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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met in Regular Session at 6:00 pm on January 28, 2025 in The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse.

Chairman Chad Brown presided with Commissioners Jim Bailey, Allen R. Fraley, Bob Hovis, Tom Keigher and Scott Shehan in attendance.

Vice-Chair Cathy Cloninger was not in attendance.

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

Upon request of Chairman Brown, Commissioner Hovis led those assembled in the Invocation and Commissioner Bailey led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Keigher & Brown – BOC – Proclamation – To Proclaim the Month of February 2025 as Black History Month in Gaston County

Commissioner Keigher read the Proclamation for adoption under the Consent Agenda.

Presentation - Gaston County 2024 Statewide Benchmark Comparisons – NCACC County Map Book

Ms. Denise Canada, NCACC Research and Fiscal Policy Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation titled *Gaston County Demographic and Economic Highlights* and advised as follows:

## ***Demographics***

- The County added 92,000 new residents between 1970 and 2023; most of those moved into municipal areas; age and measurement chart depicts a solid base of young families, largest group of men in early 50s and late teens, largest group of women in early 50s and a large retirement age population; this impact can be seen in property taxes, school system, aging population and increase in EMS calls, etc., which can fit into its policy-making decisions during the budgetary process; comparatively, the County has more (residents) in the 50s to 60s area overall; and its residents' median age (45 years old) is on the lower end of the state's median age.

## ***Economics and Workforce***

- *Education:* Compared to 10% of the statewide average overall, 12% of the County's population over age 25 have less than a high school diploma; the largest category (29%) are residents that have a high school diploma or GED which is their highest level of college education; between the 29% and 12% groups, about 40% of the County's residents have high school degrees at most; education of workforce is good to keep in mind when working on economic development and the types of corporations and companies to recruit for jobs.
- *Unemployment:* It's normal and natural for the unemployment rate to go up and down in response to larger national economic events (i.e., peaks experienced via savings and loans crisis in the 1990s, unemployment in 2000-2001, Enron and Arthur Anderson financial

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meltdown and the pandemic); County had its highest peak around 2009-2010 from the housing bubble; and another peak at the height of the pandemic; variations overtime are natural; slide also depicted the Statewide drop in the unemployment rate over the same period, which has dropped significantly since the height of the pandemic.

- *Where Residents Work:* Per Census Bureau product data, most of the County residents' primary jobs are in Mecklenburg (37%), Cleveland & Lincoln (6%) and Gaston (31%) counties; people tend to spend money where they work and live.
- *Private Sector Employment:* Between 1990 and 2023, the County had about a 6% decrease in private sector jobs; government employment grew during this period which helped keep the County's unemployment rate down; the County had a decline over that same time-period in goods-producing jobs (manufacturing); an increase in service-providing jobs (hospitality, restaurants, lodging; white collar services as banking, health, etc.). Service jobs in nearly every County in the State and in the nation are making up a larger share of the economy overall.
- *Per Capita Income:* All income earned in County is divided by its number of residents; it is measured differently than median household income; there are many measurements that County can use to get a sense of its economy and economic health of residents but no one indicator is right, is the best, or paints the full picture; the County needs to look at several indicators to obtain a broad sense; median household income is not it because it is one of the factors used by Commerce in the tier calculations; Gaston's per capital income increased over time and is adjusted for inflation; the gap between statewide and County's average increased around 2010 and 2015 and has not narrowed since then or seem to be growing; the County's per capital income is lower than the statewide average
- *GDP (Gross Domestic Product):* The County had a five-year change in its GDP (value of what its economy produces) which increased by 9% over this time period (2018-2023) than median counties that increased by 6%; finance, insurance, real estate (21%) and manufacturing (21%) contribute to the overall GDP.

**Sales Taxes**

- The County's sales tax collection was 31% higher in April 2021 than April 2020; a Supreme Court decision in 2018 changed how online sales taxes are remitted before the pandemic; forecasting sales tax revenue is difficult because of its volatility, which is unfortunate because it is the second highest revenue source; halfway through FY2019, sales that took place within the County and sales tax collected on the sales increased over a 5-year period and decreased the last few months. The economy was affected in interesting ways during the pandemic, which had an influence on Sales Tax – a Supreme Court decision in 2018 changed how online sales were taxed or remitted and these changes impacted the online shopping that was prevalent during the pandemic. This is not typical and will unlikely continue at that rate.

**Sales Tax Distribution**

- Each county levies a different local sales tax; all monies are collected by retailers and sent to the state, which applies a series of mathematical formulas per NCGS; those formulas determine how much money gets sent back to the counties. Even if every County collected

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an identical amount of sales tax, no two counties would receive the same distribution. This adds to the difficulty in forecasting this revenue source. As an example, Gaston's October 2024 collections (sales that occurred in September 2024) were compared with Onslow County; the County collected \$7.24M and Onslow collected \$7.26M in sales tax; per formula, the County received \$7.9M in sales tax revenue before it was split with its municipalities; Onslow received \$7.5M; both counties received more in sales tax revenue than was collected.

She advised she was available to answer any questions.

Chairman Brown called for questions from the BOC.

Commissioner Keigher recalled the slide where municipalities had outgrown the rural areas by a great amount; noted the towns/municipalities that annex and add 800 to 1,000 homes, which has been prominent in the County over recent years.

Ms. Canada advised that this happens more in some counties than others; that is a variable that can cause those numbers to look more out of sorts than they would otherwise.

Hearing no further questions, Chairman Brown thanked Ms. Canada for the presentation.

Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Cloninger - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-24-10-21-00196, Stephen and Ruth Abbott (Applicants); Property Parcels: 314245 & 314246, Located on Shalom Dr., Dallas, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District to the (R-3) Single Family General Zoning District

Chairman Brown announced the Public Hearings as advertised, explained the procedures to be used, and called for the motion to enter into Public Hearing.

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

Chairman Brown introduced Mrs. Jamie Kanburoglu, Director of Planning and Zoning – Building & Development Services, for comments.

Mrs. Kanburoglu advised subject rezoning request involved parcels 314245 & 314246 located off Shalom Dr., Dallas, NC; the Applicants/Property Owners, Stephen and Ruth Abbott, are requesting to rezone two 1-acre parcels from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District to the (R-3) Single Family General Zoning District.

She reviewed orthophoto, zoning and adjacent property owners' maps and advised the parcel is located between Dallas and Stanley city limits (off Kiser Dairy Rd.); *orthophoto map* depicts original parcel consisting of fields, wooded areas, and agricultural structures; the surrounding area is heavily residential with a mix of housing types and styles throughout the area.

The property owners purchased the property over a year ago and it was subdivided last fall through the family exemption process to create two 1-acre lots for their children; this request is only for lots 3 & 4 on the approved plat; the main parcel will remain (R-1).

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The Applicants initial (application) request was to rezone a portion of the main parcel; the new parcel numbers have been mapped, assigned new IDs and updated in this request.

