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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met in Regular Session on April 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., in The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse.

Chairman Tom Keigher presided with Commissioners Allen R. Fraley, Vice-Chairman; Chad Brown, Bob Hovis, Kim Johnson, Tracy L. Philbeck and Ronnie Worley in attendance.

Others present included Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager; Jonathan L. Sink, County Attorney; and Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board.

Upon request of Chairman Keigher, Commissioner Worley led those assembled in the Invocation and Commissioner Johnson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing RE: Commissioner Worley - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: Z21-09 David Ward and Cait Moreland (Applicants); Property Parcel: 190294, Located at 1806 South Point Rd., Belmont, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards and (CH) Corridor Highway Overlays to the (C-1) Light Commercial Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards and (CH) Corridor Highway Overlays

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

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

Chairman Keigher recognized Mrs. Sarah Penley, Building and Development Services Senior Planner, for comments.

Mrs. Sarah Penley stated the subject request is to rezone parcel 190294 located at 1806 South Point Rd., Belmont, NC, from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards and (CH) Corridor Highway Overlays to the (C-1) Light Commercial Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards and (CH) Corridor Highway Overlays; the Applicants are David Ward and Cait Moreland; the property owner is Margaret Emma Waggoner; total acreage of the property is 9.9 acres; its current use is residential and undeveloped; the Applicants wish to operate a veterinary office on the site.

She reviewed aerial, zoning and property owners maps and advised the property is located on South Point Road (in southeastern region of County; south and east of Belmont, Cramerton and Gastonia); the parcel is currently occupied with a residential single family dwelling; otherwise, the acreage is vacant and surrounded by single family dwelling homes and other residential uses; the area zoning consists of R-1 with CH and US Overlay and abuts Belmont's city limits and zoning district; adjacent properties owners were notified of Public Hearing per listing.

Staff reviewed the application and found it to be consistent with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Comp Plan) as presented; the Planning Board met on April 12th and voted unanimously (9-0) to recommend approval; notices were mailed out and the property was posted per County policy; staff

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received one call from the City of Belmont regarding information; the BOC has been provided with the Planning Board's comments and Staff report.

Chairman Keigher called for comments from the Applicants.

Mr. David "Dave" Ward and Ms. Cait Moreland (Applicants) advised their current residence is 2371 Water View Circle, Gainesville, GA, and they recently placed a house under contract at 1316 Park Lane, Gastonia, NC. The Applicants provided a slide presentation as part of their comments.

Ms. Cait Moreland (Applicant) advised she is a 3rd generation veterinarian who is hoping to follow her dad's footsteps of owning a practice one day; they fell in love with the Belmont area and hopes to bring a veterinarian practice a little bit closer; she attended undergrad at Clemson University; finished up at STU in St. Georgias (the Caribbean); she focused on small animal medicines, preventative care, wellness, surgeries and dentistry; focus on cats and dogs but would like to bring in an exotic care veterinarian in the future.

Mr. Ward stated he attended Georgia Tech and is a professional beer brewer by trade; hopes to open a small brewery in Gaston County once the project is up and running.

Ms. Moreland advised that they gathered an advisory board of friends and family to help with the project.

Mr. Ward reviewed a diagram depicting the front two acres of property and proposed building and customer/staff parking areas; advised one of their goals is to try to maintain the established trees, soundproof the building, and install a fenced barrier to minimize disturbance to neighbors.

Ms. Moreland advised they plan to get rid of the old house on the site plan and use that location as the facility location.

Mr. Ward advised the preliminary building design drawn up depicts the lobby and clients/pets waiting room up front; they will start with about four exam rooms; will have treatment and surgery rooms, offices and equipment room in back; they would like to expand the building in the future to grow with community and provide more services.

Ms. Moreland advised that one of the main concerns many have is with the sound and boarding of animals, but they are not planning on doing that at all; they will keep hospitalized patients indoor only and there should not be much outside sound; will have doggy relief areas outside but they will be leashed and fenced in.

Mr. Ward advised the business will begin as a single doctor practice (with Ms. Moreland) but will add to that as the clientele grows; they have a second doctor in mind who specializes in exotic care; they will have minimum boarding and a big architectural focus on soundproofing; there is a lot of growth on that peninsula; the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) considers one doctor per 2k households to be a shortage; within a ten minute drive from that address, there are 11k households and three full-time doctors; there is a shortage of vets and they can help bring those services to the area.

Chairman Keigher called for citizen comment.

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Mr. Cory Edwards, 1800 South Point Rd., Belmont, NC, advised he and his wife live adjacent to the property and moved there about three years ago; he is pleased to hear the Applicants will keep the tree line next to their property; asked if the Applicants would take part of their land for the entrance into the property and how many trees would remain on the tree line between their property and the new property.

Mrs. Penley responded the Applicants cannot take any of Mr. Edwards property as part of their driveway improvements; the tree line will be addressed in the commercial site plan process if approved; the Applicants want to leave as much natural vegetation as possible; in this zoning district, a type C or D buffer is a decent buffer; it also involves the US Overlay district which will be more stringent, if approved for that use.

Mr. Rick Fulp advised he lives on South Forest Lane (lot 7 on map) at the bottom of the hill; the Applicants mentioned currently the building involves one or two acres and they are interested in extending the property on back in the future; there is a steep hill and woods that helps stop water runoff; he already has issues with water runoff coming down South Point Road through neighbors' backyards; sediment has built up on his second lot; what plans have been made for runoff (or flooding) if the property is extended further?

Mrs. Penley responded plans for any type of commercial business or residential development of the property would be reviewed by other agencies (i.e., erosion control, etc.) for approval through the permitting process and commercial site plan review.

Chairman Keigher called for questions from the BOC.

Commissioner Worley recollected that approximately 14k cars travel South Point Road daily; asked how many trips the veterinarian office would generate daily.

Ms. Moreland responded with maximum capacity, years down the road (total staff of 15 employees and the property and building potential) maybe *six or seven or five or six cars* at a time; there will be minimal change to the overall traffic flow for the area.

Commissioner Worley asked if five or six cars per day would be 40 to 50 trips/day in and out.

Ms. Moreland responded it would probably be close to 40 or 50 trips/day.

Commissioner Brown asked if the Applicants would have to keep the tree line consistent around the property.

Mrs. Penley responded the Applicants would have to maintain a buffer between commercial and residential districts.

Mrs. Penley stated another resident requested to speak.

Mr. Joe Lassiter, 4084 (4048 per listing) Tucker Rd., Belmont, NC, advised his property abuts the back of property in question; he moved there over a year ago to get out of the city and to raise their children; the back of property is not very wide; some of the existing trees along the tree line are already dead and could fall anytime; a handicapped neighbor has lived there 40+ years and they

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both are concerned if the rezoning is approved and the Applicants change their minds, what will go in there next.

Hearing no additional questions or comments, Chairman Keigher called for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

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

Chairman Keigher asked the County Attorney to provide comments from the Planning Board.

The County Attorney advised the Planning Board recommended approval by a unanimous vote and read the following Consistency Statement: *The proposed rezoning is in the Suburban Development future land use plan. Suburban Development consists of significant single-family residential areas that exist around commercial pockets representing a standard suburban center. The use, going from (R-1) to (C-1) will make the subject parcel commercial in nature, which is consistent with the Suburban Development designation. The Overlay districts will also ensure a higher quality of standards.*

Chairman Keigher called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the BOC unanimously approved **2021-095**, upon consideration of the map change application, public hearing comment and recommendations from the Planning Board and Planning staff, finds:

- 1) The map change request is consistent with the County's approved Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The proposed rezoning is in the Suburban Development future land use plan. Suburban Development consists of significant single-family residential areas that exist around commercial pockets representing a standard suburban center. The use, going from (R-1) to (C-1) will make the subject parcel commercial in nature, which is consistent with the Suburban Development designation. The Overlay districts will also ensure a higher quality of standards.

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. Therefore the map change request for Property parcel: 190294, is hereby approved, effective with the passage of this Resolution.

- 2) The County Manager is authorized to make necessary notifications in this matter to appropriate parties.

Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Worley - Historic Preservation Commission - To Designate the Charles T. and Beatrice Chafin Stowe House Located at 304 South Central Ave., Belmont, NC, Gaston County, as a Historic Property Pursuant to Part 4, Chapter 160D of the General Statutes of North Carolina

Chairman Keigher introduced Mrs. Jamie Mendoza, Building and Development Services Long Range Planner, for comments.

Mrs. Mendoza advised subject request is to designate the (Charles T. and Beatrice) Chafin Stowe House, 304 S. Central Ave., Belmont, NC, as an local historic landmark; the house is 3,341SF and sits on 1.98 acres; it is currently owned by Charles Hair and Kristen Moyer; Jason Harpe of Richard

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Grubb & Associates prepared the landmark report which was shared with the NC Preservation Office for review and comments which were included in the final report; the Belmont City Council unanimously supported the request on March 1st; the house was constructed between 1932 and 1935; it retains a high level of design materials, workmanship and characteristics features of the Tudor revival style.

She recognized Mr. John Russell, Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), for comments.

