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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met in Regular Session on January 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm in The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse.

Chairman Chad Brown presided with Commissioners Ronnie Worley, Vice-Chairman, Bob Hovis, Tom Keigher and Tracy L. Philbeck in attendance.

Commissioners Allen R. Fraley and Don Grant were not in attendance.

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

Upon request of Chairman Brown, Commissioner Philbeck led those assembled in the Invocation and Asher Newman, Boy Scout Troop 62 (Belmont), led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Brown announced that *the Commendation to Commend the South Point High School "Red Raiders" Football Team Upon Winning the 2016 North Carolina 3A State Football Championship* had been moved to the February 14th Work Session.

Commissioner Philbeck advised that the Duke Energy resolution would be moved to the Consent Agenda for approval.

FY15–16 Gaston County Audit Presentation

Ms. Ko-Tang Cha-Moses, Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, PA Manager, presented:

- County was issued an unmodified audit opinion (clean opinion) for FY16
- The General Fund and Public Assistance Fund were combined for reporting purposes; revenues were 1.2% over budget; expenditures were 11% under budget
- Both property taxes and sales taxes came in over budget at \$3.3M each
- Permit and fees revenues were over budget about \$649k
- Restricted intergovernmental payment was under budget at \$1M in general fund; about \$4.7M in public assistance fund
- Public safety came in under \$8M; general government came in under \$4.9M; human services came in under about \$10.7M
- Combined revenues were over budget about \$2.7M; combined expenditures were under about \$25.6M
- Available fund balance is the total fund balance less any non-spendable fund balance less stabilization by state statute; Local Government Commission (LGC) uses this calculation to compare County with other counties its size and to calculate fund balance percentages
- Available fund balance – total fund balance was \$76M; with non-spendables the County has about \$230k in inventories, \$45k in prepaids and stabilization by state statute (receivables unavailable in cash form at end of 06/30/16; this puts County's available fund balance at \$54,650,423 which is a decrease from prior year of about \$11.1M
- The County's fund balance was high in 2015 due to the receipt of \$20M from the Hospital

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- The available fund balance (general fund and public assistance) had a decrease over prior year of 6.79%; County ended up at 26.9% compared to the state average for peer group at end of last year of 25.89%. Do not have data available for 2016 yet but as of 6/30/15 the state average was 25.89% for the peer group; this decrease is attributable to the \$20M Hospital revenue which spiked up the County's revenue in 2015
- The County's policy is to maintain a minimum fund balance of 10%-20% at end of each fiscal year; County met this at 26.9%
- The top three revenues within the general funds and public assistance funds includes property taxes (60%), other taxes and licenses(15%), restricted intergovernmental (15%) and other revenues make up 10% of total revenues which comprise 89% of County revenues; sales tax revenue and real estate transfer taxes are in taxes and licenses; local, federal and state grants are in the restricted intergovernmental category
- Property taxes exceeded budget by 2.5% or \$3.3M; that is a slight decrease from prior year of about \$800k or less than 1%; collection rate increased from prior year from 98.71% to 98.84%
- Restricted and governmental (grants) exceeded budget by 14%; increased from prior year at 2.3% or \$750k
- Other taxes and licenses increased 7% from prior year but exceeded budget by 11%; economy is starting to pick up in sales taxes
- The top three expenditures are 1) Human Services (30%); 2) Public Safety (27%); 3) Education (24%); other services include general government, economic development, cultural and recreation and debt service; total expenditures for 2016 was \$203,146,366
- Human Services budget exceeded the actual by 15% but had a slight increase from prior year of about 5.5%
- Public Safety came in under budget at 12.8% or \$8M; exceeded prior year by about 4.8% or \$2.5M
- Education exceeded prior year by less than 1% and is below budget by 1%
- Enterprise fund (revenues and net income) revenues increased \$1.5M or 18% compared to last year; operating income increased by 64% or \$950k due to decrease in depreciation in current year and the increase in operating revenues.

Concluding her remarks, she encouraged the BOC to read the Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) and the introductory section for more details of increases/decreases during the year; MD&A provides summary of what occurred in 2016 and a look at 2017 fiscal budget.

There were no questions from the BOC.

Agenda Revision/Approval

- Moved to 2/14 - Commissioner Worley - BOC - Commendation - To Commend the South Point High School "Red Raiders" Football Team Upon Winning the 2016 North Carolina 3A State Football Championship
- Revised/ Commissioner Brown - Finance - To Accept the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 Gaston County Audit as Information - V.,O.
- Revised/ Board of Commissioners - Legislative Request: Legislative Agenda for the 2017 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly - VI.,A.
- Moved to 2/14 - *Commissioner Philbeck - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Dissolve the Current Combined Community Child Protection Team/Child Fatality Prevention Team (CCPT/CFPT) and Establish Each Team (CCPT and CFPT) as a Separate Committee in the County Appointment Records and Realign Team Duties in Accordance with NCGS §7B-1407 - VII.,A.

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- Moved to Consent Agenda/ Commissioners Keigher, Worley & Grant - BOC - *To Approve a Resolution of Support Requesting that Duke Energy Expedite the Provision of Permanent Water Supplies to Residents Near Allen Steam Station and to Provide an Ash Beneficiation Project at the Site – V., AE.*

Commissioner Philbeck referred to the abovementioned item moved to 2/14 (*DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Dissolve the Current Combined Community Child Protection Team/Child Fatality Prevention Team (CCPT/CFPT) and Establish Each Team (CCPT and CFPT) as a Separate Committee in the County Appointment Records and Realign Team Duties in Accordance with NCGS §7B-1407*) and provided direction to open the seats up to the community, for each Commissioner to have a list to choose from, and terms set to four years.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved the Agenda of January 24, 2017 with changes as noted above.

