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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on December 2, 2024 at 10:18 am following the Swearing In Ceremony in The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse, for the purpose of reorganization of the County Commission.

Commissioners Jim Bailey, Chad Brown, Cathy Cloninger, Allen R. Fraley, Bob Hovis, Tom Keigher and Scott Shehan were in attendance.

Others present included Matthew Rhoten, County Manager; David Goldberg, County Attorney; and Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board.

Election of the Chairman

The County Attorney entertained nominations for the Chairman of the Board as follows:

Commissioner Hovis nominated Commissioner Chad Brown to serve as Chair of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners and Commissioner Keigher provided the second.

The County Attorney asked if there were any other nominations; none were heard.

The County Attorney declared the nominations closed and called for the vote to elect Commissioner Chad Brown as Chairman of the County Commission and the motion carried unanimously as follows:

2024-408 Commissioner Chad Brown is hereby elected to serve as **Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.**

Election of the Vice-Chairman

Chairman Brown entertained nominations for the Vice-Chairman of the County Commission.

Commissioner Keigher nominated Commissioner Cathy Cloninger. Commissioner Hovis seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Bailey nominated Commissioner Scott Shehan.

Chairman Brown asked if there were any other nominations; hearing none, he declared nominations closed and moved to a vote on the nomination of Cathy Cloninger as Vice-Chairman of the County Commission. The motion carried as follows:

2024-409 Commissioner Cathy Cloninger is hereby elected to serve as **Vice-Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.**

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Cloninger, Fraley, Hovis, Keigher
Nays: Commissioners Bailey, Shehan

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Appointment of County Manager

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2024-410** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina, appoints Matthew Rhoten to the position of County Manager.

Appointment of County Attorney

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2024-411** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina, appoints David Goldberg to the position of County Attorney.

Appointment of County Clerk

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2024-412** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina, appoints Donna S. Buff as Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

Resolution of Meetings

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2024-413** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina sets forth the time and place of its required meetings at 6:00 pm, The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse, 325 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Gastonia, North Carolina as follows:

- ***Work Sessions to be held on the 2nd Tuesday each month***
- ***Regular Meetings to be held on the 4th Tuesday each month,***

with exception of the following meetings in 2025:

- **November BOC Regular Meeting to be Combined with the November Work Session and Held on THURSDAY, November 13th – 6:00 PM**

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- **December BOC Regular Meeting to be Combined with the December Work Session and Held on December 9th – 6:00 PM**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when the Board of Commissioners sets a location with date and time of a meeting away from the Courthouse, the location for the meeting will be designated by the Commissioner representing the township where such meeting is to be held. The Clerk shall cause the place of the meeting to be published as required by law.

Resolution of Approval of Bonds

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2024-414** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, that in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, bonds are hereby set and approved as follows:

Sheriff, Chad Hawkins \$25,000
 Register of Deeds, Jonathan L. Fletcher \$10,000
 Finance Director, Kyle Sutherland \$1,000,000
 Tax Collector, Chelsea Tarbush \$1,000,000
 Faithful Performance Blanket Bond \$500,000

Resolution of Meeting with Legislative Delegation

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2024-415** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County will meet with the aforementioned legislative delegation as required during the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the time and place of the aforementioned meetings are to be scheduled by the Chair after consultation with the members of the legislative delegation.

Chairman Brown announced that a meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2025.

Resolution for Annual Planning Session

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2024-416** as follows:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners that the policy of the Board of Commissioners shall be to have one major annual Planning Session with said date being determined at a later time.

Other Matters

Chairman Brown thanked his colleagues for their vote upon being re-elected Chairman. He congratulated the County Manager, County Attorney and Clerk to the Board upon their reappointments and concluded that it is a great time to be in Gaston County.

Adjournment

Chairman Brown called for a motion to adjourn the Organizational Meeting.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Shehan, the BOC unanimously adjourned the Organizational Meeting of December 2, 2024 at 10:24 am.

(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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