Mr. Russell advised the BOC must find that a property meets historic, architectural or archeological significance before the HPC can present it for historic designation; this property has two of the three significances; it is one of the unique Tudor houses remaining in Belmont; the report has a great history of Charles T. Stowe and his association with Belmont Hosiery Mill; HPC never submits a property for historical designation without the full support of the property owner; this designation started with one set of property owners (the Gadds) and was then sold during the process; HPC talked with the new owners (Charles Hair and Kristine Moyer) who were fascinated to hear about the process and history and supports this as well; Jason Harpe is well-known in Gaston County and is the Director of the Lincoln County Historic Museum; HPC presented the request to Belmont City Council and they voted unanimously to approve the designation; HPC is asking the BOC to support it also.

Chairman Keigher called for citizen comment.

Mrs. Kristen Moyer, 304 S. Central Ave., Belmont, NC, advised she, her husband (Charles Hair) and children are the new caretakers of the Charles and Beatrice Stowe's House; they made an offer on it without seeing the property; it exceeded their expectations upon seeing it; they are grateful the Gadds started the designation process, and are drawn to the house due to its charm, history, pine flooring, textured plastered walls, ornate doorknobs, deep window sills, wood molding and unique fireplaces; she urged the BOC to approve the designation.

Chairman Keigher called for questions from the BOC; hearing none, called for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously closed the Public Hearing.

Chairman Keigher called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Worley, the BOC unanimously approved **2021-096** as follows:

WHEREAS, all the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Part 4, Chapter 160D of the General Statutes of North Carolina have been met; and,

WHEREAS, the Belmont City Council has taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at the public hearing held on the 1st day of March 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Gaston County has also taken into full consideration statements and information presented at a public hearing held with the Gaston County Historic Preservation Commission on the 27th day of April 2021; and,

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WHEREAS, the structure known as the Charles T. and Beatrice Chafin Stowe House located at 304 South Central Ave., stands as an excellent example of a Tudor Revival – style architecture that rises above other examples of the style in Belmont; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Historic Preservation Commission has demonstrated the historic significance of the building and property and the North Carolina Department of Archives and History has given its suggestions to the nomination of the Charles T. and Beatrice Chafin Stowe House.

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

1. That the building and property known as the Charles T. and Beatrice Chafin Stowe House located at 304 South Central Avenue, Belmont, South Point Township, North Carolina, is hereby designated as historic property pursuant to Part 4, Chapter 160D of the General Statutes of North Carolina. For the purpose of description only, described as following:

BEGINNING at an iron pin situated on the westernmost right of way line of Central Avenue, said iron pin being the northeasternmost corner of the property of Stewart, nor or formerly, as described in that deed recorded in Deed Book 3086 at Page 634, said point also being North 16 degrees 35 minutes 46 seconds West 1061.54 feet from NCGS Monument "WHITE" (N=545,529.9162 FT. and E=1.391.150.3181 FT., COMBINED GRID FAC.=0.999842), thence from said point of Beginning and with the common lines of the property of Stewart, Laye (Deed Book 1096 at Page 644), Crawford (Deed Book 4666 at Page 790), and Sheaffer (Deed Book 4404 at Page 784) South 78 degrees 28 minutes 04 seconds West 394.03 feet to a point thence North 10 degrees 09 minutes 34 seconds West 216.45 feet to a point at the common line of Osborne (Deed Book 4350 at Page 2035); thence North 71 degrees 9 minutes 46 seconds East 363.41 feet with the common lines of Osborne, and with Stowe (Deed Book 2990 at Page 53) to an iron pin at the southeasternmost corner of Stowe and on the westernmost right of way line of Central Avenue; thence with the right of way line of Central Avenue, South 17 degrees 48 minutes 44 seconds East 159.12 feet to a point; thence continuing with the right of way line of Central Avenue, South 17 degrees 31 minutes 51 seconds East 105.00 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING, containing 2.081 acres.

The description is based on the survey entitled Boundary Survey of Portion of D.B. 4269 PG. 1323 for Robert A. Pressley and Valerie W. Pressley, by Carolinas Design Group, PLLC, dated September 20, 2016.

Being a portion of the property conveyed to Robert A. Pressley and Valerie W. Pressley by deed dated November 6, 2006, and recorded November 7, 2006, in Deed Book 4269 at Page 1323 in the Gaston County Registry.

2. That said building and property may not be demolished, materially altered, remodeled or removed until three hundred sixty-five days written notice of the owner's proposed action has been given to the Gaston County Historic Preservation Commission.
3. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent ordinary maintenance or repair of any architectural exterior feature in or on the said building or property that does not involve a change in design, material, or other appearance thereof, nor to prevent the construction, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition, or removal of any such feature when a building inspector or similar official certifies to the Commission that said action is required for the public safety because of an unsafe condition. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the property owners from making any use of this property not prohibited by any other statutes, ordinances, or regulations.
4. That a suitable sign shall be posted indicating the said building and property designation as historic property and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign shall be placed upon the said building or property. If the owner objects, the sign will be placed on a nearby public right-of-way.
5. That the owner and occupant of the building and property known as the Charles T. and Beatrice Chafin Stowe House of Belmont, South Point Township be given notice of this ordinance as required by applicable law and that copies of this ordinance be filed and indexed in the offices of the County Clerk, Gaston County Register of Deeds, Building Inspection Department, and Tax Supervisor as required by law.

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Public Hearing - Re: Commissioner Johnson - County Attorney - To Authorize the Closing of Unimproved and Unnamed Right-of-Ways Off Woodcrest Drive in the Larkhaven Development - Gastonia Township

Chairman Keigher introduced Mrs. Courtney Rogers, Deputy County Attorney, for comments.

Mrs. Rogers advised subject Public Hearing is to authorize the closing of unimproved and unnamed right-of-ways (r-o-w(s)) off Woodcrest Drive in the Larkhaven Development (Gastonia Township); the petitioners are Nicholas and Danyetta Miller (property owners of several unimproved and unnamed parcels at 000 Woodcrest Dr.).

She reviewed (overview) maps and advised the petitioners wish to close the portion of unnamed r-o-w(s) on Woodcrest Dr. to combine the parcels and must close what is currently a paper road; adjacent property owners were notified of the Public Hearing by certified and first class mail and signage was posted in the immediate area; a Public Hearing notice was advertised in *The (Gaston) Gazette* for three consecutive weeks; the r-o-w(s) are not controlled or maintained by the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT); the petitioners believe (in good faith) that closing the r-o-w(s) will not cause hardship or any inconvenience to any property owner; no property owner or entity adjoining the parcels will be deprived of ingress/egress from their property.

Chairman Keigher called for citizen comment; hearing none, called for questions from the BOC.

Commissioner Hovis asked if the hashed portion of the road was unimproved.

Mrs. Rogers responded "correct".

Commissioner Hovis advised the other end of road has a turn-around (end of Woodcrest Dr.); closing this portion will dead end at plot #144390; asked if the owners of that property would take that into consideration and change the dedication to create a cul-de-sac so people could turn around and exit to avoid backing up the street.

Commissioner Brown asked if closing the r-o-w(s) would land-lock anyone individually and if it was a dirt road now.

Mrs. Rogers responded "no"; it is wooded and unimproved.

Chairman Keigher asked if Commissioner Hovis wanted to recommend that staff incorporate his thoughts on this issue when it comes up in the future.

Commissioner Hovis advised his motion would be to include the addition of a cul-de-sac where this property ends to allow a turn-around.

Commissioner Philbeck asked if the BOC could do that or if that was something the petitioner would bring forward.

Mrs. Rogers asked if Commissioner Hovis was referencing the cul-de-sac at the end to the far right.

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Commissioner Hovis responded the one there is okay; there should be one exactly like it at the end of the dedicated r-o-w.

Mrs. Rogers advised the point of closing the paper road is to combine the ten parcels to create a new development (Larkhaven Subdivision).

Mrs. Danyetta Miller, 6531 Locklake Dr., Charlotte, NC, advised they do not plan on creating a development; they purchased the land for family to live on; the land will not be subdivided into other parcels; there will be a turn-around at the front on Superior Stainless Rd.; they cleared four acres and the remaining land will remain wooded for family.

Commissioner Hovis advised there is a cul-de-sac southwest of the property (on Woodcrest Dr.); when this is removed there will be no cul-de-sac; there was a crossover for the other road; asking Applicants to be kind and provide a cul-de-sac easement upon removing this dedication so one can be put there (deeded).

Mrs. Miller responded she is open to doing that but needs to know exactly where on the map.

Mrs. Rogers advised once the paper road is closed, the Applicants will become the owners of all the property and can utilize that space any way they choose.

Commissioner Hovis advised the Applicants would have to resurvey the land and create a new plat; asking Applicants to provide a r-o-w for a cul-de-sac so people will not have to back up the road.

Mrs. Penley responded she cannot make the Applicants do that per the subdivision regulations.