Citizen Recognition

Mr. Paul Kokalis, 9124 Shorewood Place, Belmont, requested that the BOC urge Duke Energy to help citizens along the entire peninsula gain a clean drinking water source, not just the homes included in the ½ mile radius defined as Duke Energy's area of responsibility in HB360. Advised his neighborhood consists of three streets and fifty homes; distributed a map to the BOC depicting sixteen homes and a portion of the streets included in the ½ mile area; all of these homes are on well water; collectively neighbors spent close to \$10k testing wells inside and outside of the ½ mile radius; not a single home tested for clean water; some results were below the acceptable limit numbers for boron, vanadium, arsenic, hexavalent chromium and strontium; Duke Power engineer advised that the cost to run a pipeline down the remaining two streets is approximately \$500k.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Philbeck, the BOC unanimously accepted the map distributed by Mr. Kokalis as information.

Mr. Jim Mitchem, 154 Old Spring Road, Belmont, noted the requests outlined in the subject resolution: expedited water supply and an ash beneficiation project at the Allen Steam Station; noted there has been no progress since the law was adopted nearly six months ago; urged the BOC to lobby on their behalf to expedite the process. Also asked the BOC to lobby for the last of the three beneficiation projects to be located at Allen Steam Station, which could provide approximately 100 jobs.

Ms. Debra Baker, 114 Wildlife Road, Belmont, urged BOC to adopt the resolution to expedite the provision of a clean water supply and to support an ash beneficiation project at the Allen Steam Station; advised of living on bottled water for almost two years.

Commissioner Keigher advised that the BOC did not have any authority other than to support the project; BOC met with local Legislative Delegates last week and the issue was thoroughly discussed; believe they have the same mindset as the BOC and residents; this is in the hands of the General Assembly and Duke Power, but BOC will approve the proposed Resolution tonight.

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Ms. Amy Brown, 103 Mitchell Street, Belmont, advised she lives less than 1,000 ft. from Duke Energy's coal ash pits, surrounding her neighborhood on all three sides; urged BOC to vote in support of the proposed Resolution to expedite the provision of permanent water supplies.

Mr. Sam Perkins, Catawba Riverkeeper, 715 N. Church Street, Charlotte, advised he worked with families living in south Belmont; denoted support of request for expedited water as quickly as possible; advised HB 630 passed in June 2016 requiring Duke Energy to site coal ash beneficiation projects at 3 of their 14 coal ash sites statewide; Duke chose Goldsboro and Salisbury and has one more to name by July; feels this is a win/win economically for the residents and their home values.

Commissioner Worley thanked the speakers from the South Point Peninsula for their comments, and the BOC for agreeing to support the proposed Resolution.

Commissioner Hovis stated the BOC was concerned about the residents health and will do what is possible to improve the timeline of extending the water lines; noted the continued discussions for the need for countywide water/sewer; advised that the County could work with Belmont and other agencies to push this forward; suggested a simple agreement with Duke Power to allow the County to partner in those efforts in terms of allocating funds to get the process expedited.

Commissioner Philbeck advised he spoke with local Legislative Delegates individually; Duke Power agreed to put line in, to pay homeowners any decrease in home values if they sell, and to pay 25 years in back water bills; supports proposed Resolution; willing to continue working on the issue beyond the adoption of the resolution; would have no problem using County's fund balance to expedite project; thanked speakers for their advocacy.

Chairman Brown thanked the speakers; advised BOC is trying to move forward to help any way it can; it was important for BOC to bring those issues out after meeting with local Legislative Delegates.

Commissioner Philbeck suggested directing the County Manager to contact Duke Power representatives to discuss the County's willingness to assist with expediting the project.

Commissioner Keigher cautioned that Duke Energy should assume all responsibility for the water lines; the County should only proceed if provided with a guarantee that it would not be held responsible in the future.

Commissioner Worley concurred; advised Belmont would be the responsible party if they handled the project; that is an agreement that needs to be worked out with Belmont and Duke Power.

Commissioner Keigher restated his concern and noted that he preferred the funds be allocated to Belmont to remove any potential liability to the County.

Commissioner Hovis clarified that his suggestion was for the County to act as a funding source in conjunction with the utility company, which is Belmont.

The County Manager advised he would contact Duke Power and City of Belmont to discuss the aspects of the project; noted that Duke Power has astronomically greater resources financially

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than the County; Duke's financial resources are not likely to be the crux of the problem; is willing to research and determine why the project is being projected 1.5 years out for completion.

Commissioner Philbeck stated that the direction should also include the establishment of a reimbursement agreement and timeline.

Commissioner Brown instructed the County Manager to proceed as directed.

Consent Agenda

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

2017-001 Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of February 2017 as Black History Month in Gaston County

2017-002 Commissioner Brown - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of January 22 - 28, 2017 as School Choice Week in Gaston County

2017-003 Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of January 29, 2017 - February 4, 2017 as Catholic Schools Week in Gaston County

2017-004 Commissioner Brown - BOC - To Cancel and Reschedule the February 28, 2017 Regular BOC Meeting to Immediately Follow the February 14, 2017 Work Session

2017-005 Commissioner Worley - Budget/Purchasing - To Accept and Appropriate a Governor's Crime Commission Grant Award per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Governor's Crime Commission 2016 Sheriff's Office Enhanced Safety	10-4315-4315-221-521		(\$24,265.00)
Special Grants Governor's Crime Commission 2016 Sheriff's Office Enhanced Safety	10-4315-4315-620-000	17235-0001	\$24,265.00

2017-006 Commissioner Brown - Budget/Purchasing - To Approve Bid Award for the Purchase of Vehicles and Ambulances, as Well as the Purchase of a QRV from HGAC Contract, and a Backhoe from State Contract, Totaling \$2,050,085 Which Includes Equipment, Decals, Tag/Tax and Title Fees and to Authorize the County Manager, or His Designee, to Execute the HGAC Buy Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing as follows:

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Spec #1	Unit Price Bid Amount	Make/Model	Qty	Extended	Recommended Award
Spec #1 Full Size RWD SUV Police Package 2WD - Animal Control			1		
Ben Mynatt	\$ 33,774.00	Chevy Tahoe		\$ 33,774.00	\$ 33,774.00
Ilderton	No bid				
Tindol Ford	No bid				
Piedmont Truck Center	No bid				
Abernethy Chrysler Jeep	No bid				
Spec #2 Full Size Sedan RWD or AWD Police Package - County Police					
<i>Since Spec #2 low bid is non-responsive due to engine spec, staff recommends rejecting Spec #2 bids and awarding Police sedans per Spec #3</i>					
Ben Mynatt - RWD	\$ 27,183.00	Chevy Caprice		\$ -	-
Ilderton - RWD	\$ 25,407.00	Dodge Charger		\$ -	-
Tindol Ford - AWD, engine is 3.7L; doesn't meet the 5.7L min spec	\$ 24,995.89	Ford Interceptor		\$ -	-
Piedmont Truck Center	No bid				
Abernethy Chrysler Jeep	No bid				
Spec #3 Full Size Sedan RWD or AWD Police Package - Sheriff's Office & County Police			17		
<i>Recommend purchasing both (3) Sheriff and (14) Police per Spec #3 = 17 qty Sheriff's units will be white and County Police units will be silver</i>					
Ben Mynatt - RWD	\$ 27,183.00	Chevy Caprice		\$ 462,111.00	
Ilderton - RWD	\$ 24,427.00	Dodge Charger		\$ 415,259.00	\$ 415,259.00
Tindol Ford - AWD, engine is 3.7L; doesn't meet the 5.7L min spec	\$ 24,995.89	Ford Interceptor		\$ 424,930.13	
Piedmont Truck Center	No bid				
Abernethy Chrysler Jeep	No bid				
Spec #4 Full Size 4-Doors Utility Vehicle Extended Wheelbase 4x4-GEMS			1		
Ben Mynatt (with exception)	\$ 41,733.00	Chevy Suburban		\$ 41,733.00	
Ilderton	No bid				
Tindol Ford	\$ 35,325.28	Ford Expedition		\$ 35,325.28	\$ 35,325.28
Piedmont Truck Center	No bid				
Abernethy Chrysler Jeep	No bid				
Spec #5 Mid-Size Hybrid Sedan - Social Services			1		
Ben Mynatt	\$ 26,382.00	Chevy Malibu		\$ 26,382.00	
Ilderton	No bid				
Tindol Ford	\$ 23,328.74	Ford Fusion Hybrid		\$ 23,328.74	\$ 23,328.74
Piedmont Truck Center	No bid				
Abernethy Chrysler Jeep	No bid				
Spec #6 Full Size 1/2 Ton Pick-up Truck 4x4 - Building Inspections			1		
Ben Mynatt	\$ 25,116.00	Chevy 1500 Silverado		\$ 25,116.00	
Ilderton	\$ 23,693.00	Ram 1500		\$ 23,693.00	
Tindol Ford	\$ 23,370.28	Ford F-150		\$ 23,370.28	
Piedmont Truck Center	No bid				
Abernethy Chrysler Jeep	\$ 23,310.85	Ram 1500		\$ 23,310.85	\$ 23,310.85
Spec #7 Cab & Chassis with Dump Bed Extended Cab 4x4 - Parks & Rec			1		
Ben Mynatt	No bid				
Ilderton	\$ 42,387.00	Ram 3500		\$ 42,387.00	\$ 42,387.00
Tindol Ford	\$ 44,570.56	Ford F-450		\$ 44,570.56	
Piedmont Truck Center	\$ 44,050.00	Ford F-450		\$ 44,050.00	
Abernethy Chrysler Jeep	\$ 46,082.00	Ram 4500		\$ 46,082.00	
Spec #8 Full Size Extended Cab Truck 4x4 - Power Plant			1		
Ben Mynatt	\$ 29,978.00	Chevy 2500 Silverado		\$ 29,978.00	
Ilderton	\$ 34,010.00	Ram 2500		\$ 34,010.00	
Tindol Ford	\$ 27,569.43	Ford F-150		\$ 27,569.43	\$ 27,569.43
Piedmont Truck Center	\$ 28,625.00	Ford F-250		\$ 28,625.00	
Abernethy Chrysler Jeep	\$ 29,298.85			\$ 29,298.85	
Spec #9 Service Body with Crane 4x4 Truck - Power Plant			1		
Ben Mynatt	No bid				
Ilderton	\$ 90,395.00			\$ 90,395.00	
Tindol Ford	\$ 83,574.50	Ford F-450		\$ 83,574.50	\$ 83,574.50
Piedmont Truck Center	\$ 85,750.00	Ford F-450		\$ 85,750.00	
Abernethy Chrysler Jeep	No bid				

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Spec #	Unit Price Bid Amount	Make/Model	Qty	Extended	Recommended Award
Spec #10					
3/4 Ton Extended Cab Service Body 4x4 Truck - Solid Waste					
Ben Mynatt (with exception)	\$ 34,806.00	Chevy 2500 Silverado	1	\$ 34,806.00	
Ilderton	\$ 33,199.00	Ram 2500		\$ 33,199.00	
Tindol Ford	\$ 32,595.56	Ford F-250		\$ 32,595.56	\$ 32,595.56
Piedmont Truck Center	\$ 33,057.00	Ford F-250		\$ 33,057.00	
Abernethy Chrysler Jeep	\$ 35,203.00			\$ 35,203.00	
Spec #11					
Extended Cab & Chassis Dump Bed 4x4 Truck - Solid Waste					
Ben Mynatt	No bid		1		
Ilderton	\$ 48,862.00	Ram 4500		\$ 48,862.00	
Tindol Ford	\$ 50,269.56	Ford F-450		\$ 50,269.56	
Piedmont Truck Center	\$ 47,125.00	Ford F-450		\$ 47,125.00	
Abernethy Chrysler Jeep	\$ 46,082.00	Ram 4500		\$ 46,082.00	\$ 46,082.00
Spec #12					
Van/Wagon 5-Passenger Extended Wheelbase - Info Technology					
Ben Mynatt	No bid		1		
Ilderton (with exception; doesn't meet 2.5L engine spec)	\$ 22,402.00	Ram Promaster City		\$ 22,402.00	
Tindol Ford	\$ 23,428.14	Ford Transit Connect Wagon		\$ 23,428.14	\$ 23,428.14
Piedmont Truck Center	No bid				
Abernethy Chrysler Jeep	No bid				
TOTAL - Vehicle Unit Costs Recommended for Award			27	\$ 786,634.50	

