



Gaston County

Board of Commissioners

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

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

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Meeting Agenda

Regular Meeting
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES

- A. Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of January 19-22, 2026 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Coretta Scott King Book Awards Literature Week
- B. Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of February 2026 as Black History Month in Gaston County
- C. Commissioner Fraley - Finance and Management Services - Budget - Commendation for GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and Special Recognitions
- D. Commissioner Keigher - Hope United Survivor Network - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of January 2026 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month

II. PRESENTATIONS (Limited to 15 Minutes)

- A. PRESENTATION - FY24-25 GASTON COUNTY AUDIT:
 - Ms. Kelly Gooderham, Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Cloninger - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-25-07-11-00232, House Buyers, LLC/Jayme Infanzon (Applicant); Property Parcels: 316422, 316423, 316424, Located at Summerow Rd., Stanley, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District to the (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District
 - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 - 2. Close Public Hearing
 - 3. Accept Motion

B. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Bailey - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-25-09-16-00234, McLean Self Storage, LLC (Applicant); Property Parcels: 189855, 189856, & 221533, Located on Gaither Rd., Belmont, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay to the (C-3) General Commercial Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay

1. Receive Citizen Comment
2. Close Public Hearing
3. Accept Motion

IV. BUSINESS AGENDA**A. AGENDA REVISION/APPROVAL****B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. To Approve the Minutes of:
 - Rescheduled Regular Meeting of November 17, 2025

V. CITIZEN RECOGNITION (Limited to One Hour; Sign up Prior to Start of Session; Comments Limited to 3 Minutes)**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of January 19-22, 2026 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Coretta Scott King Book Awards Literature Week

B. Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of February 2026 as Black History Month in Gaston County

C. Commissioners Brown & Keigher - BOC - To Update the Provisions of the Gaston County Investment Grant Program to Extend the Small Business Investment Grant Program Through Calendar Year 2026

D. Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - To Approve Plat Review Officer Changes

E. Commissioner Brown - County Attorney - Decline Opportunity to Purchase the Teacher Resource Center Property (Parcels: 108841, 108845 and 108844) from the Gaston County Board of Education

F. Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information

G. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Accept and Appropriate Federal Grant Funds Received from the NC Department of Health and Human Services - Women, Infant, and Community Wellness Section/ Infant and Community Health Branch (100% Grant Funds - \$25,966)

- H. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Accept and Appropriate Local Grant Funds Received from AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina, Inc. (100% Grant Funds - \$500,389)
- I. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Accept and Appropriate Funds Received from Partners Health Management (100% Miscellaneous Revenue - \$32,467.50)
- J. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$77,425.00 (Year 1: \$25,808.33, Year 2: \$51,616.67, Total: \$77,425.00)
- K. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$79,211.00 (Year 1: \$41,185.00, Year 2: \$38,026.00, Total: \$79,211.00)
- L. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$320,000.00 (Year 1: \$140,000.00, Year 2: \$180,000.00, Total: \$320,000.00)
- M. Commissioner Keigher - Hope United Survivor Network - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of January 2026 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month
- N. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Appropriate \$35,988.46 from Fund Balance to the ACCESS Community Transportation Grant Account (\$35,988.46)
- O. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Donations Received in Second Quarter of FY26 Totaling \$23,564.12
- P. Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Authorize an Application to The NC Department of Commerce Rural Economic Development Division Building Reuse Grant Program Application on Behalf of Project Family 2025
- Q. Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Budget - To Appropriate General Fund Balance for Risk Insurance and Workers Compensation (\$2,147,263)
- R. Commissioner Fraley - Finance and Management Services - Budget - Commendation for GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and Special Recognitions
- S. Commissioner Brown - Financial and Management Services - Budget - Administrative Correction Amending Fund Number in Resolution #2025-349
- T. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Approve Giving Authorization to the Procurement Services Manager to Pre-audit Gaston County Contracts
- U. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Accept as Information the November 2025 Property Tax Refunds Less than \$100. These Tax Refunds Should Be Recorded in the Board's Minutes. (Total NCVTS Refunds - \$2,088.92)
- V. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Accept as Information the December 2025 Property Tax Refunds Less than \$100. These Tax Refunds Should Be Recorded in the Board's Minutes. (Total NCVTS Refunds - \$3,065.39)