The *zoning map* depicts that the parcel and surrounding parcels are zoned (R-1) with some RMF (Residential Multifamily) lots south of the property; if approved, any uses allowed in the (R-3) would be permitted per standards/regulations adopted in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

*Adjacent property owners map* depicts those that received notices about the public hearing; notices were mailed out and a sign was posted on the site on January 13<sup>th</sup> per NCGS; a neighbor came in to inquire about the proposed rezoning and shared he noticed trailers and a manufactured home being placed on the site but did not object to the proposed zoning or to the property owners placing homes on the site for their children; staff visited the site earlier today and saw a manufactured home on a trailer, not on the site, and some horse trailers as well; she referenced the *table depicting the property owners' information* for the mailed notices.

The site is served by a private well/septic system and is accessed off Shalom Dr. (a private drive off of Kiser Dairy Rd.), a NCDOT maintained road; lots 3 & 4 have access to Shalom Dr. via a 20' access easement.

The property is located in *Area 2: North 321 Gaston/North Central Gaston* of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP); key issues for area citizens include the preservation of open space, road improvements, and better connectivity to other areas of the County and throughout the region, more transportation alternatives, preservation of agriculture and maintaining rural "feel" of area.

The Future Land Use Designation is *Rural* and exemplifies Gaston County and the existing natural resources that exist throughout the area; residential homes are located on larger lots and are set back from the roads they front upon; it is understood this is the default use designation for the County.

The TRC (Technical Review Committee) reviewed the request on 12/4/24; a letter from the GCL MPO (Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization) was provided and included in BOC's staff packets; there are no planned or funded transportation improvement projects within the immediate vicinity of the property.

Staff found the request is consistent with the goals of the CLUP.

The Planning Board heard the request at its January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and recommended approval via a unanimous vote (7-0) based on *it is a reasonable request and in the public interest and is consistent with the goals of the CLUP as it will keep the parcel residential in nature and maintain the rural "feel" of the area as envisioned by the small area plan*; this concludes the presentation; the Applicants are also in attendance.

Chairman Brown called for comments from the Applicants.

Mrs. Ruth Abbott (Applicant) advised they purchased the property over a year ago and decided to allow their children (only) to live on it and place a manufactured or stick built home on it; there is currently a pre-manufactured home on the property with no electricity to it; wants to move into the manufactured home until their home is built and then turn it over to their disabled daughter; their

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retired military son desires to put a home on the other lot; the remaining acreage would be for their personal home and would remain farm/rural land; they have no desire to put other homes or buildings there.

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment and for questions from the BOC; hearing none and no additional comments, declared the Public Hearing closed.

Chairman Brown recapped the Planning Board recommended approval via a 7-0 vote and called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously approved **2025-001**, upon consideration of the map change application, public hearing comment, and recommendation from the Planning Board and Planning staff, finds:

- 1) The map change request is consistent with the County's approved Comprehensive Land Use Plan as it will keep the parcel residential in nature and maintain the rural "feel" of the community, as envisioned by the North 321 Gaston small area plan.

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 parcels: 314245 & 314246, is hereby approved, effective with the passage of this Ordinance to be rezoned to the (R-3) Single Family General Zoning District.

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

Chairman Brown directed the County Attorney to provide the Consistency Statement to the Clerk for the record.

Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Hovis - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-24-11-18-00199, William Leiton (Applicant); Property Parcel: 212823, Located at 111 Camp Rotary Rd., Gastonia, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay to the (C-1) Light Commercial Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay

Chairman Brown introduced Mrs. Jamie Kanburoglu, Director of Planning and Zoning – Building & Development Services, for comments.

Mrs. Kanburoglu advised this rezoning request involves parcel 212823 located at 111 Camp Rotary Rd., Gastonia, NC; the Applicant is Mr. William Leiton; the Property Owners are Steven and Maria Mason; the request is to rezone a .30-acre parcel from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay to the (C-1) Light Commercial Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay.

She reviewed orthophoto, zoning and property owners' maps and advised the property is located in a residential area of the southwest region of County (outside of Gastonia city limits near Kings Mountain and Bessemer City); *orthophoto map* depicts the area is primarily residential with various commercial pockets throughout; uses in the vicinity include a camp, warehouse, Crowders Mountain State Park and many residential homes; current tax records indicate the parcel is a church that was constructed in 1964; the current owners purchased the property in November 2023.

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The *zoning map* depicts the area is zoned R-1 with US overlay; some areas are in Gastonia's zoning jurisdiction; the default zoning district for the County was R-1; this site has housed a commercial structure since 1964 (before County established zoning in 1992); *property owners' map/listing slides* depict those that received notices about the public hearing; notices were mailed out and a sign was posted on the property on January 13<sup>th</sup> per NCGC; staff received one call inquiring about the request and no concerns were raised.

The site is served via public water and private septic system; is accessed off Camp Rotary Rd., a NCDOT owned and maintained road.

The property is located in *Area 5: Scenic Gaston/Southwest Gaston* of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP); key issues for citizens in area include preservation of open space, road improvements and better connectivity, preservation of existing conditions while allowing low-to-moderate growth, repurposing vacant buildings/facilities for new economic opportunities.

The Future Land Use Designation is "*Rural*" which was the default future use designation for the County; staff found the request is consistent with the CLUP.

The TRC (Technical Review Committee) reviewed the request on December 4<sup>th</sup> and shared that the Environmental Health Department stated this would trigger a change of use and recommended the Applicants for an Existing System Approval (ESA) permit during the change of use permitting process.

The GCL MPO (Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization) provided a letter, attached to BOC's staff packets, stating there are no funded transportation projects within the immediate vicinity of the site.

The Planning Board heard the request at its January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and recommended approval via a unanimous vote (7-0) based on *this is a reasonable request and in the public interest and is consistent with the goals of the CLUP and will repurpose vacant buildings and facilities for new economic opportunities as envisioned by the (Scenic Gaston) small area plan*; this concludes the presentation.

Chairman Brown called for comments from the Applicant.

Mr. William Leiton (Applicant), 111 Camp Rotary Rd (Gastonia, NC), speaking on behalf of Crowders Mountain Trading Post, advised he conducted a lot of research on the property and community prior to purchasing it; envisioned a community-based business to offer resources for the residents and visitors to the area; the community and surrounding area is rich with history and wanted to capture the heart of that.

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment and for questions from the BOC; hearing none, declared the Public Hearing closed.

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On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Bailey, the BOC unanimously approved **2025-002**, upon consideration of the map change application, public hearing comment, and recommendation from the Planning Board and Planning staff, finds:

- 1) The map change request is consistent with the County's approved Comprehensive Land Use Plan as it will repurpose vacant buildings and facilities for new economic opportunities, as envisioned by the Scenic Gaston small area plan.

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: 212823, is hereby approved, effective with the passage of this Ordinance to be rezoned to the (C-1) Light Commercial Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay.

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

Chairman Brown directed the County Attorney to provide the Consistency Statement to the Clerk for the record.