AMBULANCES	Unit Price Bid Amount	Make/Model	Qty	Extended	Recommended Award
Ambulance - Type 1, Class 1, 4x2, Configuration A - GEMS					
Northwestern - extending FY 14-15 contract as allowed by contract using FY 16-17 bid price	\$275,763.00	Type 1	3	\$ 827,289.00	\$ 827,289.00
QRV 4x4 AEV - GEMS					
Northwestern per HGAC Contract #AM10-16	\$174,678.00	QRV	1	\$ 174,678.00	\$ 174,678.00
BACKHOE LOADER - Landfill					
James River Companies - per State Contract 760H	\$ 90,783.00	John Deere 310 SL	1	\$ 90,783.00	\$ 90,783.00
TOTAL of Extended Unit Prices for Award				\$ 1,879,384.50	

See separate chart showing recommended vehicle costs plus equipment, decals and tag/tax/title for total cost related to vehicles.

2017-007 Commissioner Brown - Cooperative Extension - To Accept and Appropriate \$14,569 in PFCLG Grant Funding for the Cooperative Extension Parent Education Program per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Smart Start Grant FY17	10-4950-4950-298-000	17221-0001	14,569
Smart Start Program - State	10-4950-4950-322-510		[14,569]

2017-008 Commissioner Brown - Cooperative Extension - To Accept and Appropriate \$16,826 in Program Fees and Donations for Extension Programming per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
SHIIP SR HLTH INS INFO PG	10-4950-4950-221-525		[6721.00]
SHIIP Grant	10-4950-4950-298-000	17239-0001	6721.00
Donations	10-4950-4950-840-501		[7500.00]
Master Gardener Programs/supply	10-4950-4950-298-000	17243-0001	7500.00
Coop Extn Serv Spec Proj	10-4950-4950-891-500		[1156.00]
Fee Based Programs Food/Supplie	10-4950-4950-298-000	15226-0001	1156.00
4-H Fees	10-4950-4952-410-509		[1449.00]
4-H Programs	10-4950-4952-298-000	16276-0001	1449.00

2017-009 Commissioner Brown - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information:

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<u>Department</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Project #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#4110 Clerk to the Board			
Professional Svcs Other	10-4110-199-000		(5,000)
Miscellaneous Expenditures	10-4110-499-000		5,000
#4120 County Manager			
Office Supplies	10-4120-260-000		(380)
Equipment/Furniture: <\$4,999	10-4120-530-000		380
#4130 Finance			
Office Supplies/Materials	10-4130-260-000		(675)
Equip/Furniture: \$250-\$4,999	10-4130-530-000		675
#4131 Budget			
Water & Sewer Lines			
Capital QC-Ridge-Nila Dawn Sewer	40-4265-4260-596-000	08302-0001	(15,132)
Water & Sewer Lines			
High Shoals Sewer Interconnect	40-4265-4260-596-000	10286-0001	(12,720)
Water & Sewer Lines			
High Shoals Sewer Easement Acqu.	40-4265-4260-596-000	11175-0001	(141,059)
Bldg, Structures, & Improvements			
Jail Sewer Grinder	40-4265-4260-580-000	16165-0001	168,911
#4131-4131 Budget			
Other Improv. & Capital Outlay			
Landfill Seeding & Methane Wells	60-4720-590-000	16145-0001	(11,475)
Other Improv. & Capital Outlay			
Well Field Expansion	60-4720-590-000	16181-0001	(22,437)
Other Improv. & Capital Outlay			
Purchase Buffer Property	60-4720-590-000	16185-0001	(17,286)
Other Improv. & Capital Outlay			
Power Generation Facility	60-4720-590-000	10351-0001	51,198
#4131-4131 Budget			
Office Supplies	22-4921-298-000	17164-0001	(473)
Equipment/Furniture: <\$4,999	22-4921-499-000		473
#4170 Elections			
Elections	10-4170-697-000		(800)
Office Supplies/Materials	10-4170-260-000		800
#4170 Elections			
Other Services			
Equip/Furniture: \$250-\$4,999	10-4170-399-000		(4,500)
Salaries-Overtime	10-4170-530-000		(1,000)
Board Member Expenditure	10-4170-122-000		(1,850)
Mileage Reimbursement	10-4170-170-000		(3,000)
Food & Provisions	10-4170-311-000		(250)
Repairs & Maintenance: Equipment	10-4170-220-000		(150)
Elections	10-4170-352-000		(450)
	10-4170-697-000		11,200
#4180 Register of Deeds			
Computer Maintenance	10-4180-352-000		(828)
Software Rental	10-4180-422-000		828
#4230 Public Works - Print Shop			
Repairs & Maintenance: Equipment	10-4265-4230-352-000		(376)
Uniforms	10-4265-4230-212-000		376
#4260 Public Works - Facilities			
Dues & Subscriptions	27-4265-4260-491-000		(1,044)
Professional Services: Banking	27-4265-4260-194-000		1,044
#4311 Police - Communications			
Repairs & Maintenance: Equipment	10-4311-352-000		(700)
Rental: Data Proc Equipment	10-4311-421-000		700