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

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

Chairman Keigher called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Worley, the BOC unanimously approved **2021-097** as follows:

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners received a request from Nicholas and Danyetta Miller to close unnamed right-of-ways in the Larkhaven Development, which is as shown on the plat recorded in Plat Book 22 at Page 24 in the Gaston County Registry, off Woodcrest Drive in Gaston County, North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the Petitioners are Nicholas and Danyetta Miller, property owners of said parcels 146207, 146139, 146220, 146224, 145225, 146227, 146233, 146238, 146236, 146214, 146241, 146242, and 146253, having an address of 000 Woodcrest Drive in Gastonia, North Carolina, as described in Deed Book 4052, Page 1387 in the Gaston County Registry in Gaston County, North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, there are several unimproved right-of-ways bisecting parcels 146207, 146220, 146214, 146236, 146242, 146241, 146238, 146233, 146224, and 146225. All such right-of-ways appear to have been unimproved, are wooded, and are not passable for vehicular traffic; and,

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WHEREAS, Petitioners wish to close that portion of said unnamed right-of-ways as depicted in Exhibit "A" in what will formally be called the Larkhaven Development on Woodcrest Drive in Gastonia, North Carolina. The closures of the unnamed right-of-ways are needed to combine parcels; and,

WHEREAS, Petitioners in good faith believe that closing the above-described right-of-ways will not cause hardship or inconvenience to any property owner in that no person or entity owning property adjoining the above-described portion of the unnamed right-of-ways will be deprived of reasonable means of ingress or egress to its property by said right-of-ways closing; and,

WHEREAS, said right-of-ways are not controlled or maintained by the North Carolina Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on this matter after properly notifying the public per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-241, and approved to close the unimproved right-of-ways on that date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the unimproved, unnamed right-of-ways, on Woodcrest Drive in the Larkhaven Development, described in Deed Book 4052, Page 1387, as depicted in Exhibit "A," and as further described below, shall be closed:

That right-of-way designated to the northeast of Larkhaven Development bounded on the north by parcel 146207, and bounded to the south by parcels 146207 and 146214; and,

That right-of-way designated in the middle of Larkhaven Development bounded on the south by parcels 146236, 146207, and 147241, and bounded on the north by parcels 146214, 146207, and 146242; and,

That right-of-way designated to the left of Larkhaven Development bounded to the west by parcels 146207, 146220, 146224, and 146225, and bounded on the east by parcels 146207, 146214, 146236, 146238, and 146233, and bounded to the south by parcel 146227.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any interest Gaston County may have had in the subject area be extinguished, and ownership of the right-of-ways to revert to Petitioners, Nicholas and Danyetta Miller.

Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Worley - County Attorney - To Close a Portion of an Approximately 25-Foot Right-of-Way off Edgewater Drive in the South Point Township

Chairman Keigher introduced Mrs. Courtney Rogers, Deputy County Attorney, for comments.

Mrs. Rogers advised this request is to authorize the closing of a 25' easement for an unnamed road off Edgewater Drive in the South Point Township; the petitioners are Brian and Melanie Elliott who own parcel 191763 (856 Edgewater Dr., Belmont, NC).

She reviewed maps depicting the road (grass portion off edge of driveway) the Applicants want to close; advised when the lot was originally subdivided the driveway was labeled as a road but was never given a name; it is a common driveway that the petitioners and neighbors share and maintain. The closing of this portion of road does not impact ingress/egress for adjoining property owners; the petitioners want to build a garage on their property and cannot do that without closing this portion of this paper road; adjacent property owners were notified via certified and first class mail and signage was posted; an advertisement ran in The Gazette for three consecutive weeks; the easement is not controlled or maintained by NCDOT; the petitioners believe (in good faith) that closing this 25' easement will not cause hardship or inconvenience to any property owner or entity owning adjoining property.

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Chairman Keigher called for citizen comment and for questions from the BOC; hearing none, called for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the BOC unanimously closed the Public Hearing.

Chairman Keigher called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously approved **2021-098** as follows:

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners received a request from Brian and Melanie Elliott to close a portion of an approximately 25-foot easement on Lot 9 (Parcel 191763), which is as shown on the plat recorded in Plat Book 22 at Page 24 in the Gaston County Registry, off Edgewater Drive in Gaston County, North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the Petitioners are Brian and Melanie Elliott, property owners of said Parcel 191763, having an address of 856 Edgewater Drive in Belmont, North Carolina, as described in Deed Book 4958, Page 2476 in the Gaston County Registry in Gaston County, North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, when the Petitioners' lot was originally subdivided, the driveway was labeled as a "road." The "road" was never given a name and was never turned into a "road," but a common driveway that Petitioner and the neighbors maintain; and,

WHEREAS, the original plat has a "road easement" running through Petitioners' property, which limits their ability to build a garage on the property; and,

WHEREAS, the Petitioners wish to close that portion of the road easement at the top of their property past the common driveway in the grass portion of their lot and run to the common driveway running down to 862 Edgewater Drive, as more specifically described in Exhibit "A"; and,

WHEREAS, the plat as shown and depicted on Exhibit "A" has never been fully opened and the closing of said road easement would not be contrary to the public's interest; and,

WHEREAS, the road easement is bordered on the left side of Parcel 191763 by Parcel Number 191799, having a street address of 862 Edgewater Drive; and,

WHEREAS, the road easement is bordered on the right side of Parcel 191763 by Parcel Number 191764, having a street address of 844 Edgewater Drive; and,

WHEREAS, no individual or corporate entity would be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to the real property of said Petitioners, nor would any individual or corporate entity be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to the real property adjoining that of said Petitioners; and,

WHEREAS, said road easement is not a North Carolina Department of Transportation Road, and the state road maintenance for Edgewater Drive ends before the driveway; and,

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on this matter after properly notifying the public per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-241, and approved to close this unimproved road easement on that date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the unimproved road easement, being approximately 25 feet in length from the intersection of said right-of-way with Edgewater Drive, which is bordered by Gaston County Parcel Numbers 191799 and 191764, be closed, and that the property owners bordering said road easement take ownership to the center of the right-of-way to the extent their property borders such road easement. The area to be closed is described as follows, and as reflected on said map which is attached as Exhibit "A" being:

A portion of an approximately 25-foot road easement on Lot 9 (Parcel 191763), which is shown on the plat recorded in Plat Book 22 at page 24.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any interest Gaston County may have had in this road easement be extinguished, and for ownership of the road easement to revert to Petitioners, Brian and Melanie Elliott.

Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - County Attorney - To Adopt an Outreach Plan and to Establish Verifiable Percentage Goal for Participation by Minority Businesses in the Awarding of Building Construction Contracts Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-128.2

Chairman Keigher introduced Mr. Jonathan Sink, County Attorney, for comments.

The County Attorney advised this is a staff-led policy update and the recommendation is for the BOC to adopt an up-to-date policy with the same verifiable percentage goal (10%) with a \$300k threshold; state funds granted for local public projects have a \$100k threshold; staff also recommends having a Minority Business Project (MBP) Coordinator; state law has changed since the initial policy was created in the early 1990s; the County needed to encompass more guidelines in the proposed Resolution to align with state law; the MBP Coordinator will provide a yearly update to BOC on its progress.

Chairman Keigher asked if Dr. Eagle, County Manager, had anything to add.

The County Manager responded "no", the Attorney covered it; staff is evaluating current staff workloads to accommodate this work within existing resources.

Chairman Keigher called for citizen comment.

Mr. Carl A. Harris, Sr., 319 N. Highland St., (Gastonia, NC), cited NCGS 143-128.2 and questioned if state guidelines for the \$100k or \$300k thresholds would slide depending on the project.

The County Attorney advised the percentage and coinciding guidelines in the Resolution would be up to the BOC; Boards of Commissioners can have greater than, or less than, 10% statewide; the \$100k and \$300k threshold is straight from state statute.

Mr. Harris asked if the same goals would be implied if using a mix of federal and county dollars.

The County Attorney responded federal dollars have a lot of the same goals; this proposed Resolution involves local and state dollars that go into those local public building projects.

Mr. Harris asked if the goals would pertain to goods, services, A/E firms, procurement or anything that has been procured by the County.

The County Attorney responded anything that is part of the actual building and/or repair contract; it is 10% of the overall individual project.

Mr. Harris asked what criteria would be used to establish the MWBE (Minority and Women Business Enterprise) goal.

The County Attorney advised the definition is specific per state law; when staff worked with internal auditor they thought about expanding who would be considered a minority; when staff talked to the

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feds they were advised that would be hard to document and prove. He noted the minority definition as stated in the guidelines.

Mr. Harris asked if the goal would be specific to a project or an overall goal.

The County Attorney responded "both, actually"; it is 10% for every building or repair project the County takes on; if it is only local dollars it would involve the \$300k threshold; if it is state granted the threshold is lowered to \$100k and that is when the 10% verifiable goal is true; the County's designated Outreach Coordinator has to make a good faith effort to connect with minority businesses in the County; the County has already included two organizations - (Gaston) Business Association (GBA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration; there is a minority link to that in the County as well.

Mr. Harris asked how the process would apply to the Carson case, which indicated that a city does not require a general contractor to subcontract portions of the work to minority MWBE firms.

The County Attorney responded it is a 10% verifiable goal; the thrust is good faith; the County must make good faith efforts (on what is reasonable and what is actually going to help reach out to interested minority businesses; the County already has a list); staff has been working with internal auditors on how to make sure you are reaching that 10% goal; I have not identified any penalty for not reaching that goal; the County has tried to bulk up the guidelines in the five-page document, which was almost a copy and paste from the NC School of Government – with the addition of the Coordinator.

Mr. Harris asked how the goal would be narrowly tailored to remedy any effects of discrimination.

The County Attorney stated if there is no good faith, then it is not narrowly tailored; you must have that good faith effort by the County; the County must verify; that is where the annual report will come from that the Outreach Coordinator will provide to the BOC in a public forum.

Chairman Keigher called for questions from the BOC.

Commissioner Brown asked if it was possible to 1) put together a database that minority businesses can access on the website to advise they want to be part of a project.

The County Manager responded "yes, we can"; that is part of implementing the outreach plan; can certify the different services provided by those candidates to participate in the program.

Commissioner Philbeck asked if the County would police itself on the 10%.