**Agenda Revision/Approval**

Chairman Brown requested the following item be removed and brought back at a later date once staff has completed the necessary revisions.

- ***WITHDRAWN/ Commissioner Brown – DHHS – Social Services Division (ACCESS) – Approval of the Grants and Financial Management Policies and Procedures (No Funding Impacted Herein) - IV., M.***

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Shehan, the BOC unanimously approved the Agenda of January 28, 2025 with changes as noted above.

**Citizen Recognition**

No request.

**Consent Agenda**

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

**2025-003 Commissioner Brown - BOC - To Revise the Gaston County Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting Schedule for February 2025 to Reschedule the February 11<sup>th</sup> Work Session to Precede the February 25<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting - 6:00 P.M** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with N.C.G.S §143-318.12(a), hereby revises the 2025 BOC Meeting Schedule to RESCHEDULE the February 11th Work Session to precede the February 25th Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM.

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**2025-004 Commissioners Keigher & Brown - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of February 2025 as Black History Month in Gaston County****2025-005 Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - To Approve Plat Review Officer Changes as follows:**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly in 1997 session, approved legislation that requires the Board of Commissioners of each county to designate one or more persons as a County Plat Review Officer, to review each map and plat and approve same prior to recording at the County Register of Deeds (NCGS 47-30.2); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS 47-30.2., these persons shall be experienced in mapping or land records management, and it is suggested that the designee hold a Certified Mapping certification as approved by the State of North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners designated Jena Goodman, Juan G. Garcia, Jamie Kanburoglu, Peyton Wiggins, Shelby Barkley, Jaime Lisi, and Alex Pachter as County Plat Review Officers in Resolution 2024-352; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is requested to add Jonathan Mead as a review officer.

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

- 1) The County's Plat Review Officers shall be Jena Goodman, Juan G. Garcia, Jamie Kanburoglu, Peyton Wiggins, Shelby Barkley, Jaime Lisi, Alex Pachter, and Jonathan Mead.
- 2) The County Manager is authorized to make necessary notifications, with the names of the County Plat Review Officers being recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds and indexed on the grantor index in the name of the Plat Review Officers.

**2025-006 Commissioner Brown - County Attorney - Updates to Appointment Policy as follows:**

WHEREAS, Gaston County depends on county boards to provide critical input from the community and ensure that residents are treated fairly and in accordance with the law; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is committed to ensuring that appointees serve with the utmost commitment to integrity and ethics.

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

- (1) The attached Appointment Policy is adopted.
- (2) This Resolution supersedes Resolution 2009-313 (Adopted 9/24/2009), as amended by Resolution 2013-107 (Adopted 3/28/2013).

**GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
APPOINTMENT POLICY**

**Sec. 1. SERVING REQUIREMENTS:**

Must be a Gaston County resident with exception of federal/state/departmental or agency positions requiring representation.

**Sec. 2. OPEN MEETINGS LAW:**

Each BOC appointed body shall comply with the open meetings law by notifying its members and the sunshine list of the date, time and location of the meeting forty-eight hours prior to the meeting as required by the Open Meetings Law. The current sunshine list is on the Intranet Web site and available upon request submitted to the Clerk to the Board.



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**Sec. 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

Prior to an appointment, each commissioner shall determine and report to the full BOC if his/her appointee has a substantial material conflict of interest in the related appointed body or is serving on any other county-appointed board.

**Sec. 4. NEWLY APPOINTED BODIES:**

Each newly appointed body or policy making (ad hoc) body will be outlined as to purpose, duties, responsibilities, meeting location and time with ad hoc committees being given a date of completion.

All appointed bodies shall serve in an advisory capacity to the BOC with exception of the Board of Equalization and Review, the Health and Human Services Board, the Personnel Advisory Board, the Gaston County Board of Adjustment, and any other body charged by law to exercise decisional authority.

No BOC appointed body shall carry the name of "Commission" unless required by law or as otherwise approved by the BOC.

**Sec. 5. BY-LAWS:**

BOC appointed bodies shall submit their by-laws, including changes set forth herewith, for approval on the BOC Consent Agenda with the BOC Chairman serving as Board Action sponsor.

**Sec. 6. APPOINTMENT APPLICATIONS:**

Applications shall be received prior to appointment and forwarded to all Commissioners by the BOC Clerk.

**Sec. 7. APPOINTEE ORIENTATION:**

Appointees to County Advisory Boards shall undergo an orientation by the Department for which the Advisory Board provides advice.

**Sec. 8. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

*With the exception of medical reasons*, any member of a BOC appointed body may be removed from office if he/she:

- (1) Is absent from three (3) consecutive advisory board meetings, or
- (2) Has less than a 60% annual attendance record at advisory board meetings.

**Sec. 9. ATTENDANCE REPORTS:**

Each BOC appointed body shall submit a monthly cumulative attendance report for the calendar year to the BOC Clerk within one (1) week of each meeting or related subcommittee meeting.

**Sec. 10. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS:**

Appointed bodies shall submit written reports to the BOC/Clerk from January through March outlining the next years course of work. BOC/Clerk shall forward these reports to the Assistant County Manager for budget consideration. BOC may schedule Work Session presentations if needed.

In cases where the BOC appoints several members to a larger appointed body but not the entire membership, the BOC will be forwarded the committee's annual report.

**Sec. 11. CHAIRPERSON/OFFICER CHANGES:**

A committee representative must report chair or officer changes to the BOC Clerk for appointment database changes.

**Sec. 12. CHANGES IN APPOINTMENT BY OTHER APPOINTING AGENCIES/AUTHORITIES:**

For appointments made by other agencies or authorities, such to be reported to the BOC Clerk for appointment database changes.

**Sec. 13. COUNTY EMPLOYEES SERVING IN NON-SPECIFIED STAFF POSITIONS:**

No county employee is to serve on a BOC appointed body unless that body requires specified staff representation. County employees shall serve in an ex officio/advisory/non-voting capacity on any advisory board to which they have been appointed.

**Sec. 14. TERM EXPIRATIONS:**

BOC or Clerk (as requested) will contact each appointee as his/her term expires.

**Sec. 15. SERVING ON MORE THAN ONE BOARD:**

Citizens shall not be limited as to the number of appointed boards on which they can serve, subject to restrictions in Section 9 of Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution.

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**Sec. 16. RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS:**

Commissioners shall recognize volunteers upon resignation by announcing names during televised meetings on the Government Access Channel and mailing certificates of completion as prepared by the Clerk's office.

