County Manager

Chairman Keigher called for questions from the Board.

Commissioner Carpenter inquired if the increase to DHHS (most of it in the Health Division) is due to a shift at the State level and should the BOC engage the Legislature on this matter; asked the County Manager to follow up and report back to the Board.

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Commissioner Williams inquired if the fund balance slide reflected the various expenditures for the township grants and CaroMont lease proceeds.

The County Manager responded that the 34 percent that was shown as of the end of FY15 does not include those additional expenditures. The number for the close of FY16 is going to be substantially lower.

Commissioner Williams asked the County Manager to report back to the Board on the impact of Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) and what budget modifications were a direct result of the PBB process.

County Attorney's Report

None.

Other Matters

Chairman Keigher directed staff to begin working on a draft resolution to direct the Board of Elections to schedule a referendum authorizing an optional one quarter percent (0.25%) sales tax to be dedicated to economic development and education. He stated that the resolution would need to be voted on by the BOC and submitted to the Board of Elections prior to the August 22 deadline. He noted that he would begin working with staff, engaging various members of the community and scheduling meetings.

Adjournment

Chairman Keigher adjourned the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2016 at 7:09 p.m.

(All aforementioned documents are on file with the Clerk to the Board.)

Tom Keigher, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

Donna S. Buff
Clerk to the Board

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