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#4311 Police - Communications			
Equipment / Furniture: \$5,000 or >	24-4311-510-000	17108-0001	(6,350)
Equipment / Furniture: \$5,000 or >	24-4311-510-000	17107-0001	(10,500)
Rent of Equipment	24-4311-432-000		16,500
#4315 Sheriff's Office			
Salaries - Overtime	10-4315-4323-122-000		(25,000)
Salaries - Overtime	10-4315-4315-122-000		25,000
#4315 Sheriff's Office			
Office Supplies/Materials	10-4315-4315-260-000		(60)
Misc Expenditures	10-4315-4315-499-000		60
#4315 Sheriff's Office			
Law Enforcement Supplies	10-4315-4315-235-000		(5,078)
Equip/Furniture: \$5,000 or >	10-4315-4315-530-000		5,078
#4340 Fire Marshal			
Office Supplies/Materials	10-4340-260-000		(331)
Equipment/Furniture	10-4340-530-000		331
#4380 Animal Care & Enforcement			
Equip/Furniture: \$5,000 or >	10-4380-510-000		(6,008)
Software Rental & Licensing Fee	10-4380-422-000		6,008
#4520 ACCESS			
ACCESS Software	10-4520-4521-121-000		(1,572)
ACCESS Longevity	10-4520-4521-127-000		1,572
#4910 Planning			
FICA	10-4910-4910-181-000		400
Food & Provisions	10-4910-4910-220-000		(400)
#4910 Planning			
Salaries	10-4910-4910-121-000		4,600
Postage	10-4910-4910-325-000		(2,000)
Printing	10-4910-4910-341-000		(1,000)
Advertising	10-4910-4910-370-000		(1,000)
Mileage Reimbursement	10-4910-4910-311-000		(600)
#4911 Code Enforcement			
Office Supplies/Materials	10-4910-4911-260-000		500
Postage Expenditure	10-4910-4911-325-000		(500)
#4911 Code Enforcement			
Equipment/Furniture	10-4910-4911-530-000		1,000
Postage	10-4910-4911-325-000		(500)
Photographic Supplies	10-4910-4911-294-000		(150)
Printing	10-4910-4911-341-000		(350)
#4920 EDC			
Office Supplies	10-4920-4920-260-000		(100)
Janitorial Supplies	10-4920-4920-211-000		100
#4921 Travel & Tourism			
Special Programs/Business Development	22-4921-298-000	17165-0001	(22,000)
Special Programs/Hotel Study	22-4921-298-000	17224-0001	22,000
#4921 Travel & Tourism			
Special Programs	22-4921-298-000	17165-0001	(10,000)
Employee Development	22-4921-395-000		10,000
#4921 Travel & Tourism			
Board Member Expense	22-4921-170-000		(226)
Misc Expenditures	22-4921-499-000		226
#4921 Travel & Tourism			
Printing	22-4921-341-000		(24,150)
Professional Services	22-4921-199-000		24,150

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#4950 NC Cooperative Extension

Advertising	10-4950-4950-370-000		300
Printing	10-4950-4950-341-000		(300)

#4960 Natural Resources

Dues & Subscriptions	10-4960-491-000		(100)
Other Advertising/Promotions	10-4960-373-000		100

2017-010 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Funds from the Area Health Education Center for the Public Health Clinics per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Preceptorship Funds	11-5100-5113-5120-890-530		(\$2,175)
Special Programs	11-5100-5113-5120-298-000	16266-0001	\$2,175

2017-011 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Funds Donated from Covenant Village for the Nurse Family Partnership Program per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Donations	11-5100-5112-5115-840-501		(\$175)
Special Programs	11-5100-5112-5115-298-000	17237-0001	\$175

2017-012 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds Received from Cabarrus Health Alliance for the Minority Diabetes Prevention Program per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Other Grants	11-5100-5112-5119-890-512		(\$5,000)
Special Programs	11-5100-5112-5119-298-000	17238-0001	\$5,000

2017-013 Commissioner Philbeck - Elections - To Appropriate Fund Balance of \$34,900 to Cover Additional Costs and Compliance with Legislation and Court Rulings Related to 2016 Elections per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
General Fund	10-9900-991-500		\$ (34,900)
Elections	10-4170-697-000		\$ 34,900

2017-014 Commissioner Brown - Finance - To Accept the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 Gaston County Audit as Information

2017-015 Commissioner Brown - Finance - To Award Bid for Financing up to \$2,050,085 for Rolling Stock and Equipment to Bank of America and to Approve the Attached Budget Change Request (to appropriate funds) and Resolution Approving Financing Terms per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Installment Purchase	10-8300-912-500		(2,050,085)
Animal Control Motor Vehicles	10-4380-540-000		43,944
Parks & Recreation - Motor Veh.	10-6120-540-000		43,715
GEMS Motor Vehicles	10-4370-540-000		1,097,192
County Police Motor Vehicles	10-4310-4310-540-000		416,722
Sheriff Department Motor Vehicles	10-4315-4315-540-000		89,298
IT Motor Vehicles	10-4210-540-000		24,187
Transfer to Enterprise Fund	10-9800-980-060		286,525
Transfer from General Fund	60-9800-980-510		(286,525)
Renewable Energy - Motor Veh.	60-4721-540-000		114,591

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and as follows:

RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY

At a duly called meeting of the governing body of County of Gaston, North Carolina, as Purchaser held in accordance with all applicable legal requirements, including open meeting laws, on the 24th day of January, 2017, the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SCHEDULE TO ITS EXISTING MASTER EQUIPMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT, AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the governing body of County of Gaston, North Carolina ("Purchaser") desires to finance certain equipment (the "Equipment") described in the Schedule of Property No. 4 to the Master Equipment Financing Agreement dated as of February 14, 2013 (collectively, the "Agreement") in an amount not to exceed \$2,058,280.94 with Banc of America Public Capital Corp ("Lender"), the form of which has been available for review by the governing body of Purchaser prior to this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Equipment is essential for the Purchaser to perform its governmental functions; and

WHEREAS, Purchaser has taken the necessary steps, including those relating to any applicable legal bidding requirements, to arrange for the acquisition of the Equipment; and

WHEREAS, Purchaser proposes to enter into the Agreement with Lessor substantially in the forms presented to this meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF PURCHASER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It is hereby found and determined that the terms of the Agreement in the forms presented to this meeting and incorporated in this resolution are in the best interests of Purchaser for the acquisition of the Equipment.