**Sec. 17. APPLICABILITY OF POLICIES TO APPOINTEES:**

Appointees to county boards are subject to the following policies as if they were county employees:

- (1) Gaston County Personnel Policy § 3 (Code of Ethics)
- (2) Gaston County Personnel Policy § 16 (Social Media Policy)
- (3) Gaston County Personnel Policy § 26 (Use of Information Technology Resources)
- (4) Resolution 95-16, January 17, 1995 (Code of Ethics for County Officials)

**2025-007 Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information as follows:**

ENTRY DATE	DEPT NAME	ACCOUNT	DR/CR	AMOUNT
12/03/2024	Health	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520015-G0096	D	2,100
12/03/2024		1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520002-G0096	C	2,100
12/03/2024	Tax	1000-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520005-	C	3,500
12/03/2024		1000-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530020-	D	3,500
12/03/2024		1000-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520011-	C	5,500
12/03/2024		1000-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530020-	D	5,500
12/03/2024	Public Works	1000-PWK-191-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540003-	C	25,000
12/03/2024		1000-PWK-191-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530010-	D	25,000
12/03/2024	Public Works	1000-PWK-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520012-	C	100
12/03/2024		1000-PWK-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520013-	D	100
12/05/2024	GEMS	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520006-	C	41,693
12/05/2024		1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520020-	D	41,693
12/05/2024	ROD	1000-ROD-000-00000-AutoFd-000000-0000-01-520020-	D	680
12/05/2024		1000-ROD-000-00000-AutoFd-000000-0000-01-530010-	C	680
12/05/2024	Public Works	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540006-	C	35,572
12/05/2024		4005-PWK-191-00000-GasHsB-000000-0000-01-540005-P2206	D	17,600
12/05/2024		4005-PWK-191-00000-GasHsB-000000-0000-01-540016-P2206	D	17,972
12/09/2024	IT	1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530020-	D	388
12/09/2024		1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520015-	C	388
12/11/2024	Social Services	1000-DSS-000-00000-DigDoc-000000-0000-05-530010-	C	11,000
12/11/2024		1000-DSS-271-00000-VstCtr-000000-0000-05-530005-	D	11,000
12/12/2024	Public Works	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540006-	C	4,000
12/12/2024		4005-PWK-191-00000-GasHsB-000000-0000-01-540016-P2206	D	4,000
12/16/2024	Public Works	4010-PWK-000-00000-Colleg-000000-0000-03-540016-AR017	C	108,300
12/16/2024		4010-PWK-000-00000-Colleg-000000-0000-03-540005-AR017	D	108,300
12/16/2024	Health	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-530002-	D	1,350
12/16/2024		1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520020-	C	1,350
12/17/2024	Tax	1000-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530015-	C	800
12/17/2024		1000-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530023-	D	800
12/19/2024	Comm Svces	1000-CSS-291-00000-Donatn-000000-0000-05-520007-	C	0
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12/19/2024		1000-CSS-291-29102-Donatn-000000-0000-05-530023-	C	5,179
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12/19/2024		1000-CSS-291-29103-Donatn-000000-0000-05-520007-	C	1
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12/19/2024		1000-CSS-291-00000-Hope4H-000000-0000-05-520005-	C	16,583
12/19/2024		1000-CSS-291-00000-Hope4H-000000-0000-05-520007-	D	10,384
12/19/2024		1000-CSS-291-00000-Hope4H-000000-0000-05-520015-	C	66
12/19/2024		1000-CSS-291-00000-Hope4H-000000-0000-05-520020-	C	1,478
12/19/2024		1000-CSS-291-00000-Hope4H-000000-0000-05-520019-	D	7,743
12/19/2024		1000-CSS-291-00000-ThrdHp-000000-0000-05-520005-	D	7,070
12/19/2024		1000-CSS-291-00000-ThrdHp-000000-0000-05-520007-	C	443
12/19/2024		1000-CSS-291-00000-ThrdHp-000000-0000-05-530015-	D	2,317
12/19/2024		1000-CSS-291-00000-ThrdHp-000000-0000-05-520019-	C	8,944
12/19/2024		1000-CSS-291-29103-KaraCl-000000-0000-05-520007-	C	3,333
12/19/2024		1000-CSS-291-29103-KaraCl-000000-0000-05-520019-	D	3,333
12/30/2024	Health	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-510100-GMTRN	D	1,000
12/30/2024		1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-510101-GMTRN	D	1,858

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12/30/2024	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520012-GMTRN	D	2,650
12/30/2024	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520013-GMTRN	D	3,000
12/30/2024	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520015-GMTRN	D	12,305
12/30/2024	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530015-GMTRN	D	900
12/30/2024	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530027-GMTRN	D	721
12/30/2024	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-510001-GMTRN	C	3,309
12/30/2024	1000-HLT-254-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520002-GMTRN	C	19,125

**2025-008 Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Health Division - To Accept and Appropriate Other Grant Funds from the American Lung Association (\$100) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Other Grant Revenue	1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-AmrLung-0000-05-445006-	(100)
Program Supplies	1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-AmrLung-0000-05-520002-	100

**2025-009 Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Health Division - To Amend 2024-387 and 2024-423 to Revise the Effective Date to Reflect July 1, 2025, for the Implementation of the Revisions Enacted in NC Session Law 2023-134 for the Local Community Child Protection and Child Fatality Prevention Teams**

**2025-010 Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds for Disaster Rental Assistance in the Amount of \$45,646 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Disaster Rental Assistance	1000-DSS-270-00000-DtrRnt-PAPayts-0000-05-410001-G0139	(45,646.00)
Disaster Rental Asst: Public Assistance Payments	1000-DSS-270-00000-DtrRnt-PAPayts-0000-05-560008-G0139	45,646.00

**2025-011 Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Approve the Transfer of \$29,626 from General Fund to the General Government Capital Fund, via the Community Investment Fund (CIF) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Salaries: 2021 BJA COSSAP Grt	1000-CSS-271-00000-VstCtr-0000000-0000-05-510001-G0003	(22,003.46)
FICA: 2021 BJA COSSAP Grt	1000-CSS-271-00000-VstCtr-0000000-0000-05-510100-G0003	(1,476.12)
Retire: 2021 BJA COSSAP Grt	1000-CSS-271-00000-VstCtr-0000000-0000-05-510101-G0003	(1,788.18)
401K: 2021 BJA COSSAP Grt	1000-CSS-271-00000-VstCtr-0000000-0000-05-510102-G0003	(655.98)
Health: 2021 BJA COSSAP Grt	1000-CSS-271-00000-VstCtr-0000000-0000-05-510103-G0003	(2,948.40)
Prof Services: 21 BJA COSSAP	1000-CSS-271-00000-VstCtr-0000000-0000-05-530010-G0003	(753.86)
Transfer to CIF Fund	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584000-	29,626.00
Transfers from General Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	(29,626.00)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	29,626.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(29,626.00)
Furn/Equip>\$5,000-2021BJA COSS	4005-CSS-271-00000-VstCtr-0000000-0000-05-540002-G0003	29,626.00

**2025-012 Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division (ACCESS) - To Accept and Appropriate NCDOT Grant Funds for the FY25 Bus and Bus Facility Program NCDOT/PTD (5311) Community Transportation Program (\$1,918,400 Including \$191,840 Local Match) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
FY25 CT Capital- Fed rev	4000-CSS-290-29001-000000-0000000-0000-05-410000-G0140	(1,534,720.00)
FY25 CT Capital- State rev	4000-CSS-290-29001-000000-0000000-0000-05-410001-G0140	(191,840.00)
Fund Balance Appropriated	4000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(191,840.00)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	1,918,400.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(1,918,400.00)
FY25 CT Capital- Motor Vehicles	4005-CSS-290-29001-000000-0000000-0000-05-540003-G0140	1,918,400.00

