



# Gaston County

## Board of Commissioners

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

*Chad Brown, Chairman*  
*Bob Hovis, Vice-Chairman*  
*Jim Bailey*  
*Cathy Cloninger*  
*Allen R. Fraley*  
*Tom Keigher*  
*Scott Shehan*

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Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Meeting Agenda

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### Regular Meeting 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER  
INVOCATION  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### I. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES

- A. Commissioner Fraley - Sheriff's Office - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Deputy Tracy Lyles
- B. Commissioner Hovis - Communications - Proclamation - To Recognize June 19th as "Juneteenth" in Gaston County

#### II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Cloninger - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-26-03-06-00243, Zachary Carpenter (Applicant); Property Parcels: 169984 & 312523, Located on Mic Lock Pl., Dallas, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with (US) Overlay to the (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District with (US) Overlay
  1. Receive Citizen Comment
  2. Close Public Hearing
  3. Accept Motion
- B. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Cloninger - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-26-03-26-00244, Sarah Wooten (Applicant); Property Parcel: 168347, Located on Red Yam Farm Rd., Dallas, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with (US) Overlay to the (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District with (US) Overlay
  1. Receive Citizen Comment
  2. Close Public Hearing
  3. Accept Motion

**III. BUSINESS AGENDA****A. AGENDA REVISION/APPROVAL****IV. CITIZEN RECOGNITION (Limited to One Hour; Sign up Prior to Start of Session; Comments Limited to 3 Minutes)****V. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Board of Commissioners - Memorial Day Proclamation - To Recognize Memorial Day, May 25, 2026, as a Day to Honor and Remember the Sacrifices of Our Military Fallen Heroes
- B. Commissioners Cloninger & Shehan - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2026 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month in Gaston County
- C. Commissioner Brown - BOC - To Revise the Gaston County Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting Schedule for June 2026 to Reschedule the June 9th Work Session to Precede the June 23rd Regular Meeting - 6:00 P.M.
- D. Commissioner Hovis - Communications - Proclamation - To Recognize June 19th as "Juneteenth" in Gaston County
- E. Commissioner Bailey - County Attorney - To Confirm N.C. Industrial Commission Settlement in File No. I.C.25-008198 - Michael Deese v. Gaston County in the Amount of \$100,000
- F. Commissioner Hovis - County Attorney - Resolution Authorizing County Manager to Grant Amazon.com Services LLC a Sightline Easement on a Portion of County-Owned Property, Parcel No. 223163, for Road Improvements
- G. Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information
- H. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Amend Approved Resolution 2025-155 to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$668,378.00 (Year 1: \$516,815.16, Year 2: \$151,562.84, Total: \$668,378.00)
- I. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve the Transfer of \$18,919.00 from General Fund to the General Government Capital Fund, via the Community Investment Fund (CIF) for the Purchase of a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) System for the Environmental Health Onsite Wastewater Program
- J. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Accept the Gaston County Public Health Department's Local Child Fatality Prevention Team's Annual Report
- K. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Consumer Contributions to the Family Caregiver Support Program totaling \$793.00
- L. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2026 as Older Americans Month

- M. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2026 as Foster Care Awareness Month
- N. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Approve a Certificate of Need (CON) for East Gaston Fire Department for Replacement Tires and to Appropriate Unified Fire District Fund Balance (\$9,000.00)
- O. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Approve a Certificate of Need (CON) for All VFDs in the Unified Fire District for Motorola Portable Radio Battery Purchase and to Appropriate Unified Fire District Fund Balance (\$75,590.00)
- P. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Appropriate Accumulated Investment Earnings from January 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026 (\$51,666.33) in FY26
- Q. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Accept as Information the April 2026 Property Tax Refunds Less than \$100. These Tax Refunds Should Be Recorded in the Board's Minutes. (Total NCVTS Refunds - \$1,945.42)
- R. Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Grants (Sheriff's Office) - To Approve the Transfer of \$928.64 from the General Government Capital Fund to the General Fund
- S. Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Grants (Sheriff's Office) - To Approve the Transfer of \$820.00 from the General Government Capital Fund to the General Fund
- T. Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of May 17-23, 2026 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Gaston County
- U. Commissioner Hovis - Natural Resources - To Accept and Appropriate North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - Division of Soil and Water Conservation Funds for District Matching Funds and Technical Assistance (\$26,845 with County Match of \$26,845)
- V. Commissioner Hovis - Natural Resources - Resolution Establishing the Gaston County Conservation Easement Program
- W. Commissioner Shehan - Office of Capital Improvements - To Transfer Project Funds from Dallas High Shoals / Old Willis Force Sewer to Dallas High Shoals Water (\$1,125,000.00)
- X. Commissioner Shehan - Office of Capital Improvements - To Amend Gaston County ARPA Grant Project Ordinance 2021-264, to Redistribute Funding (\$1,125,000) ARPA Dallas High Shoals Waterline - Water and ARPA Dallas High Shoals Waterline - Sewer
- Y. Commissioner Cloninger - Parks and Recreation - To Accept and Appropriate Funds from Recreation Fees for the Fall 2025 Adult Soccer League (\$4,780), the Spring 2026 Adult Soccer League (\$5,140), and the Second Annual Gaston County Women's High School Soccer Cup Tournament Held on March 4-21, 2026 at Poston Park (\$3,786)
- Z. Commissioner Cloninger - Parks and Recreation - To Accept and Appropriate Funds from Senior Games Entry Fees (\$19,791.00)

- AA. Commissioner Cloninger - Parks and Recreation - To Accept and Endorse Improvements to George Poston Park for the Spencer Mountain Trails Project by the Carolina Thread Trail
- AB. Commissioner Keigher - Police Department - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2026 as Treatment Court Month in Gaston County
- AC. Commissioner Shehan - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Captain Brent Roberts
- AD. Commissioner Keigher - Police Department/Sheriff's Office - Proclamation - To Recognize Law Enforcement Week and Peace Officer's Memorial Day in Gaston County During the Week of May 10-16, 2026
- AE. Commissioner Keigher - Public Works - To Approve the Sale of Surplus County Vehicle #940 to Hunter Huss High School
- AF. Commissioner Hovis - Public Works - To Approve the Sale of Surplus County Vehicle #458 to the Crowder's Mountain Volunteer Fire and Rescue Inc.
- AG. Commissioner Brown - Register of Deeds - To Approve an Updated Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for the Office of the Register of Deeds
- AH. Commissioner Shehan - Sheriff's Office - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Corporal Heath McMullan
- AI. Commissioner Fraley - Sheriff's Office - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Deputy Tracy Lyles
- AJ. Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$159.29; Overpayments - \$7,002.17; VTS Refunds - \$1,308.17; Grand Total - \$8,469.63)

## VI. LEGISLATIVE REQUEST

- A. Commissioner Hovis - BOC - Legislative Request: Resolution Opposing Modification to County Property Tax Authority

## VII. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

## VIII. ITEMS ADDED BY MAJORITY VOTE FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

## IX. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Appointment List - Current Expiring Terms/Vacant Positions

**X. REPORTS**

**A. Commissioners Committee Reports**

**B. County Manager's Report**

**C. County Attorney's Report**

**XI. OTHER MATTERS**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**