The County Attorney advised the County has an obligation to police itself; if someone notices a violation, there would be legal remedies they could choose to pursue; it is a 10% verifiable goal.

Commissioner Philbeck suggested having a different safeguard; assumed when County does the audit that the auditor (who is a third party) can look at this and advise what percentage the County is at; do not think we should do that; is this something the internal auditor would do?

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The County Attorney noted the internal auditor has worked with staff every step of the way; yes, this is something the internal auditor could do.

Commissioner Philbeck asked if the audit report would show the percentage the County received and that it has been audited.

The County Manager advised it would become part of the internal auditor's regular program; as the County implements it, the Coordinator will be reporting to the audit staff to keep tabs, project by project, leading up to the report to the BOC; the auditor will be the third party that certifies the actual performance.

Commissioner Philbeck stated for public transparency, having a third party involved is a better way.

The County Manager clarified she was speaking about the internal auditor, and not the financial auditor.

The County Attorney noted it was the internal auditor's idea to have that Coordinator in place so that documentation can happen.

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

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

Chairman Keigher called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved **2021-099** as follows:

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Session Law 2001 – 496, Senate Bill 914 to enhance and improve the good faith efforts to recruit and select minority businesses for participation in public building construction or repair contracts by adding N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-128.2; and,

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-128.2 requires each county to adopt, after notice and a public hearing, an appropriate verifiable percentage goal for participation by minority businesses in the total value of work for building projects costing \$300,000 or more; and,

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-128.2(b) requires a public entity awarding a building contract where the total cost equals or exceeds \$300,000 to establish, prior to solicitation of bids, good faith efforts that it will take to make it feasible for minority businesses to submit successful bids or proposals for the contracts for building projects; and,

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-128.2(e)(1) requires a public entity awarding a building construction or repair contract where the total cost exceeds \$300,000, prior to awarding a contract, to develop and implement a minority business participation outreach plan; and,

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was duly published in The Gaston Gazette on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, and the required public hearing was held on April 27, 2021.

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

1. That Gaston County shall have a ten percent (10%) verifiable goal for participation by minority businesses in the total value of work for building projects awarded by Gaston County and costing \$300,000 or more.

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2. That Gaston County shall follow the Outreach Plan and Guidelines for Recruitment and Selection of Minority Businesses for Participation in Building Construction or Repair Contracts with the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.
3. That the Gaston County Manager shall designate a specific Gaston County employee as the County's Minority Business Outreach Coordinator.
4. That the Minority Business Outreach Coordinator shall provide an annual up date to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners briefing the Board on the County's progress toward its verifiable percentage goal.
5. That this Resolution rescinds any conflicting language from any prior related resolutions.
6. That this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

Chairman Keigher announced that the Public Hearings were concluded.

Agenda Revision/Approval

On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved the Agenda of April 27, 2021.

Approval of Minutes

On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2021, Special Meeting of March 9, 2021 and the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2021.

Citizen Recognition

Ms. Lydia McCaskill, commented on systematic and institutional racism, employee discrimination, and defamation; inquired if the Board would reprimand Commissioner Philbeck.

Mr. Paul Bonham commented on: offering a reward program to help with meter tampering; being accosted by protestors leaving a BOC meeting; citizens need the ability to attend and leave BOC meetings safely without feeling threatened.

Consent Agenda

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

2021-100 Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of April 18-24, 2021 as Volunteer Week in Gaston County

2021-101 Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of April 2021 as Fair Housing Month in Gaston County

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2021-102 Commissioner Worley - Budget & Management Services - To Accept and Appropriate a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Award from the NC Department of Public Instruction for H.H. Beam Elementary School (\$136,000) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
21st Century: HH Beam (Yr 3)	010-01-4131-0000-420000-21600	(\$136,000)
21st Century: HH Beam (Yr 3)	010-01-4131-0000-560000-21600	\$136,000

2021-103 Commissioner Brown - Cooperative Extension - To Accept and Appropriate \$2,270 in Extension Donations and Workshop Fees per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fee Based Prog:Food/Supplies	010-07-4950-4950-415013-15226	[1,370]
Fee Based Prog:Food/Supplies	010-07-4950-4950-560000-15226	1,370
Something Pumpkin	010-07-4950-4950-415013-17272	[350]
Something Pumpkin	010-07-4950-4950-560000-17272	350
4-H Local Programs	010-07-4950-4952-410009-16276	[550]
4-H Programs	010-07-4950-4952-560000-16276	550

2021-104 Commissioner Philbeck - County Attorney - To Confirm N.C. Industrial Commission Settlement in File No. I.C. 20-033803 - C. Picard v. Gaston County in the Amount of \$45,000.00

2021-105 Commissioner Worley - County Attorney - To Establish That Parking in Designated "Wounded Warrior" Parking Spaces on County Property Be Exclusively Reserved for and Free of Charge to American Veterans Wounded in Any War in Which the United States Has Been Engaged as follows:

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 16-4 of the Gaston County Code of Ordinances authorizes the County Manager to designate parking spaces for specific individuals as the County Manager deems appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County recognizes and appreciates the selfless and sacrificial service of America's military veterans; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County seeks to honor and assist its American military veterans, recognizing that some have been wounded during their service to the United States and the American people.

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

1. That any and all County-designated "Wounded Warrior" parking spaces located on County property are hereby reserved for American veterans wounded in any war in which the United States has been engaged and that said parking shall be free of charge.

2021-106 Commissioner Philbeck - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information as follows:

ENTRY DATE	DEPT NAME	ACCOUNT	DR/CR	AMOUNT
03/01/2021	Hope United	010-05-4121-0000-540001-	C	\$ 1,500
03/01/2021		010-05-5810-4121-520013-21574	D	\$ 1,500
03/01/2021	Finance	010-01-4130-0000-520001-	C	\$ 1,050
03/01/2021		010-01-4130-0000-520007-	D	\$ 550
03/01/2021		010-01-4130-0000-520012-	D	\$ 500
03/03/2021	Sheriff	010-02-4315-4315-510001-	C	\$ 434,000
03/03/2021		010-02-4315-4323-510001-	D	\$ 434,000
03/03/2021		010-02-4315-4315-510001-	C	\$ 2,775
03/03/2021		010-02-4315-4315-520015-	D	\$ 2,775

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03/04/2021	Parks&Rec	010-04-6120-0000-530010-	C	\$	200
03/04/2021		010-04-6120-0000-520001-	D	\$	200
03/04/2021	Landfill	060-08-4720-0000-540006-16184	C	\$	50,000
03/04/2021		060-08-4721-0000-540006-18093	D	\$	50,000
03/04/2021		060-08-4720-0000-540004-19001	C	\$	3,267
03/04/2021		060-08-4720-0000-540006-20021	D	\$	3,267
03/05/2021	PIO	010-01-4124-0000-520012-	D	\$	500
03/05/2021		010-01-4125-0000-530015-	C	\$	500
03/05/2021	GEMS	010-02-4370-0000-560000-21TOG	D	\$	35
03/05/2021		010-02-4370-0000-560000-21RTU	D	\$	683
03/05/2021		010-02-4370-0000-540001-	C	\$	718
03/08/2021	Attorney	010-01-4150-0000-520011-	D	\$	4,800
03/08/2021		010-01-4150-0000-520017-	C	\$	1,800
03/08/2021		010-01-4150-0000-520007-	C	\$	3,000
03/08/2021		010-01-4150-0000-520012-	D	\$	1,600
03/08/2021		010-01-4150-0000-520013-	C	\$	1,000
03/08/2021		010-01-4150-0000-520014-	C	\$	300
03/08/2021		010-01-4150-0000-520001-	C	\$	300
03/09/2021	Travel & Tourism	022-07-4921-0000-520011-	C	\$	2,000
03/09/2021		022-07-4921-0000-520017-	D	\$	2,000
03/09/2021	Hope United	010-05-4121-0000-540001-	C	\$	12,789
03/09/2021		010-05-4121-0000-510103-	D	\$	12,789
03/09/2021		010-05-4121-0000-540001-	C	\$	258
03/09/2021		010-05-4121-0000-510108-	D	\$	258
03/09/2021		010-05-4121-0000-540001-	C	\$	129
03/09/2021		010-05-4121-0000-510109-	D	\$	129
03/09/2021		010-05-4121-0000-540001-	C	\$	889
03/09/2021		010-05-4121-0000-520011-	D	\$	889
03/09/2021		010-05-4121-0000-540001-	C	\$	721
03/09/2021		010-05-4121-0000-530003-	D	\$	721
03/09/2021	Social Services	020-05-5491-0000-510001-	C	\$	116,815
03/09/2021		020-05-5491-0000-520011-	C	\$	4,898
03/09/2021		020-05-5491-0000-520013-	C	\$	618
03/09/2021		020-05-5491-0000-520001-	D	\$	8,836
03/09/2021		020-05-5491-0000-520002-	D	\$	27,159
03/09/2021		020-05-5491-0000-530002-	D	\$	500
03/09/2021		020-05-5491-0000-530010-	D	\$	26,000
03/09/2021		020-05-5491-0000-540001-	D	\$	59,836
03/09/2021	Sheriff	010-02-4315-4315-510001-20557	C	\$	90,614
03/09/2021		010-02-4315-4315-530003-20557	D	\$	2,000
03/09/2021		010-02-4315-4315-530015-20557	D	\$	35,000
03/09/2021		010-02-4315-4315-530029-20557	D	\$	4,500
03/09/2021		010-02-4315-4315-540001-20557	D	\$	14,114
03/09/2021		010-02-4315-4315-540003-20557	D	\$	35,000
03/09/2021	Health	011-05-5114-5125-520011-	C	\$	500
03/09/2021		011-05-5114-5125-520013-	D	\$	500
03/15/2021	Sheriff	010-02-4315-4315-540001-20557	C	\$	10,000
03/15/2021		010-02-4315-4315-520002-20557	D	\$	10,000
03/16/2021	EDC	010-07-4920-4920-520013-	C	\$	8,000
03/16/2021		010-07-4920-4920-540002-	D	\$	8,000
03/16/2021		010-07-4920-4920-530015-	C	\$	10,766
03/16/2021		010-07-4920-4920-540003-	D	\$	10,766
03/19/2021	Health	011-05-5119-0000-520002-	C	\$	13,069
03/19/2021		011-05-5111-0000-560000-21003	D	\$	13,069