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**2025-013 Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division (ACCESS) - To Approve the Amended Transportation Advisory Board By-Laws**

**2025-014 Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division (ACCESS) - Approval of the ACCESS ADA Policy**

**2025-015 Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management/Fire Services - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of January 20 - 26, 2025 as Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Week**

**2025-016 Commissioner Brown - Financial and Management Services - Grants - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds for the Sheriff's Office for Software Rental (\$23,258) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
State Grant Rev-Perform&Wellns	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-410001-G0135	(\$23,258.00)
Software Rental-Perform&Wellns	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530029-G0135	\$23,258.00

**2025-017 Commissioner Fraley - Financial and Management Services - Grants - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Grant Funds for Hope United Survivor Network for Contracted Legal Services and Furniture/Equipment (\$122,807.02) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fed Grant Rev-24-25FVPSA COVID	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-410000-AG028	(\$122,807.02)
Furn/Equip<\$5K-24-25FVPSA COVI	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520020-AG028	\$47,813.27
Prof Serv-24-25FVPSA COVID	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-530010-AG028	\$74,993.75

**2025-018 Commissioner Brown - Financial and Management Services - Grants - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Grant Funds for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) (\$67,603) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Federal Grant Rev-2024 JAG:GCP	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-410000-G0138	(\$50,703.00)
Furn/Equip<\$5K-2024 JAG:GCP	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520020-G0138	\$11,456.00
OtheContracts&Subs-2024 JAG:GCP	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-570006-G0138	\$39,247.00
Federal Grant Rev-2024 JAG:SHF	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-410000-G0138	(\$4,800.00)
Furn/Equip<\$5K-2024 JAG:SHF	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520020-G0138	\$4,800.00
Furn/Equip>\$5K-2024 JAG:SHF	4005-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-540002-G0138	\$12,100.00
Federal Grant Rev-2024 JAG:GCP	4000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-410000-G0138	(\$12,100.00)
Transfer to CIF	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	\$12,100.00
Transfer From CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(\$12,100.00)

**2025-019 Commissioner Brown - Financial and Management Services - Grants - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Governor's Crime Commission Grant Funds for the Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence Unit (\$140,000.00 - 25% County Funded Match of \$46,666.69) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
RedGrtRev: DV Unit	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-410000-G0097	(\$140,000)
Salaries: DV Unit	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-510001-G0097	\$115,365
FICA: DV Unit	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-510100-G0097	\$8,825
Health Insurance: DV Unit	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-510103-G0097	\$15,810
Salaries	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-510001-	(\$38,435.23)
Salaries: DV Unit	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-510001-G0097	\$38,435.23
FICA	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-510100-	(\$2,092.46)
FICA: DV Unit	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-510100-G0097	\$2,092.46
Health Insurance	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-510103-	(\$6,139.00)
Health Insurance: DV Unit	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-510103-G0097	\$6,139.00

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**2025-020 Commissioner Cloninger - Financial and Management Services - Grants - To Accept a Federal Emergency Management Grant from the NC Department of Public Safety and Adjust the Appropriation Adopted as Part of the FY25 Original Budget (\$62,500 with a County Match of \$62,500) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
FedGrtRev: Emer Mgmt Perf Grt	1000-EMG-000-00000-EMPGrt-00000000-0000-02-410000-GEMPG	18,280.00
Salaries: Emer Mgmt Perf Grt	1000-EMG-000-00000-00000000-00000000-0000-02-510001-GEMPG	(18,280.00)
Miscellaneous Supplies/Expense	1000-EMG-000-00000-00000000-00000000-0000-02-520007-	(80,780.00)
EMPG Offset	1000-EMG-000-00000-00000000-00000000-0000-02-560000-EMPGO	80,780.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-00000000-0000-99-490000-	18,280.00
EMPG Offset	1000-EMG-000-00000-00000000-00000000-0000-02-560000-EMPGO	(18,280.00)

**2025-021 Commissioner Brown - Financial and Management Services - Grants (Hope United Survivor Network) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Governor's Crime Commission Grant Funds for the Gaston County District Attorney's Office Victim Witness Assistance Program (\$97,297.66 - 25% Match: \$32,432.55) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
FedGrtRev (PT): 2023 DA VAW	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-00000000-0000-05-410000-G0099	(\$97,297.66)
Salaries: 2023 DA VlnC Agt Wmn	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-00000000-0000-05-510001-G0099	\$73,225.10
FICA: 2023 DA VlnC Agt Wmn	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-00000000-0000-05-510100-G0099	\$5,561.14
Ret: 2023 DA VlnC Agt Wmn	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-00000000-0000-05-510101-G0099	\$5,565.70
401KCont: 2023 DA VlnC Agt Wmn	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-00000000-0000-05-510102-G0099	\$3,661.26
HealthIns: 2023 DA VlnC Agt Wm	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-00000000-0000-05-510103-G0099	\$9,173.32
LifelnS: 2023 DA VlnC Agt Wmn	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-00000000-0000-05-510105-G0099	\$111.14

**2025-022 Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Accept the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, Gaston County Audit as Information**

**2025-023 Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Accept as Information the November 2024 Property Tax Refunds Less than \$100. These Tax Refunds Should Be Recorded in the Board's Minutes. (Total NCVTS Refunds - \$2,372.98) as follows:**