Section 2. The Agreement and the acquisition and financing of the Equipment under the terms and conditions as described in the Agreement are hereby approved. The County Manager of Purchaser and any other officer of Purchaser who shall have power to execute contracts on behalf of Purchaser be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Agreement with any changes, insertions and omissions therein as may be approved by the officers who execute the Agreement, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such execution and delivery of the Agreement. The Clerk to the Board of the Purchaser and any other officer of Purchaser who shall have power to do so be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to affix the official seal of Purchaser to the Agreement and attest the same.

Section 3. The proper officers of Purchaser be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all papers, instruments, opinions, certificates, affidavits and other documents and to do or cause to be done any and all other acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out this resolution and the Agreement.

Section 4. The Purchaser's obligation under the Agreement will not be designated as a qualified tax exempt obligation under Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and therefore such obligation is "non-bank qualified" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(ii) of the Code. The undersigned further certifies that the above resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect and further certifies that the Agreement executed on behalf of Purchaser is the same as presented at such meeting of the governing body of Purchaser, excepting only such changes, insertions and omissions as shall have been approved by the officers who executed the same.

Date: January 24th, 2017

County of Gaston, North Carolina
Purchaser

By:
(Signature of Secretary, Board Chairman or other member of the Governing Body)

Name: Chad Brown
Title: Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Attested By:
(Signature of one additional person who can witness the passage of this Resolution)

Name: Donna Buff
Title: Clerk to the Board

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2017-016 Commissioner Grant - Fire Marshall - Commendation - To Recognize and Commend both the Lowell and New Hope Fire Departments for Obtaining a Fire Protection Class Rate Reduction

2017-017 Commissioner Brown - Gaston Community Action - To Accept as Information the FY2017-18 Community Services Block Grant as filed with the Clerk to the BOC

2017-018 Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - To Accept, Appropriate, and Reconcile 2016 Federal ASPR Grant for Preparedness and Response per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
ASPR grant-Federal-GEMS	10-4370-220-533		(\$ 1,083)
Uniforms	10-4370-212-000		\$ 228
Programs Supplies	10-4370-237-000		\$ 435
Equip/Furn:\$5000+	10-4370-510-000		\$ 420

2017-019 Commissioner Fraley - Library - To Approve the Appropriation of Additional FY 2016-2017 State Aid to Public Libraries Funds per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Gaston County Public Library --State Aid: Pub Libry Grant	10-6110-6110-320-551		(\$10,865)
State Aid to Public Libraries Grant	10-6110-6110-298-000		\$10,865

2017-020 Commissioner Worley - Police - To Accept and Appropriate the Donation of \$100.00 from the Paradise Point Community Watch per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Donations	10-4310-4310-840-501		[100.00]
Special Programs	10-4310-4310-298-000	17105-0001	100.00

2017-021 Commissioner Worley - Police - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Master Police Officer William R. Drennan

2017-022 Commissioner Worley - Police - Retirement Commendation - To Recognize the Retirement of Police E-911 Telecommunicator Joseph B. Smith

2017-023 Commissioner Worley - Police - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Police Officer Daniel E. Caison

2017-024 Commissioner Brown - Police - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Police Captain William S. Melton, Jr.

2017-025 Commissioner Fraley - Police - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Police Crime Scene Investigator Jeffrey D. Costner

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2017-026 Commissioner Grant - Public Works - To Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds from Duke Energy to Install Two (2) Electric Vehicle Charging Stations per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Other Grants	10-4265-4250-890-512		(10,000)
Duke Energy Grant: Charging Stations	10-4265-4250-298-000	17236-0001	10,000

2017-027 Commissioner Worley - Sheriff's Office - To Appropriate \$18,981 for the Gaston County Sheriff's Office from the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Funds for FY 2016-2017 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
ST CRIMINAL ALIEN ASST PG	10-4315-321-529		{18,981}
SPECIAL GRANTS	10-4315-4315-620-000	17230-0001	8,000
SPECIAL GRANTS	10-4315-4315-620-000	17230-0002	3,000
SPECIAL GRANTS	10-4315-4315-620-000	17230-0003	7,981

2017-028 Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S.105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the December Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Real Estate - \$71,192.66; Vehicles & ETC - \$2,684.99; VTS Refunds - \$5,149.50; Grand Total - \$79,027.15) as follows:

TAXPAYER NAME	OWNER NAME	AMOUNT
DECEMBER 2016 REAL ESTATE		
Bowens, Beverly		\$410.00
First Mortgage Mortgage		\$243.84
Horwich, Joel		\$1,851.71
Hutton, Kerry		\$1,900.67
Perez, Virginia		\$360.00
Reece, Kelly		\$1,162.72
Ross, Mary		\$200.00
Corelogic		\$1,971.49
Corelogic		\$667.61
State Employees Credit Union		\$430.40
State Employees Credit Union		\$3,353.00
Bowen, Ronald		\$262.23
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Bridges, Paul		\$111.95
Brown, Betty		\$264.51
Cox, Tammy		\$1,542.78
Johnson, Willaim		\$905.93
Warren L Tadlock Chap 13		\$132.97
Nichols, Elvin		\$128.22
Cassidy, Joy		\$997.75
Helms, James		\$1,153.07
Henkel, Jean		\$245.81
Hunt, Vance		\$1,260.00
Keener, Guy		\$100.80
Shaw, Billy		\$383.40
Turnstone Holdings		\$7,759.57
Belmont Federal Sav & loan		\$1,178.20
State Employees Credit Union		\$1,100.92
Lereta		\$1,672.05
Belmont Land & Investment		\$2,327.99
Lennar Carolinas		\$2,344.85
Juanita Greene		\$495.07
Wells Fargo Bank		\$1,470.07
ACG Belmont		\$14,888.49