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03/26/2021	Health	011-05-5121-0000-520002-	C	\$	5,000
03/26/2021		011-05-5121-0000-520003-	C	\$	10,000
03/26/2021		011-05-5121-0000-560000-215BC	D	\$	15,000
03/30/2021	Communications	010-02-4311-0000-510001-	C	\$	105,000
03/30/2021		010-02-4311-0000-510002-	D	\$	105,000

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03/01/2021	04/06/2021		011-05-5110-0000-510109-	D	\$ 1,391
03/01/2021	04/06/2021		011-05-5111-0000-510103-	D	\$ 8,629
03/01/2021	04/06/2021		011-05-5111-0000-510108-	D	\$ 1,840
03/01/2021	04/06/2021		011-05-5111-0000-510109-	D	\$ 559
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03/01/2021	04/06/2021		012-02-4350-4911-510103-	D	\$ 14,132

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03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-4800-4813-510109-	C	\$	9
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-5491-0000-510103-	D	\$	10,690
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-5491-0000-510108-	D	\$	505
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-5491-0000-510109-	D	\$	295
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-5522-0000-510103-	D	\$	7,133
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-5522-0000-510108-	D	\$	3,281
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03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-5582-0000-510108-	D	\$	165
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03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-5585-0000-510103-	D	\$	2,807
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-5585-0000-510108-	D	\$	62
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03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-5623-0000-510108-	D	\$	242
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-5623-0000-510109-	D	\$	331
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03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-5640-0000-510108-	D	\$	1,028
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03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-5650-0000-510103-	C	\$	793
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-5650-0000-510108-	D	\$	759
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-5650-0000-510109-	D	\$	213
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-5660-0000-510103-	C	\$	39,070
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-5660-0000-510108-	D	\$	504
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	020-05-5660-0000-510109-	D	\$	220
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	027-01-4265-4260-510103-	C	\$	302
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	027-01-4265-4260-510108-	D	\$	242
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	027-01-4265-4260-510109-	D	\$	60
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	060-08-4720-0000-510103-	C	\$	7,498
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	060-08-4720-0000-510108-	D	\$	5,289
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	060-08-4720-0000-510109-	D	\$	2,209
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	060-08-4721-0000-510103-	C	\$	805
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	060-08-4721-0000-510108-	D	\$	581
03/01/2021	04/06/2021	060-08-4721-0000-510109-	D	\$	224
03/31/2021	04/10/2021	Finance 041-98-9800-0000-480040-	C	\$	193,181

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03/31/2021	04/10/2021	041-00-0000-0000-390097-	D	\$	193,181
03/31/2021	04/10/2021	041-00-0000-0000-390098-	C	\$	193,181

2021-107 Commissioner Keigher - County Manager - To Adopt the Mission, Vision, Core Values and Strategic Focus Areas and Direct the County Manager to Operationalize these through the Implementation of the Strategic Plan as follows:

WHEREAS, the foundation of quality public service, organizational success and effective stewardship of taxpayer dollars are clearly identified strategic goals agreed upon by employees and leadership; and,

WHEREAS, during the course of the previous seven months, two County work teams and all County departments worked in conjunction to propose Gaston County's first comprehensive Strategic Plan document; and,

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan document builds upon the County Manager's three Priority Areas, the 2013 Board of County Commissioners Adopted Priorities Areas, and the Board's Guiding Philosophies from their 2019 Board Retreat; and,

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan updates the County's previous Mission Statement, and establishes a new Vision Statement, Core Values, Strategic Focus Areas with performance targets, and a new Foundation of Excellence concept that will allow all County departments to build individual department strategic plans; and,

WHEREAS, the mission statement challenges employees to continue "providing excellent public service every day," a short but meaningful statement of what it means to work for the Gaston County organization; and,

WHEREAS, the County's new vision statement challenges the organization by laying out a vision that "Gaston County Government will be a mode of excellence in public service leadership, innovation, collaboration and inclusion, ensuring the safety and well-being of residents, preserving natural resources and providing recreational, cultural, and economic opportunities that lead to global success and set the stage for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, the new Core Values for the organization express the values of People, County Employees, Relationships, Quality and Creativity, and Resources and Resiliency; and,

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan establishes three new Strategic Focus Areas of Community Health, Safety, and Well-Being; Economic Development and Planned Growth; Recreational Cultural, and Life-Long Learning Opportunities that are intended to guide budget submissions, encourage inter-departmental collaboration and assist with greater coordination of communication; and,

WHEREAS, the County's new Foundations of Excellence, which will greatly assist County departments in building their individual strategic plans, are formed around the concepts of Community Engagement and Inclusion, Innovation and Continuous Improvement, Stewardship and Resilience, and Staff and Organizational Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Mission, Vision, Core Values and Strategic Focus Areas and directs the County Manager to operationalize these through the implementation of the Gaston County Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2021 – 2023.

2021-108 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Funds from the Upstream Organization for the Public Health Family Planning Clinic (\$14,000) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Upstream FP Milestones	011-05-5117-0000-415000-21025	(\$14,000)
Upstream FP Milestones	011-05-5117-0000-560000-21025	\$14,000

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2021-109 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Approve the Gaston County Public Health Department Patient Fee Schedule incorporated herein by reference as filed with the Clerk to the Board

2021-110 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal/State Grant Funds Received from the NC Division of Public Health for the COVID-19 Response (\$1,798,273) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
CARES: Enhancing Detection	011-05-5116-5132-420000-21547	(\$1,798,273)
CARES: Enhancing Detection	011-05-5116-5132-560000-21547	\$1,798,273

2021-111 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - Proclamation - To Proclaim April 2021 as Public Health Month in Gaston County

2021-112 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Crisis Intervention Program Funds in the Amount of \$100,000 for Low Income Heating and Cooling per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Crisis Intervention Program-revenue	020-05-5490-0000-425016-	(\$100,000)
Public Asst Payments -CIP	020-05-5490-0000-560008-20029	\$100,000

2021-113 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Third Quarter Donations for Various Programs within Social Services in the Amount of \$2,841 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Employee Activities:Donations	020-05-4790-0000-415001-18142	(254)
Adult Services: Donations	020-05-5600-0000-415001-	(737)
Nutrition: Donations	020-05-5622-0000-415003-	(1,819)
Foster Care Donations	020-05-5867-0000-415001-	(31)
Employee Activities Donations	020-05-4790-0000-560000-18142	254
Special Programs:Donations- Adult Serv	020-05-5600-0000-560000-08159	737
Special Programs:Donations- Nutrition	020-05-5600-0000-560000-15259	1819
Foster Care Donations	020-05-5867-0000-560000-16194	31

2021-114 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Gaston County

2021-115 Commissioners Johnson and Keigher - EDC - To Authorize Acceptance of The NCDOT Rural Economic Development Division's Building Reuse Grant for Benefit of Metyx USA and to Authorize a Fund Balance Appropriation for the Required Local Match of \$7,000 as follows:

WHEREAS, METYX USA is considering a total investment of \$3.2 million in renovations and machinery & equipment to expand their manufacturing plant at 2405 Lowell Road in Gaston County; and,

WHEREAS, the firm intends to create thirty-seven (37) new jobs over five (5) years, of which twenty-six (26) jobs are to be created in the first two (2) years; and,

WHEREAS, the average annual wage of these jobs are projected to be \$42,054 with the current annual average wage for Gaston County being \$42,018; and,

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WHEREAS, the General Statutes of North Carolina authorize a County to accept grants from the State of North Carolina for the expansion of industry; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners finds that it is in the best interest of the County to assist Metyx USA in obtaining a NCDOC Rural Economic Development Division Building Reuse Grant Application and to provide the required local matching grant of \$7,000 from Fund Balance; and,

WHEREAS, this will potentially increase property and sales tax revenue based upon Metyx USA committing to the expansion of the manufacturing plant in Ranlo, North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners desires to support this upgrade and expansion project so as to induce the company to continue to provide good job opportunities and capital investment which will enhance the County's ability to attract additional business and industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners to execute any documents necessary to accept this NCDOC Rural Economic Development Division Building Reuse Grant and to authorize a Fund Balance appropriation for a required local matching grant of \$7,000.

and per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Bldg Reuse Grant: Metyx	040-07-4920-4920-420001-21599	(140,000.00)
Bldg Reuse Grant: Metyx	040-07-4920-4920-540006-21599	140,000.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	040-99-9900-0000-490000	(\$7,000.00)
Bldg Reuse Grant: Metyx	040-07-4920-4920-540006-21599	\$7,000.00