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT	TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
<b>NOVEMBER 2024 REFUNDS</b>			
ALBERTSON, SARAHJO	\$ 54.89	MCCARTHY, MICHAEL HANLON	\$ 20.84
ALLF, BRYAN EWING	\$ 3.79	MENDOZA, LHET CONCEPCION	\$ 89.35
BRADLEY, MARK ALAN	\$ 68.89	MORAN, LATRICIA CULPEPPER	\$ 39.88
BRADLEY, MARK ALAN	\$ 38.87	MURCHISON, CHARLES TERRY	\$ 86.33
BRITTAI, JAN GRAY	\$ 26.70	NAGLE, JOHN LINDSAY	\$ 73.09
BUCKLAD, RAYMOND MICHAEL	\$ 7.44	O'REILLY, BRYANNA SHAY ELIZABETH	\$ 74.90
CALDWELL, ELIZABETH	\$ 22.44	ORTEGA, FRANCISCO JAVIER JR	\$ 16.68
CASTRO, MAINOR AGUILAR	\$ 56.62	PERKINS, KENNETH JAMES	\$ 87.70
CISNEROS, GENARO ADAME	\$ 62.33	PIERCE, CHRISTINA	\$ 60.03
CISNEROS, GENARO ADAME	\$ 77.71	QUEEN, STEPHANIE BAME	\$ 84.50
COLLIER, MATTHEW CASON	\$ 78.20	QUINN, KELLY LAY	\$ 30.17
CROWDING, MATTHEW CALVERT	\$ 26.25	RANDALL, LANCE TIMOTHY	\$ 88.11
DUNN, TANYA ANN	\$ 31.26	RHYNE, STEVEN MICHAEL	\$ 10.90
DUNN, TIMOTHY MICHAEL	\$ 93.91	RHYNE, STEVEN MICHAEL	\$ 10.23
FEEST, DAWN MARIE	\$ 57.34	RICHARDSON, KENNETH LAMON	\$ 3.08
GIBBS, KARI HAVILAND	\$ 84.00	RICHARDSON, THERESA TOBIN	\$ 4.98
HERRING, MELVIN	\$ 11.30	SHOEMAKER, MARY AEBY	\$ 6.97
HOPKINS, DANIEL PAUL	\$ 37.47	SMITH, BARRY BEACH	\$ 7.61
HUFFMAN, DEAN ANTHONY	\$ 11.33	SPENCE, DESMELL ALBIN	\$ 49.12
JEELANI, SHOAB	\$ 85.34	STAT SERVICES INC OF GASTON COUNTY	\$ 68.85
JEELANI, UZAIR	\$ 82.44	STUBBLEFIELD, STEPHANIE WYONT	\$ 17.92
JONES, ARMIN SAVADIAN	\$ 17.46	THE ESTATE OF BILLY WEBB	\$ 6.42
JONES, NANCY HARDY	\$ 47.51	THE ESTATE OF BILLY WEBB	\$ 34.50
JONES, NANCY HARDY	\$ 1.72	VILLEGAS, SULIA IRMAHEE	\$ 16.15
JORDAN, JAMES RANDAL	\$ 59.28	WALKER, JENNIFER ANN	\$ 9.85

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KARLSTROM, ANDERS BERTIL RAGNAR	\$ 18.37	WARITAY, MOHAMED A KEMOH	\$ 60.14
KING, ROBERT RAY	\$ 28.75	WHITE, ROBERT TRAVIS	\$ 29.53
MATTHEWS, JUDITH ANN	\$ 40.85	ZANDER, SCOTT ROBERT	\$ 52.69
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,372.98</b>

**2025-024 Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - To Approve Emergency Medical Services Fee Schedule Based on Medicare and Medicaid Allowable Rates as follows:**

Current and Proposed GEMS fees												
Level Of Service	HPCPS	2025 MFS (U)	GEMS Current Charge	GEMS Proposed Charges 2-1-25	Proposed Change 2-1-25	Mecklenburg Current Charge 1	Buncombe Current Charge	Cabbarus Current Charge	Union Current Charge 1	City of Gastonia Current Charge 2	New Hanover Current Charge 3	York SC Current Charge 4
Mileage	A0425	\$9.15	\$18.00	\$20.00	+\$2.00	\$29.00	\$17.88	\$15.00	\$10.00	N/A	UTO	UTO
ALS NE	A0426	\$323.78	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0	\$892.00	\$632.80	\$636.29	\$554.00	N/A	UTO	UTO
ALS E	A0427	\$512.65	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	+\$200.00	\$1,194.00	\$1,002.00	\$890.78	\$682.00	N/A	UTO	UTO
BLS NE	A0428	\$269.82	\$625.00	\$750.00	+\$125.00	\$892.00	\$527.40	\$563.57	\$384.00	N/A	UTO	UTO
BLS E	A0429	\$431.72	\$850.00	\$1,000.00	+\$150.00	\$1,194.00	\$843.80	\$781.71	\$461.00	N/A	UTO	UTO
ALS 2	A0433	\$742.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00	0	\$1,194.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,199.82	\$798.00	N/A	UTO	UTO
Specialty Care Transport	A0434	\$876.91	\$1,650.00	\$1,750.00	+\$100.00	\$1,440.00	\$1,714.00	\$1,381.60	\$798.00	N/A	UTO	UTO
1: Hospital supported system												
2: Does not offer this service												
3: Hospital based system; information not available												
4: Hospital based system; information not available												

  

GEMS Other/Non-Transport fees												
Level Of Service	HPCPS		GEMS Current Charge	GEMS Proposed Charges 2-1-25	Proposed Change 2-1-25	Mecklenburg Current Charge	Buncombe Current Charge	Cabbarus Current Charge	Union Current Charge 1			
BLS Disp Supplies	A0382		\$30.00	\$50.00	+\$20.00	0	\$60.00	\$60.00	UTO			
Defibrillation	A0384		\$50.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	0	0	0	UTO			
IV Disp Supplies	A0394		\$35.00	\$50.00	+\$15.00	0	\$50.00	\$50.00	UTO			
Intubation	A0396		\$45.00	\$0.00	(\$45.00)	0	0	0	UTO			
ALS Disp Supplies	A0398		\$50.00	\$100.00	+\$50.00	0	\$100.00	\$100.00	UTO			
Oxygen Disp Supplies	A0422		\$35.00	\$35.00	0	0	\$10.00	\$50.00	UTO			
DOA Response Fee	A0429		\$180.00	\$180.00	0	0	0	0	UTO			
DOA Transport	A0429		\$180.00	\$400.00	+\$220.00	Don't do	\$410.00	\$411.22	UTO			
Treatment, No Transport	A0998		\$375.00	\$375.00	0	UTO	\$375.00	\$200.00	\$106.00			
Stand By Per Hr	A0999		\$300.00	\$300.00	0	UTO	UTO	UTO	UTO			
Medicaid Roundtrip	T2003		\$475.00	\$475.00	0	UTO	UTO	UTO	UTO			

**2025-025 Commissioner Brown - Survivor Services - To Accept and Appropriate Donations Received from October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 Totaling \$105,470.70 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Donations & Gifts - HUSN	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-445004-	(275.00)
Donations: HUSN	1000-CSS-291-00000-Donatn-0000000-0000-05-520019-	275.00
Donations & Gifts - Shelter	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-0000000-0000-05-445004-	(3,463.84)
Donations: Shelter	1000-CSS-291-29102-Donatn-0000000-0000-05-520019-	3,463.84
Donations & Gifts - CAC	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-0000000-0000-05-445004-	(1,120.61)
Donations: CAC	1000-CSS-291-29103-Donatn-0000000-0000-05-520019-	1,120.61
Donations & Gifts - Kara's Closet	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-0000000-0000-05-445004-20045	(1,920.00)
Donations: Kara's Closet	1000-CSS-291-29103-KaraCl-0000000-0000-05-520019-	1,920.00
Donations & Gifts- Threads of Hope	1000-CSS-291-00000-ThrdHp-0000000-0000-05-445004-	(16,493.25)
Donations: Threads of Hope	1000-CSS-291-00000-ThrdHp-0000000-0000-05-520019-	16,493.25
Sponsorships - Threads of Hope	1000-CSS-291-00000-ThrdHp-0000000-0000-05-445005-	(31,500.00)
Donations: Threads of Hope	1000-CSS-291-00000-ThrdHp-0000000-0000-05-520019-	31,500.00
Donations & Gifts-Hope 4 Holidays	1000-CSS-291-00000-Hope4H-0000000-0000-05-445004-	(50,697.50)
Donations: Hope for Holidays	1000-CSS-291-00000-Hope4H-0000000-0000-05-520019-	50,697.50