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Bank of America	\$2,328.59
Chiovari, Rosario	\$1,220.75
Clagg, Joshua	\$686.00
Crosby, Dennis	\$146.10
Gibson, Thomas	\$2,218.62
Hooper, Phyllis	\$151.20
NC Land & Property	\$575.61
NC Local Government	\$780.09
Pearson Properties	\$7,454.31
Ross, Clevelenad	\$351.12
The Historic Preservation	\$694.58
Trinh, Vu Van	\$1,045.39
TOTAL	\$71,192.66
DECEMBER 2016 VEHICLES & ETC	
Davis, Larry	\$531.71
Warren L Tadlock Chap 13	\$131.06
Lloyd, Susan	\$106.22
Padgett, Robert	\$180.27
Ryder Truck Rental	\$266.34
Lail, Charles	\$241.81
Stowe, Stephen	\$228.29
Burris, Barbara	\$155.11
Price Metal Spinning	\$844.18
TOTAL	\$2,684.99
DECEMBER VTS REFUNDS	
Cloninger, Roger	\$106.07
Crawford, Serbrenka	\$136.80
Deltex Systems	\$205.70
Deltex Systems	\$345.80
Ellis, Thelma	\$112.69
Fortenberry, Tommy	\$315.95
Fraley, Zachary	\$112.52
Fredell, Sherry	\$120.79
Freemn, Marshall	\$129.49
Howren, Michael	\$353.62
Joy, Todd	\$246.85
Lail, Michael	\$183.64
Moore, Russell	\$209.20
Norwood, Daniel	\$432.74
Norwood, Laura	\$200.57
Richardson, Bobby	\$127.98
Riley, Raymond	\$140.88
Rumfelt, Norris	\$153.40
Setzer, Josh	\$112.23
Taylor, Janet	\$271.64
Thomas, Darrell	\$149.45
Thomas, Darrell	\$131.10
Weidenhamer, Andrew	\$106.20
Williams, Dustin	\$129.19
Wilson, Michelle	\$110.76
Wilson, Michelle	\$191.36
Wood, Brett	\$312.88
TOTAL	\$5,149.50
GRAND TOTAL	\$79,027.15

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2017-029 Commissioner Brown - Travel & Tourism - To Approve a Transfer of \$150,000 from the Travel and Tourism (T&T) Reserve Fund to the T&T Marketing Account per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
T & T Fund Balance Appropriated	22-9900-991-500		(\$150,000.00)
Marketing	22-4921-371-000		\$100,000.00
Special Programs	22-4921-298-000	17245-0001	\$50,000.00

2017-030 Commissioners Keigher, Worley & Grant - BOC - To Approve a Resolution of Support Requesting that Duke Energy Expedite the Provision of Permanent Water Supplies to Residents Near Allen Steam Station and to Provide an Ash Beneficiation Project at the Site

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

Calls upon Duke Energy to expedite with all available resources the provision of permanent water supplies to residents near its Allen Steam Station so that Gaston County families are not forced to rely on bottled water for their basic needs for two more years until the October 15, 2018 statutory deadline for provision of new water supplies;

Calls upon all state and county authorities to move with all possible haste to expedite needed approvals and otherwise facilitate the provision of water supplies to residents near Duke Energy's Allen Steam Station; and

Calls upon Duke Energy to site an ash beneficiation project at the Allen Steam Station such that all coal ash disposed of at the site will ultimately be excavated and processed into safe, productive use as cementitious products so that it no longer poses a threat to the Catawba River or the drinking water of Gaston County residents.

2017-031 Gaston County Board of Commissioners - Legislative Request: Legislative Agenda for the 2017 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly

On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution 2017-031 requesting the Gaston County Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly to:

1. Support the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' legislative priorities; most importantly, oppose unfunded mandates and any shifts of State responsibilities to counties.
2. Focus on Economic Development:
 - A. Support tax policy to promote advancement of a business climate in Gaston County that fosters competitiveness, encourages new investment and provides for the expansion of current industry to support the local workforce and quality of life:
 - Support the continued efforts toward lowering and eventual elimination of the NC Corporate Tax. Commissioners supported the reduction from 5% to 4% on January 1, 2016.
 - Oppose targeted taxes, policies, codes and rules that would impede business development
 - Continue support of Local Option Sales Tax and maintaining dedicated revenue for economic development (approximately \$84.8M statewide in 2016-2017)
 - Support the reduction of the Franchise Tax.
 - B. Support job creation and retention efforts; fully fund job recruitment efforts and support various economic development performance based incentives:
 - Maintain economic development programs of Golden Leaf Foundation
 - Maintain the Governor's One NC Fund's competitiveness and effectiveness by continuation of the 2015 Commissioners goals that modified the local match

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- Support the creation of a Site and Building Development Fund. The subsidized loan fund would create access to capital for land acquisition, building construction, or building renovation in order to market property ready for lease or sale for industry job expansion
 - Continue support for workforce development through the Community College system
 - Support environmental regulatory policy that is balanced to protect natural resources and be friendly to the manufacturing base
 - Support State investment in rural infrastructure of water and sewer.
- C. Support funding for travel and tourism, historic preservation, land conservation, state parks and the arts in North Carolina as it spurs economic development:
- Support Crowder's Mountain State Park
 - Support Mountain Island Educational State Forest
 - Support the P&N Rail Line
3. Support Transportation Funding:
- Continue efforts to fund transportation infrastructure in North Carolina based on statistical need criteria
 - Support the funding of transportation improvements required for new business and industry
 - Support the development of innovative and sustainable methods of funding transportation and infrastructure projects to meet the needs of our growing population, including a mix of funding methods such as bonds, public-private partnerships, local option revenue, and new revenue sources
 - Support highway interchange improvements that increase the visibility and vitality of area businesses while meeting all safety and commuter standards
 - Support LOCAL Funding Priorities which include:
 - Widening of Interstate 85
 - Bridge over Catawba River (South Fork Crossing/Catawba Crossing)
 - Highway 321 Interchange
4. Support more appointments of Gaston County residents, who are interested, to statewide boards and commissions. Specific commissions of interest include, but are not limited to: Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, Board of Transportation, Property Tax Commission, Partnership for Children, Local Government Retirement System, Local Government Commission and Housing Finance Agency.
5. Support the reinvestment of lottery ticket sale proceeds for education spending as originally intended and restore the statutory requirement that 40% of net lottery proceeds be allocated to counties for school capital needs.
6. Support a comprehensive solution to address disparities in education funding between Counties.
7. Support the restoration of State Aid funding to the Public Libraries Fund to the pre-2011 level of \$415.7 million.
8. Continue support of Gaston County's Court Services Program (Pre-Trial Services).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Gaston County Legislative Delegation to the NC General Assembly and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Non-Consent

2017-032 Commissioners Philbeck & Brown - BOC - To Update the Provisions of the Gaston County Investment Grant Program to Extend the Small Business Investment Grant Program Through Calendar Year 2017

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Commissioner Keigher introduced the motion to approve. Commissioner Philbeck provided the second.

