



# Gaston County

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## Tax Board Action

File #: 16-187

Commissioner Carpenter - To Award a Contract to DEVNET and Authorize the County Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents for the Purchase of New Property Tax Software (Computer-Assisted Mass Appraisal "CAMA") to Replace the Existing System for the Tax Department.

### STAFF CONTACT

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### BUDGET IMPACT

These appropriations are from prior year capital projects and funds previously set aside for the last revaluation project.

### BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

The Tax software will be purchased using a projected \$124,999 of prior year capital funding and \$375,241 of previously funded revaluation dollars.

### BACKGROUND

Gaston County currently has vastly outdated software systems for the Tax Department. Many of our applications are over 20 years old. These core systems run on an IBM AS400 mid-frame and are written using RPG code. These skills are no longer taught, and finding support staff is becoming increasingly difficult. Therefore, County staff began looking at alternative solutions several months ago.

By implementing new, integrated systems, we can expect improvements in employee productivity and gains in staff efficiency by using these new applications. We think that there is significant value in replacing our applications with newer, Windows-based solutions. Over the next 2+ years, we could eliminate the need for the two AS400 hardware systems and their maintenance. It would also help us modernize our legacy systems and eliminate antiquated methodologies that have been passed down over the past 20+ years and conform to current industry standards. Ease of navigation, reporting functionality, and much more will improve with this new solution.

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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:

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After reviewing suitable software from a number of vendors, the Tax Department developed a Request for Proposal pursuant to NCGS G.S.143-129.8. The RFP was forwarded to various companies for consideration and was publicly advertised, as statutorily required, on April 8, 2016. Proposals were due by April 18, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

DEVNET was selected based on the criteria outlined in the RFP. Approval of this Board Action awards the contract to DEVNET for the purchase of CAMA property tax software, to replace the existing system for the Tax Department. It further authorizes the County Manager to execute all necessary documents.

**POLICY IMPACT**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS**

N/A