**2025-026 Commissioner Keigher - Library - To Accept and Appropriate State Aid Grant (\$290,627) per Budget Change Request:**



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Account Description	Account Number	Amount
State Grant Rev-FY25 State Aid	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-410001-G0119	(\$290,627)
Books&AV Suppl-FY25 State Aid	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520018-G0119	\$125,000
Fun/Equip<\$5k-FY25 State Aid	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520020-G0119	\$165,627

**2025-027 Commissioner Hovis - Natural Resources - To Accept and Appropriate an American Rescue Plan (ARP) Stormwater Grant from the NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) in the Amount of \$275,674 as follows:**

WHEREAS, Gaston County has received an earmark for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funded from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund established in S.L. 2022-74 to assist eligible units of government with meeting their water/wastewater infrastructure needs; and,

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding in the amount of \$275,674.00 to perform work detailed in the submitted application; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County intends to perform said project in accordance with the agreed scope of work.

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

1. That Gaston County does hereby accept and appropriate the American Rescue Plan Grant offer of \$275,674.00.
2. That Gaston County does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that any Conditions or Assurances contained in the Award Offer will be adhered to.
3. That Joseph Brian Sciba, Assistant County Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with this project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required by the Division of Water Infrastructure.

**2025-028 Commissioner Cloninger - Parks and Recreation - To Accept and Appropriate Gaston Arts Council Grassroots Grant Funds (Grant: \$4,000 / County Match: \$4,000) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
OtherGrntRev-GastonArtsCouncil	1000-PRK-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-445006-L0012	(\$4,000.00)
Other Services	1000-PRK-000-00000-RecPrg-0000000-0000-04-530015	(\$4,000.00)
ProgSupplies-GastonArtsCouncil	1000-PRK-000-00000-RecPrg-0000000-0000-04-520002-L0012	\$8,000.00

**2025-029 Commissioner Hovis - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Sergeant Brian P. Bolick**

**2025-030 Commissioner Brown - Police Department - To Approve TouchPhrase Development LLC dba Julota (\$23,487.50) as a Sole Source Vendor**

**2025-031 Commissioner Hovis - Police Department - To Accept the Donation of EVO Pro Trotter Treadmill from Scottish Terrier Rescue of the Southeast to the Gaston County Police K-9 Unit**

**2025-032 Commissioner Hovis - Police Department (Animal Care and Enforcement) - To Accept and Appropriate Donations Received from The Bissell Pet Foundation for "Empty the Shelters" Event in the Amount of \$2,110.00 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Donations and Gifts	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-445004-	(2,110.00)
Miscellaneous Supplies/Expense	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520007-	2,110.00

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**2025-033 Commissioner Hovis - Police Department (Animal Care and Enforcement) - To Accept and Appropriate Donations Received from Matthew and Lacey Rhoten in the Amount of \$2,000.00 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Donations and Gifts	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-000000-02-445004-	(2,000.00)
Miscellaneous Supplies/Expense	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-000000-02-520007-	2,000.00

**2025-034 Commissioner Brown - Register of Deeds - To Approve a Resolution to Close the Office of the Register of Deeds for Staff Development Days on the Annual Federal Holidays of President's Day and Columbus Day as follows:**

WHEREAS, the employees of the Register of Deeds Office handle important documentation for the County's citizens on a daily basis; and,

WHEREAS, employees of the Register of Deeds Office must stay up-to-date on changing laws and policies throughout the year that requires education for all employees collectively; and,

WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds seeks to minimize the negative effects that closures of the Office may cause for the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds believes that closing the Office to the public for staff development will have the least negative effect on federal holidays that are not also County holidays; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes §153A-94(b) and §161-8 state that the Board of Commissioners may prescribe the office hours, workdays, and holidays observed by the various offices, and may fix the days and hours that the Register of Deeds shall attend the office in person or by deputy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the public closure of the Office of the Register of Deeds annually on the federal holidays of Washington's Birthday (President's Day) and Columbus Day (Indigenous People's Day) for the purpose of conducting staff development exercises.

**2025-035 Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed November 2024 Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$806.67; Overpayments - \$195,496.30; VTS Refunds - \$493.02; Grand Total - \$196,795.99) as follows:**

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
<b>November 2024 RELEASES AND REFUNDS</b>	
Jenks, Paul	\$806.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$806.67</b>
<b>November 2024 OVERPAYMENTS</b>	
Allen, Joseph	\$100.00
Barger, Carroll L	\$475.95
Bradley, Stephen	\$1,660.76
Buchanan, Shelby	\$128.28
Cooperativa Latino Credit Union	\$1,432.36
Corelogic	\$2,663.31
Corelogic	\$2,481.22
Corelogic	\$1,639.99
Corelogic	\$4,524.30
Corelogic	\$3,087.59
Corelogic	\$653.31
Corelogic	\$1,502.04
Corelogic	\$1,895.74
Corelogic	\$312.15
Corelogic	\$4,849.99
Corelogic	\$1,784.80
Corelogic	\$2,046.15

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Corelogic	\$2,456.52
Corelogic Commercial Tax	\$4,836.37
Corelogic Commercial Tax	\$129,301.54
Costner Law Office PLLC	\$3,777.23
Crank, Rhaleshia R	\$151.24
Ferguson, Vickie	\$137.39
Gardner, William	\$149.34
Gardner, William A	\$124.44
Guevara, Juan Pineda	\$138.06
Gunde, Stephen	\$194.97
Hawes, Jason Timothy	\$3,756.36
Horner, L B	\$100.00
Kimsey, Ann R	\$400.77
Kimsey, Ann R	\$100.00
Lereta	\$3,767.90
Lereta	\$1,363.62
Logan, Monet Carea	\$4,281.73
Murphy, Mary Charles	\$300.00
Nolen, Cindy	\$110.00
Oquinn, Bobby	\$2,235.92
Pineda, Juan Carlos	\$116.85
Raines, Kenneth	\$412.27
Rankin, Christopher Ryan	\$296.79
Rochester Props LLC	\$2,074.18
Stott, Hollowell, Windham & Stancil, PLLC	\$1,470.70
Stott, Hollowell, Windham & Stancil, PLLC	\$1,727.23
The Graeber Corporation	\$161.02
Winham, Arthur J	\$176.92
Winter, Janett Griffin	\$139.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$195,496.30</b>

**November 2024 VTS REFUNDS**

Craig, Timothy Riley	\$238.55
Lincoln County Tax Department	\$254.47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$493.02</b>