2021-116 Commissioner Philbeck - Emergency Management - To Accept and Appropriate Additional FY21 Duke Energy Grant (\$12,000) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
FY21 Duke Energy Funds	010-02-4330-0000-560000-21DUK	12,000.00
Emerg. Assistance: Duke Energy	010-02-4330-0000-415007	(12,000.00)

2021-117 Commissioner Brown - Emergency Management - To Accept and Appropriate a NC Tier II Noncompetitive Grant FY2020 for LEPC Support in the Amount of \$1,000 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
FY20 Tier II Non-competitive Grant	010-02-4330-0000-560000-21598	1,000.00
FY20 Tier II Non-competitive Grant	010-02-4330-0000-425109-21598	(1,000.00)

2021-118 Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Allocate the Health Insurance Budgets of Various Departments to Dental and Life Insurance Accounts and Appropriate \$790,233.28 from the Self Insurance Fund-Fund Balance to be Transferred to the General Fund per Budget Change Request:

Account	Description	Transfer Amt	
010-01-4110-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	8,674.00	increase
010-01-4110-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	2,913.00	increase
010-01-4110-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	639.00	increase
010-01-4120-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	11,397.00	increase
010-01-4120-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	1,814.00	increase
010-01-4120-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	693.00	increase
010-01-4122-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	(6,591.00)	decrease
010-01-4122-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	3,149.00	increase
010-01-4122-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	1,344.00	increase
010-01-4124-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	(10,608.00)	decrease
010-01-4124-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	705.00	increase
010-01-4124-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	263.00	increase
010-01-4125-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	(1,863.00)	decrease
010-01-4125-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	544.00	increase

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010-01-4125-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	230.00	increase
010-01-4126-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	(925.00)	decrease
010-01-4126-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	477.00	increase
010-01-4126-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	196.00	increase
010-01-4130-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	(4,945.00)	decrease
010-01-4130-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	3,913.00	increase
010-01-4130-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	1,591.00	increase
010-01-4131-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	(5,695.00)	decrease
010-01-4131-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	1,153.00	increase
010-01-4131-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	513.00	increase
010-01-4140-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	(1,945.00)	decrease
010-01-4140-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	11,409.00	increase
010-01-4140-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	4,365.00	increase
010-01-4150-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	11,385.00	increase
010-01-4150-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	913.00	increase
010-01-4150-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	374.00	increase
010-01-4170-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	12,048.00	increase
010-01-4170-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	1,148.00	increase
010-01-4170-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	413.00	increase
010-01-4180-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	13,005.00	increase
010-01-4180-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	4,149.00	increase
010-01-4180-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	1,385.00	increase
010-01-4210-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	32,523.00	increase
010-01-4210-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	8,647.00	increase
010-01-4210-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	3,593.00	increase
010-01-4261-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	(17,523.00)	decrease
010-01-4261-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	1,896.00	increase
010-01-4261-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	655.00	increase
010-01-4265-4230-510103-	Health Insurance	15,779.00	increase
010-01-4265-4230-510108-	Dental Insurance	891.00	increase
010-01-4265-4250-510103-	Health Insurance	(7,539.00)	decrease
010-01-4265-4250-510108-	Dental Insurance	1,575.00	increase
010-01-4265-4250-510109-	Life Insurance	777.00	increase
010-01-4265-4260-510103-	Health Insurance	10,730.00	increase
010-01-4265-4260-510108-	Dental Insurance	2,749.00	increase
010-01-4265-4260-510109-	Life Insurance	1,088.00	increase
010-01-4265-4265-510103-	Health Insurance	15,094.00	increase
010-01-4265-4265-510108-	Dental Insurance	1,811.00	increase
010-01-4265-4265-510109-	Life Insurance	721.00	increase
010-01-4520-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	(9,986.00)	decrease
010-01-4520-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	636.00	increase
010-01-4520-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	229.00	increase
010-01-4521-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	(51,255.00)	decrease
010-01-4521-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	4,221.00	increase
010-01-4521-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	1,178.00	increase
010-02-4310-4310-510103-	Health Insurance	118,362.00	increase
010-02-4310-4310-510108-	Dental Insurance	37,736.00	increase
010-02-4310-4310-510109-	Life Insurance	15,757.00	increase
010-02-4311-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	16,900.00	increase
010-02-4311-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	14,952.00	increase
010-02-4311-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	5,348.00	increase
010-02-4315-4315-510103-	Health Insurance	114,417.00	increase
010-02-4315-4315-510108-	Dental Insurance	20,273.00	increase
010-02-4315-4315-510109-	Life Insurance	8,426.00	increase
010-02-4315-4323-510103-	Health Insurance	42,830.00	increase
010-02-4315-4323-510108-	Dental Insurance	35,295.00	increase
010-02-4315-4323-510109-	Life Insurance	13,270.00	increase
010-02-4325-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	470.00	increase
010-02-4330-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	(15,010.00)	decrease
010-02-4330-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	1,375.00	increase
010-02-4330-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	581.00	increase
010-02-4330-4330-510103-	Health Insurance	1,465.00	increase
010-02-4330-4330-510108-	Dental Insurance	35.00	increase

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010-02-4330-4330-510109-	Life Insurance	19.00	increase
010-02-4330-4340-510103-	Health Insurance	5,977.00	increase
010-02-4330-4340-510108-	Dental Insurance	116.00	increase
010-02-4330-4340-510109-	Life Insurance	51.00	increase
010-02-4370-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	56,165.00	increase
010-02-4370-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	32,914.00	increase
010-02-4370-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	11,203.00	increase
010-02-4380-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	(3,912.00)	decrease
010-02-4380-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	6,804.00	increase
010-02-4380-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	2,397.00	increase
010-02-4910-4910-510103-	Health Insurance	9,970.00	increase
010-02-4910-4910-510108-	Dental Insurance	1,401.00	increase
010-02-4910-4910-510109-	Life Insurance	628.00	increase
010-04-6110-6112-510103-	Health Insurance	(10,340.00)	decrease
010-04-6110-6112-510108-	Dental Insurance	7,011.00	increase
010-04-6110-6112-510109-	Life Insurance	2,712.00	increase
010-04-6110-6113-510103-	Health Insurance	19,766.00	increase
010-04-6110-6113-510108-	Dental Insurance	4,257.00	increase
010-04-6110-6113-510109-	Life Insurance	1,372.00	increase
010-04-6120-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	6,445.00	increase
010-04-6120-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	1,390.00	increase
010-04-6120-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	551.00	increase
010-04-6141-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	1,616.00	increase
010-04-6141-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	1,632.00	increase
010-04-6141-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	585.00	increase
010-05-4121-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	18,473.00	increase
010-05-4121-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	372.00	increase
010-05-4121-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	187.00	increase
010-05-5810-4121-510103-	Health Insurance	27,810.00	increase
010-05-5810-4121-510108-	Dental Insurance	566.00	increase
010-05-5810-4121-510109-	Life Insurance	243.00	increase
010-05-5810-5582-510103-	Health Insurance	4,668.28	increase
010-05-5810-5582-510108-	Dental Insurance	1,885.00	increase
010-05-5810-5582-510109-	Life Insurance	483.00	increase
010-05-5810-5585-510103-	Health Insurance	629.00	increase
010-05-5810-5585-510108-	Dental Insurance	1,026.00	increase
010-05-5810-5585-510109-	Life Insurance	515.00	increase
010-05-5820-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	(3,557.00)	decrease
010-05-5820-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	1,023.00	increase
010-05-5820-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	375.00	increase
010-07-4920-4920-510103-	Health Insurance	11,379.00	increase
010-07-4920-4920-510108-	Dental Insurance	2,136.00	increase
010-07-4920-4920-510109-	Life Insurance	948.00	increase
010-07-4950-4950-510103-	Health Insurance	(932.00)	decrease
010-07-4950-4950-510108-	Dental Insurance	302.00	increase
010-07-4950-4950-510109-	Life Insurance	92.00	increase
010-07-4960-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	30,987.00	increase
010-07-4960-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	2,701.00	increase
010-07-4960-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	1,064.00	increase
010-98-9800-0000-480081-	Transfer from Self Insurance	(790,233.28)	increase
010-98-9800-0000-580022-	Transfers to Tourism	6,648.00	increase
081-99-9900-0000-490000-	Fund Balance Appropriated	(790,233.28)	increase
081-98-9800-0000-580010-	Transfer to General Fund	790,233.28	increase
022-07-4921-0000-510103-	Health Insurance	5,430.00	increase
022-07-4921-0000-510108-	Dental Insurance	873.00	increase
022-07-4921-0000-510109-	Life Insurance	345.00	increase
022-98-9800-0000-480010-	Transfers from General Fund	(6,648.00)	increase

2021-119 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 - \$2,334.69) as follows:

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**Gaston County, North Carolina - Listing of Property Tax Refunds Less Than \$100.00 for Vehicles
To Be Reported at the April 27, 2021 Board Meeting**