- W. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Appropriate Accumulated Investment Earnings From October 1, 2025, Through December 31, 2025 (\$57,727.79) in FY26
- X. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance (Emergency Management/Fire Services) - To Approve the Appropriation of Unified Fire Protection Service District Fund Fund Balance for Distribution to Waco Fire Department in the Amount of \$18,659.90 for Reimbursement of Purchase of Flash Upgrades for 35 Radios to Meet State TDMA Requirement
- Y. Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Grants (DHHS/Children's Advocacy Center) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Grant Funds from the Governor's Crime Commission for VOCA CAC Basic Services for The Lighthouse Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) for FY2026 (Year 4 - \$98,724.17 with No Match)
- Z. Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Grants (Hope United Survivor Services) - To Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds from the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission for Gaston County Justice for DV Victims Grant (Year 1: \$100,000.00 with a 25% Non-County Match of \$33,333.33)
- AA. Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Grants (Hope United Survivor Services) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Grant Funds from the Governor's Crime Commission for the DV/SA Basic Services Grant for FY2026 (Year 2 - \$123,346.36 with No Match)
- AB. Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Grants (DHHS/Shelter) - To Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds from Gaston Community Foundation for the Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center for FY 2026 (\$13,000)
- AC. Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Grants (DHHS/Shelter) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Grant Funds from the Governor's Crime Commission for the VOCA - DV/SA Basic Services Grant for the Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center - A Domestic Violence Shelter for FY2026 (Year 4 - \$81,952.42 with No Match)
- AD. Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Grants (Sheriff's Office) - To Accept and Appropriate Federal Grant Funds to Support Domestic Violence Deputies in the Sheriff's Office (Year 1: \$99,999.78 with a 25% County Match of \$33,333.26)
- AE. Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Grants (Sheriff's Office) - To Accept and Appropriate Federal Grant Funds to Support Court Advocates in the Sheriff's Office (Year 1: \$125,000 with No County Match)
- AF. Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - To Amend the Current Gaston County Fee Schedule to Adjust Emergency Medical Services Fee Schedule Based on Medicare and Medicaid Allowable Rates
- AG. Commissioner Shehan - GEMS - To Accept and Appropriate Federal Grant Funds from the North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services to Support Peer Support Specialist (\$51,574 with No County Match)
- AH. Commissioner Keigher - Library - To Approve the Conversion of 4 Half-time Library Branch Employees to Part-time (100% Grant Funds - No Additional County Funds)

- AI. Commissioner Keigher - Library - To Accept and Appropriate LSTA Scholarship Grant (\$1,714 - 100% Non-County Funds)
- AJ. Commissioners Brown & Hovis - Office of Capital Improvements - To Approve a Qualifications Based Selection and Authorize the County Manager, or His Designee, to Execute a Professional Services Contract with JLL for Owner's Project Manager (OPM) Services for the Public Safety Campus
- AK. Commissioner Shehan - Office of Capital Improvements - To Amend the Old Willis Force Main Project Construction Contract to Classic City Mechanical to Total \$2,114,533.90 and Authorize the County Manager, or His Designee, to Execute a Contract on Behalf of Gaston County
- AL. Commissioners Brown & Bailey - Office of Capital Improvements - To Authorize the County Attorney to Draft Contract Documents for the Jail Space Needs and Conditions Assessment Study and Provide Information about the Budget Transfer Required (\$127,450 - No Additional County Funds)
- AM. Commissioner Cloninger - Police Department - To Approve the Donation of K-9 Salko from the Town of Dallas
- AN. Commissioner Brown - Public Works - To Approve the Reallocation of \$120,000 Budgeted Capital Funds to Pay for Telematics in All Gaston County Fleet Vehicles
- AO. Commissioner Shehan - Sheriff's Office - To Authorize a Transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Fund for the Sole Source Purchase of Four Integrated IDEMIA LiveScan Systems (\$73,507 Quote)
- AP. Commissioner Brown - Tax - To Approve a Resolution Modernizing Appointments to the Board of Equalization and Review
- AQ. Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed November 2025 Tax Refunds be Made. (Release and Refunds - \$16,504.85; Overpayments - \$63,914.96; VTS Refunds - \$2,073.28; Grand Total - \$82,493.09)
- AR. Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed December 2025 Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$2,460.29; Overpayments - \$182,642.45; VTS Refunds - \$783.13; Grand Total - \$185,885.87)
- AS. Commissioner Fraley - Tourism Development - To Authorize the Use of the Remaining Balance of the Previously Approved Fund Balance Transfer for Fraley Field Improvements (\$60,513.38)

VII. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Commissioner Brown - Public Works - Introduction of an Ordinance Reforming Parking Regulations on County-Owned Property - Chapter 16 of the Gaston County Code of Ordinances

VIII. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

IX. ITEMS ADDED BY MAJORITY VOTE FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

X. APPOINTMENTS

A. [Appointment List - Current Expiring Terms/Vacant Positions](#)

XI. REPORTS

A. Commissioners Committee Reports

B. County Manager's Report

C. County Attorney's Report

XII. OTHER MATTERS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT