



# Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners  
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## Financial and Management Services - Budget

### Board Action

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File # 26-006

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Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Budget - To Appropriate General Fund Balance for Risk Insurance and Workers Compensation (\$2,147,263)

#### **STAFF CONTACT**

Scott Attaway - Financial and Management Services - 704-866-3152

#### **BUDGET IMPACT**

General Fund. Increase fund balance appropriations revenue by \$2,147,263 Increase Insurance and Professional Services expenditures by \$2,147,263

As of January 9, 2026 net General Fund fund balance appropriations for FY 2026 include.

Board-Approved Fund Balance Appropriations	\$ 14,962,628
Carry forwards from FY 2024	\$ 5,179,035
Carry forwards from FY 2025	\$ 2,542,804
<b>Year-to-date FY 2026 Net Fund Balance Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 22,684,467</b>

#### **BACKGROUND**

As part of best-practice improvements adopted in the FY 2026 Budget, the County now records Risk Insurance costs (including premiums, claims, and related professional services) as expenditures when they are incurred and allocates those costs to the departments that generate the risk. This approach provides a clearer picture of the true cost of County operations, supports more data-informed risk management decisions, and improves transparency around the use of insurance resources. In prior years, these costs were recorded as liabilities during the year and reconciled to expenditures at year-end, which has required the use of Assigned Fund Balance for Risk Reserves to cover actual costs.

This Board Action appropriates General Fund fund balance to provide sufficient budget authority for insurance premiums, workers' compensation expenses, and other insurance-related services for the remainder of FY 2026 (January-June). Any unspent budget at fiscal year-end will be added to Assigned Fund Balance for Risk Reserves in accordance with the FY 2026 Adopted Budget Ordinance.

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows.

NO. DATE M1 M2 JBailey CBrown CCloninger AFraley BHovis TKeigher SShehan Vote

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**POLICY IMPACT**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS**

Budget Change Request (BCR)

**GASTON COUNTY**  
**BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)**

**TO:** Matthew Rhoten, County Manager

<b>FROM.</b>	<b>BGT</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>Dept. Code</b>	<b>Department Name</b>

Taylor Ricci	1/27/26
Department Director	Date

**REQUEST TYPE:**

- Line-Item Transfer Within Department & Fund
- Project Transfer Within Department & Fund
- Line-Item Transfer Between Departments
- Line-Item Transfer Between Funds\*
- Additional Appropriation of Funds\*

\*Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

**\*\* Decreases in expenditures and increases in revenue accounts require brackets. Increases in expenditures and decreases in revenue do not require brackets. Please note that transfers between funds require inter-fund transfer accounts.**

**JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST**

This BCR appropriates General Fund fund balance and adds budget to Insurance and Professional Services for anticipated county-wide risk insurance and workers compensation expenditures, January-June 2026.