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT	TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
ACKLEY, ROSE LYNN	60.58	JENKINS, GLORIA PEARSON	8.50
AWBREY, TANYA ANN	81.75	JENKINS, GLORIA PEARSON	10.25
BEIRAT, SUZAN SALEH	49.58	JENKINS, NEIL SCOTT	3.58
BIGGERSTAFF, MYLES HOWARD	28.49	LINDSAY, CHARLES EDWARD	10.79
BOWMAN, DENNIS KEITH	34.13	LIPSKY, ALESHA MARIE	29.98
BRANNOCK, DIANE HICKS	37.03	LORE, MARY ANN FULLER	60.11
BRIDGES, JOHN PATRICK	42.91	MAUNEY, DAVID LEE	37.01
BROWN, JACKIE BRUCE	6.12	MCKEE, JAMES LEE	30.07
BROWN, JAMES KENNETH	79.09	MCKENZIE, DANNY BARNARD	15.16
BURNHAM, SHELDON SCOTT	24.92	PARNELL, KYLE GREGORY	70.06
CARVER, JAMES DAVID JR	67.34	POPSON, SHARON ANN	82.74
CATOE SPRINGS, SHAE	31.34	R & R POWDER COATING INC	57.60
CAUDLE, RACHEL ANNA MAE	44.21	REESE, DAVID BERNARD	79.88
CLEMMER, JUSTIN WILLIAM	79.52	SICILIA, JASMINE DANIELLE	98.20
DANEFF, PHILLIP MICHAEL II	17.73	SNYDER, JEREMY JAMES	37.62
DANIELS, TIMOTHY MARK	85.99	SOUTHER, ZACHARY STEPHEN	53.90
DELLINGER, ROBIN DIANE	14.09	SPURLING, HAROLD PRESTON SR	3.80
DUKES, MICHAEL DAVID	14.90	SWEETZ, ADAM CHRISTOPHER	87.17
FARRIS, KAREN LEANNE	87.04	TARTE, FELICIA LEE	51.81
FOSTER, JASON JOVAN	62.93	TINDALL, TINA SPIVEY	92.94
GENTRY, WAYNE ANTHONY	37.32	UNDERDOWN, ALVIN LEWIS	36.10
GREENE, BRANDY LYNNETTE	22.82	WILES, CAROL WYKE	10.18
GREGORY, MARLENE	58.39	WITHERS, KEVIN EDWARD	35.22
HALL, JAMES NOLAN	42.08	WOODRUFF, ANN GREENE	89.08
HERTZ, NICOLE DENISE	57.94	ZHANG, SIJIA	74.70
		Total NCVTS Refunds (FEB. 2021)	2,334.69

2021-120 Commissioner Keigher - Finance - Appropriation of Accumulated Investment Earnings from December 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 (\$810.33) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Investment Earnings - School Bonds	040-03-8300-0000-412011-	(752.53)
School Bonds - 10/01/06	040-03-5911-0000-540100-07269	0.06
School Bonds - 5/24/16	040-03-5911-0000-540100-16283	41.49
School Bonds - 9/22/17	040-03-5911-0000-540100-18137	28.57
School Bonds - 11/15/18	040-03-5911-0000-540100-19040	682.41
Investment Earnings - School Build America Bonds	040-03-8300-0000-412013-	(1.05)
School Bonds - 08/08/09	040-03-5911-0000-540100-10296	1.05
Gaston College Bond Interest	040-03-8300-0000-412012-	(7.73)
Gaston College 2007 Bonds	040-03-5921-0000-540100-08252	7.73
Interest - Police Treasury / Justice	025-02-8300-0000-412002-	(25.27)
Drug Forfeitures - US Treasury	025-02-4310-4310-530043-10002	10.65
Drug Forfeitures - Justice	025-02-4310-4310-530044-50113	14.62
Drug Lab Supplies	025-02-4310-4310-530048-	-
Interest - Sheriff Treasury / Justice	025-02-8300-0000-412004-	(2.19)
Drug Forfeitures - US Treasury	025-02-4315-4315-530043-04243	1.81
Drug Forfeitures - Justice	025-02-4315-4315-530044-19066	0.38

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Interest - USUB Police	026-02-8300-0000-412006-	(19.93)
Controlled Substance Abuse Tax	026-02-4310-4310-530045-50112	19.93
Interest - USUB Sheriff	026-02-8300-0000-412007-	(1.43)
Controlled Substance Abuse Tax	026-02-4315-4315-530045- 02192	1.43
Interest - Urgent Repair Program	010-07-8300-0000-412010-	(0.20)
2020 Urgent Repair Program	010-07-4935-0000-560000-21544	0.20

2021-121 Commissioner Keigher - Human Resources - To Appropriate \$9,927.93 in Additional Vending Machine Revenue for Employee Recognition per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	010-09-9900-0000-490000-	(\$9,927.93)
Employee Recognition	010-01-4122-0000-560000-ERecg	\$9,890.29
Employee Recognition	010-01-4122-0000-560000-17023	\$36.84
Employee Recognition	010-01-4122-0000-560000-18027	\$0.80

2021-122 Commissioner Worley - Library - To Accept and Appropriate a \$259 Gift from the University of Maryland, All of Us Book Club per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
All of Us Book Club Grant	010-04-6110-6112-430000-21597	(259)
All of Us Book Club Grant	010-04-6110-6112-560000-21597	259

2021-123 Commissioner Worley - Library - To Accept and Appropriate a \$90 Donation from the Bilo Community Bag Program per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Donations: Bilo Bag Program	010-04-6110-6112-415001-21026	(90)
Bilo Community Bag Program	010-04-6110-6112-560000-21026	90

2021-124 Commissioner Brown - Police Department - To Accept and Appropriate Reimbursement of Overtime Funds from the City of Charlotte/HIDTA Task Force (\$6,857.73) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Miscellaneous Revenue	010-02-4310-4310-415000	[6,857.73]
Overtime	010-02-4310-4310-510002	6,857.73

2021-125 Commissioner Hovis - Police Department/Animal Care and Enforcement - Proclamation - To Proclaim April 11-17, 2021 as Animal Care and Enforcement Appreciation Week in Gaston County

2021-126 Commissioner Brown - Police Department - Proclamation - To Proclaim April 11-17, 2021 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Gaston County

2021-127 Commissioner Keigher - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Police Sergeant Christopher B. Lowrance

2021-128 Commissioner Brown - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Master Police Officer Jeffrey L. Kaylor

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- 2021-129 Commissioner Johnson - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Recognize the Recent Retirement of Police Records Specialist Debra Lynn Preston**
- 2021-130 Commissioner Keigher - Public Works - To Accept an Offer to Purchase a County Owned Surplus Parcel (PID# 100036 Located at 1608 North Weldon St.) and Authorize Staff to Initiate the Upset Bid Process**
- 2021-131 Commissioner Johnson - Public Works - To Declare the Attached Vehicles Surplus and Approve the Sale of Said Vehicles to the Highest Bidder on GovDeals.com and Authorize Staff to Prepare the Necessary Documents in Accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-266 as follows:**

Surplus List - April 1, 2021

VEH #	Year	Model	Dept.	Current Mileage	Comments
87	2008	Chevy 3500 4WD	EM	133,155	Total loss wreck
113	2008	Ford F250	ACE	150,010	FY21 surplus
351	2008	Dodge Caravan	DSS	161,757	FY21 surplus
373	2012	Dodge Avenger	DSS	163,908	FY21 surplus
375	2012	Dodge Avenger	DSS	177,399	FY21 surplus
378	2012	Dodge Avenger	DSS	165,599	FY21 surplus
380	2013	Dodge Avenger	DSS	166,420	FY21 surplus
382	2012	Dodge Avenger	DSS	163,072	FY21 surplus
387	2013	Dodge Avenger	DSS	163,841	FY21 surplus
388	2013	Dodge Avenger	DSS	171,115	FY21 surplus
414	2011	Ford Crown Victoria	County PD	144,250	FY21 surplus
439	2010	Dodge Charger	County PD	155,377	FY21 surplus
466	2000	Ford Taurus	County PD	139,238	FY21 surplus
483	2010	Dodge Charger	County PD	152,646	FY21 surplus
498	2011	Ford Crown Victoria	County PD	143,135	FY21 surplus
510	2011	Ford Crown Victoria	County PD	150,149	FY21 surplus
516	2012	Dodge Charger	County PD	160,781	FY21 surplus
518	2010	Dodge Charger	County PD	159,985	FY21 surplus
519	2012	Dodge Charger	County PD	154,336	FY21 surplus
527	2009	Dodge Charger	County PD	154,496	FY21 surplus
541	2009	Dodge Charger	County PD	158,687	FY21 surplus
592	2010	Dodge Charger	County PD	164,027	FY21 surplus
605	2008	Dodge Charger	Sheriff	150,430	FY21 surplus
612	2015	Ford Transit	Sheriff	242,470	FY21 surplus
660	2011	Ford Crown Victoria	Sheriff	161,516	FY21 surplus
665	2011	Ford Crown Victoria	Sheriff	158,321	FY21 surplus/Total loss
681	2007	Dodge Charger	Sheriff	183,094	FY21 surplus
802	2013	Ford F150	Building Services	156,177	FY21 surplus
842	2012	Chevy 3500 4WD	GEMS	206,359	FY21 surplus
938	2017	Ford Transit	GEMS/Rescue	201,156	FY21 surplus

and per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Surplus Property Sales	010-01-8300-0000-411014-	(83,000)
Motor Vehicles	010-01-4265-4250-540003	83,000

- 2021-132 Commissioner Worley - Public Works - To Accept an Offer to Purchase a County Owned Surplus Parcel (PID# 203783 Located at 2005 Beauhaven Lane, Belmont, NC 28012) and Authorize Staff to Initiate the Upset Bid Process**
- 2021-133 Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and**