Commissioner Philbeck discussed the parameters of the grant and recalled that it must be extended annually.

Chairman Brown called for the vote, and the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2017-032** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners that the Gaston County Investment Grant Program as adopted by Resolution No. 2006-065, dated February 9, 2006, is hereby amended to approve the one-year extension of the Gaston County Small Business Investment Grant for the 2017 calendar year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Investment Grant program shall sunset on December 31, 2017, and shall apply to investments made during the 2017 calendar year.

Appointments

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

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Philbeck	Mr. Scott Moore	November 30, 2017 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Eric Hendrix	November 30, 2017
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Brown	Mr. Earl Withers, III	November 30, 2017
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Worley	Mr. Ted Hendrix	November 30, 2019

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed/reappointed to the ***Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Keigher	Ms. Norma M. Coleman	September 30, 2019
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. William "Bill" Lineberger,	November 30, 2019

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed/reappointed to the ***Library Board of Trustees***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Keigher	Ms. Rebecca Schwindeman	November 30, 2018 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Worley	Ms. Clare Charzewski	November 30, 2022

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously reappointed Mr. David Holcombe to the ***Animal Care and Enforcement Advisory Board*** to a term ending January 31, 2021.

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

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Brown	Mr. Darryl O. Barber	January 31, 2020
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Worley	Mr. J.R. (Randy) Vinson	January 31, 2020
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Worley	Mr. Mark Hollar	January 31, 2020

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On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Philbeck, the BOC unanimously reappointed Mr. Stephen Whitesell to the **Economic Development Commission** to a term ending December 31, 2019.

Commissioners Committee Reports

Commissioner Philbeck reported meeting attendance on 1/20/17 to **Joint BOC/Legislative Delegates Breakfast Meeting**: main areas of discussion: 1) Support from BOC for a Catawba River Crossing; 2) request for Duke Energy to expedite the provision of clean water supplies for residents near the Allen Steam Station; **NC Health Director of the Year Award**: congratulated Mr. Chris Dobbins, Health & Human Services Director, as recipient of the award. **Gaston Day School Student's U. S. Naval Academy Appointment**: commended Mr. James Anthony, a senior student, on receiving an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Commissioner Worley reported meeting attendance to **North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Legislative Conference**: attended as BOC voting Delegate for the adoption of the Association's Legislative Agenda; **The Montcross Chamber Annual Meeting**: Mr. Donny Hicks, EDC Director, will receive an award on 2/2/17 for public service at the Mount Holly Citizens Center.

Commissioner Keigher reported meeting attendance to **CaroMont Board of Health**: noted current effort to fill nine specialty vacancies; CaroMont is bringing in six or seven new specialists for five different areas; plans to build a new endoscopy center on east side of County; also attended board training for the first time.

Commissioner Brown also recognized Mr. Dobbins for his award; **USS North Carolina**: received a new Commanding Officer at event held in Pearl Harbor.

County Manager's Report

The County Manager presented:

- Echoed comments regarding Mr. Chris Dobbins' recognition as Health Director of the Year, and the EDC Director's upcoming recognition; both are great honors for Gaston County and these individuals
- Several weeks ago attended Junior Achievement Day at Lingerfeldt Elementary School; cited the level of activity and participation among Gaston County staff members that taught classes; they had a lot of great one-on-one time with the kids
- Staff is beginning its budget process; has initiated some departmental level meetings
- Looking forward to Annual Planning Session on February 10th.

County Attorney's Report

No Report.

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Other Matters

Commissioner Keigher stated that he received a letter from Superior Court Judge Jesse Caldwell, thanking the BOC for the privilege and honor of presenting the Charge to Newly Elected Commissioners and School Board Members at the December Induction Ceremony. He read an excerpt from Judge Caldwell's charge that was delivered to newly elected officials on December 5, 2017.

Chairman Brown asked Commissioner Keigher to provide a copy to the Clerk for record.

Commissioner Hovis - *Re: Windsong Subdivision*

- The Windsong subdivision is part of the County, but you must enter into SC to get there
- Is an area with unpaved, non-standard roads
- Visited Windsong Park via a four-wheel drive truck; this is a safety and health concern; it would be difficult for EMS to reach someone in rainy or inclement weather
- County does not do roads, but a resident was directed to by a State representative to contact the Commission; found that perplexing seeing that the State is responsible for roads
- Shared the County's information with an individual/intermediary to present to one of our local Delegates
- Subject area is one of about 50 subdivisions that are substandard; we need to be cognizant of that and need a plan from EMS on how these isolated areas, with virtually no ingress/egress, will be approached in bad weather.

Chairman Brown - *Re: Announcement BOC Upcoming Meetings*

- Joint BOC/Board of Education Meeting - January 31st, Gaston County Administration Building, Conference Room 3A, 6:00 pm
- Annual Planning Session - February 10th, Gaston County Administration Building, Conference Room 3A, 12:00 pm
- February 28th Regular Meeting - Cancelled and Rescheduled to immediately follow the February 14th Work Session.

Adjournment

Chairman Brown called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously adjourned the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2017 at 7:06 p.m.

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

Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

Donna S. Buff
Clerk to the Board

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