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**Refunds - \$838.03; Overpayments - \$47,000.16; VTS Refunds - \$8,941.85;
Grand Total - \$56,780.04) as follows:**

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
MARCH 2021 RELEASES AND REFUNDS	
Corelogic	\$838.03
TOTAL	\$838.03
MARCH 2021 OVERPAYMENTS	
A & A Grading & Hauling Inc	\$10,270.50
Abramski, Adam	\$388.78
Anthony, William	\$387.49
Biggerstaff, Donnie	\$240.00
Black, Alston Codie	\$128.38
Blackman, Melissa	\$117.00
Botelho, Christine	\$1,665.26
Brothers, Mikele	\$201.32
Butler, Matthew	\$199.95
Carter, Okimia	\$128.50
Chittamath, Southy	\$126.07
Clevenger, Cyndi Lee	\$423.11
Cooper, Randall	\$171.31
Eaker, Michael C	\$171.53
Eaker, Michael C	\$143.28
Entercom Communication Corp	\$4,743.80
Entercom Communication Corp	\$393.67
Exceed Properties	\$300.00
Faile, Scott Austin	\$186.77
Garrison, Max Y	\$2,550.83
Garrison, Max Y	\$3,358.21
Gibson, Stephen	\$121.88
Guy, Kimberly	\$1,000.00
Hallman, Ruby	\$244.29
Heath, Mark	\$110.01
Henderson, Janine	\$607.10
Herman, Susan	\$315.00
Hoffman, David	\$725.34
Hogan, Brenda	\$192.00
Houck, Joshua	\$150.79
Huffstetler, Stanley	\$137.16
Kalesnick, Donna Charlotte	\$102.65
Kinley, Theresa	\$100.00
Kiser's Dairy	\$3,263.50
Laircey, Lisa	\$147.28
Las Americas Inc	\$194.93
Law Office of Kace C Staehle PLLC	\$1,384.40
Leshner, Marcella A	\$573.91
Lovin, Bryan Scott	\$125.95
McLean, Carrietta R	\$198.63
Messick, Steven	\$120.00
Miller, Carolyn	\$115.00
Mills, Connie	\$134.00
Morris, Camilla	\$113.73
Morrow & Britton PLLC	\$395.00
Nance, Markeveus	\$133.91
Nixon, Thelma	\$154.80
Olson, Robert	\$627.82
Olson, Robert	\$345.59
Paige-Feemster, Sophia	\$171.24
Parker, Charles Allan	\$216.04
Payne Rock Investments LLC	\$1,287.99
Peterson, Rusty	\$238.08

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Pope, Rebecca	\$171.32
Prince, Cory	\$194.49
Ray, Lillian	\$455.00
Riley, Dwayne	\$115.64
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Riley, Dwayne	\$115.64
Riley, Dwayne	\$115.64
Rincon, Luis C	\$274.22
Sanders, Elizabeth G	\$157.99
Sanders, Elizabeth G	\$228.88
Sanders, Elizabeth G	\$197.49
Shaw, Wendy	\$341.60
Smith, Ronnie Emerson	\$176.48
Sterling Rack Inc	\$2,121.26
Stewart, Randy	\$182.26
Stott, Stephen A	\$313.05
Stowe, Robert	\$219.00
Thao, Tousue	\$282.56
Thao, Tousue	\$304.17
Winders, Esther R	\$640.00
Young, Milton	\$118.41
TOTAL	\$47,000.16

MARCH 2021 VTS REFUNDS

Albarran Rivera, Jaqueline	\$170.95
Beheler, Timothy Duane	\$256.94
Cherry, Christopher Glenn	\$346.76
Ciechowski, Cherly Ann	\$236.36
Clagg, Michael Wayne	\$372.92
Cloninger, Howard Lee JR	\$181.32
Criswell Services INC	\$146.98
Davis, Bobby Lamarr	\$142.86
Davis, Tristan Zacchaeus	\$130.28
Dellinger, Curtis Steven	\$216.29
Dimmer, Ronald Joseph	\$117.93
Dwyer, Cathy Huntsinger	\$104.08
Dwyer, Sean Michael	\$104.85
Ehrenberg, Carly Gehring	\$100.04
Flitt, Bruce James	\$299.19
Gastonia Nissan	\$258.86
Gastonia Nissan	\$159.75
Guenther, Stephanie Elizabeth	\$951.94
Holland, Larry Andrew	\$246.94
Hovis, Alfred Lee	\$178.74
Huss, Joshua Robert	\$394.27
Huss, Joshua Robert	\$260.06
Lindsay, James Patric	\$113.31
Maxwell, Horace Lee	\$198.37
McSwain, Michael David	\$494.13
Meakin, Lindsay Holmes	\$433.36
Mitchell, William Prentiss Jr	\$191.29
Morgan, Brittney Nicole	\$144.31
Polanco, Freddy Carlos	\$323.85
Shamberger, Jessica Davida	\$261.88
Shelton, Joel Timothy	\$322.06
Shepherds Landscape Maintenance LLC	\$273.96
Thomas, Daniel Brandon	\$172.18
Vang, Quentin	\$138.13
Whicker, Harry Leon Jr	\$132.35
Williams, Leston Greg	\$364.36
TOTAL	\$8,941.85

GRAND TOTAL**\$56,780.04**

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Appointments

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

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Philbeck	Pastor Wavey Williams	April 30, 2024
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Philbeck	Ms. Sarah Koprowski	April 30, 2024
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Philbeck	Mr. Jacob Hord III	April 30, 2024
Commissioner Johnson	Commissioner Keigher	Ms. Anita Sanders	April 30, 2024
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Brown	Ms. Theresa Richardson	April 30, 2024
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Fraley	Judge Craig Collins	April 30, 2024

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Philbeck, the BOC unanimously reappointed Mr. Jim Hoffman to the **Travel & Tourism Advisory Board** to a term ending April 30, 2024.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Philbeck, the BOC unanimously reappointed Mr. Jeff Booker to the **Economic Development Commission** to a term ending April 30, 2024.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously appointed Dr. Malinda Lowery to the **Community Child Protection Team (CCPT)** to an unexpired term ending January 31, 2025.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Philbeck, the BOC unanimously appointed Dr. Steven Tracy to the **Quality of Natural Resources Committee (QNRC)** to an unexpired term ending October 31, 2022.

Commissioners Committee Reports

Commissioner Hovis advised the steel erection for **CaroMont's** new *Urgent Care Tower (Court Drive)* is in place; the rooms will be directly above the advanced surgical center; the project is moving along nicely and is very much on time; clearing has begun on site 2 for CaroMont on I-85 North next to Belmont Abbey College.

He reported attendance to the **Animal Care and Enforcement Ribbon Cutting** with other Commissioners; the facility was many years in the making and was greatly received; **Steamer Park Ribbon Cutting** in Bessemer City which involves a \$9M+ project.

He announced he would be undergoing an evaluation in Chapel Hill on Thursday for a medical procedure.

Commissioner Brown advised that the BOC would be praying for him.

Commissioner Philbeck reported that the **Homeless Task Force** will meet in May; he will be meeting with the County Manager to discuss the structure of that and is looking forward to making a difference in that area.

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County Manager's Report

The County Manager presented:

- **Re: Budget Process:** Beginning April 30th the BOC will start receiving written reports on the status of the budget; staff is making reductions and balancing; have included the commitment discussed last year relative to balancing needs with resources and looking at eliminating a fund balance appropriation to balance the operating budget; would like to meet with BOC in pairs to reaffirm your priorities to test some assumptions as staff leads toward the recommended budget; have scheduled the recommended budget presentation for May 25th; after BOC work through and make budget adjustments, we will have a Work Session on various elements of the budget; have scheduled adoption of the budget for June 8th.

County Attorney's Report

No report; will have an opioid settlement update for the next meeting.

Other Matters

Chairman Keigher advised that he and the County Manager received a letter from Mr. Jeff Ramsey, Chairman of the Board of Education (BOE), requesting the release of more of the \$250M School Bonds; currently the BOE has not spent roughly \$11M to \$12M from the previous allocation; the BOE has not indicated how much they want nor what it is for.

Commissioner Hovis cited an article that appeared in The Gaston Gazette several weeks ago about the schools budget request; advised they finalized their budget request last week and the BOC does not have a copy of it.

The County Manager advised that staff received a letter and Resolution from the BOE this week or last Friday about finalizing their budget; a staff Work Session is scheduled with Dr. (Jeff) Booker (Schools Superintendent) and his key staff for Thursday to receive the spreadsheets and the detailed request.

Commissioner Hovis advised that talking about a projected increase without providing the BOC the numbers is premature; would like for County Manager to email BOC that document upon receipt; BOC also needs a detailed breakdown on where the bond money request will go.

Commissioner Philbeck stated before the BOC approves any additional funding, it is important that the BOE and BOC agree on where the money is going – by township; pointed out issues with disparity in allocations of funding in certain townships.

The County Manager advised the project listing by township is what the County is looking for when it starts that dialogue; will understand more on the capital and operating side once the staff work

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session is held; anticipate questions from the BOC about funding the schools received from the federal government and how that impacts their budget request; will have more information soon.

Commissioner Hovis suggested the BOC and BOE schedule a joint meeting when it gets closer to making a decision on the schools capital improvements.

Adjournment

Chairman Keigher called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Worley, the BOC unanimously adjourned the Regular Meeting of April 27, 2021 at 7:19 pm.

(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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