**GRAND TOTAL****\$196,795.99**

**2025-036 Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed December 2024 Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$24,038.09; Overpayments - \$112,503.62; VTS Refunds - \$1,692.69; Grand Total - \$138,234.40) as follows:**

<b>TAXPAYER NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>December 2024 RELEASES AND REFUNDS</b>	
Bennett, Jeffrey L	\$1,052.66
Corelogic	\$481.05
Corelogic	\$321.30
Corelogic	\$517.05
H D Development of Maryland	\$9,747.65
H D Development of Maryland	\$790.49
H D Development of Maryland	\$9,648.37
Jordan, Patrick	\$318.45
Jordan, Patrick	\$327.15
Oakley, Katy Smith	\$153.74
Oakley, Katy Smith	\$157.94
Powell, David	\$237.36
Turneabe, Elizabeth	\$143.22
Turneabe, Elizabeth	\$141.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,038.09</b>

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**December 2024 OVERPAYMENTS**

Allen, Joseph	\$100.00
Barr, Edwin T Sr	\$1,154.95
Belmont Savings Bank	\$179.00
Belmont Savings Bank	\$179.00
Brown, Betty H	\$400.00
Brown, Charlotte S	\$4,464.36
Capstone Multifamily Group, LLC	\$144.77
Carter, Clyde David Jr	\$1,832.54
Coletta Rentals, INC.	\$630.92
Corelogic	\$2,031.42
Corelogic	\$2,288.80
Corelogic	\$4,337.88
Corelogic	\$130.00
Corelogic	\$1,478.64
Corelogic	\$3,422.34
Corelogic	\$4,263.79
Czinege, Agnes	\$491.00
Dr. Valerie Holmes Waddell	\$200.00
Frady, Earl	\$180.00
Frady, Earl	\$180.00
Frady, Earl	\$180.00
Hester, Carl Shane	\$523.20
Ingle, Hillary Lawrence	\$204.63
James D. Doster, INC	\$22,067.16
Kennedy, Elaine	\$503.55
Lane, Melody L	\$187.28
Lane, Melody L	\$187.28
Lane, Melody L	\$227.57
Lavery, Donna Jo	\$786.33
Leach, Yvonne P	\$349.03
Leonhardt, Michelle H	\$3,168.96
Leslie R. Morris As TTEE. Of The Robinson Fam	\$198.41
Leslie R. Morris As TTEE. Of The Robinson Fam	\$1,422.63
Leslie R. Morris As TTEE. Of The Robinson Fam	\$160.35
Leslie R. Morris As TTEE. Of The Robinson Fam	\$1,400.07
Lopez, Martin De Jesus	\$105.80
Lott, Dale Lee Jr	\$100.00
Mangan, Mario Joseph	\$114.43
Mangan, Mario Joseph	\$134.07
NC Re Investments LLC	\$1,856.90
Nichols, Pat J.	\$590.66
Norris, Johnny M	\$4,500.00
Norris, Johnny M	\$4,500.00
Outreach Management Services	\$417.52
Perry, Catherine	\$365.03
Perry, Catherine	\$365.03
Pineda, Juan Carlos	\$127.67
Pineda, Juan Carlos	\$318.64
Rodriguez, Isaura	\$901.86
Rogers, Miriam M	\$200.00
Ryan, LLC Paying for 7-11/Speedway	\$11,327.38
Schenck, Mark B	\$114.14
Sentry Drug Center 3 LLC	\$1,960.45
Smarr, Dorothea	\$115.46
Southern Benedictine Society INC.	\$2,839.58

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Stone, Meredith	\$112.74
Suttles, R Charles	\$2,197.01
The Cramer Mountain Club, INC.	\$17,300.37
The Cramer Mountain Club, INC.	\$1,065.64
Thomas, Robin	\$979.84
Trotman, Queen	\$102.85
Velazquez, Maria G	\$134.69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$112,503.62</b>

**December 2024 VTS REFUNDS**

Eudy, Jimmy Eugene	\$481.58
Gutierrez, Derian Yepes	\$164.69
Lincoln County Tax Department	\$528.33
Lincoln County Tax Department	\$100.12
Lincoln County Tax Department	\$131.34
Lincoln County Tax Department	\$286.63
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,692.69</b>

**GRAND TOTAL****\$138,234.40****2025-037 Board of Commissioners - Legislative Request: Approval of the Gaston County Legislative Agenda for the 2025 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly**

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously approved **2025-037** as follows:

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners is committed to strengthening and diversifying Gaston County's economy, making Gaston County a top choice of business and industry expansion and encouraging the growth of safe and healthy communities; and,

WHEREAS, job creation, economic development, education, workforce development, healthy communities, public safety, and quality of life are adopted priorities of the Commission and are important guiding principles for future policy decisions; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners recognizes that State policies, programs, and investments can have a significant influence on local policy-making; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners has identified numerous legislative priorities for consideration and support during the 2025 General Assembly Session in the areas of transportation, economic development, water and sewer infrastructure, public safety, health and human services, recreation and culture, and administrative capital needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the Gaston County Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly to support Gaston County's 2025 Legislative Priorities attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**EXHIBIT A**

**GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 2025 SESSION OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Preserve County Tax & Finance**

- Protect Gaston County from unfunded mandates and maintain local revenue sources.
- Provide state compensation for when taxable property is removed from the advalorem tax base by the state.
- Assist NCACC with the repeal of NCGS 105-275 (45), which mandates the county must exclude 80% of the appraised value of a solar energy electric system from property taxation.
- Assist NCACC to gain an opportunity to tailor the use of any newly enacted article43 transit tax for all types of transportation expenditures.
- Support flexibility for use of all or a percentage of the occupancy tax.

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***Economic Development***

- Continue the state's infrastructure investment funding, economic development grant programs and support of county EDC services.
- Prioritize economic development funding for NCs' most distressed 80 counties, Tier1 and Tier 2 designations.
- Support for improvement to existing sites and site acquisition as well as assistance in development funding.
- Allow DOC to establish and offer reasonable flexibility and consideration of JDIG fulfillment.
- Continue support of incentive programs including but not limited to:
  - 1) NC's Golden Leaf Foundation
  - 2) Continued funding of JDIG (Job Development Incentive Grants)
  - 3) One NC Fund
  - 4) Community College Workforce Development Partnerships including:
    - A) Strengthen educational offerings and partnerships with industry.
    - B) Strengthen Gaston College/High School partnerships including Career & College Promise.

***Transportation***

- Support modernizing transportation funding by advocating for stable and increased revenue sources for highways, rail and port infrastructure.
- Develop and fund a comprehensive transportation plan that addresses multi-modal regional needs by ensuring a diverse range of transportation options to meet the needs of our citizens.

***Support local, transportation funding priorities which include but not limited to:***

- Increased funding for maintenance of current highways
- Widening of 1-85
- Crossings over Catawba River (South Fork Crossing/Catawba Crossing)

***Infrastructure Development***

- Continued broadband infrastructure grants.
- Continued support for water and sewer expansion for rural communities.
- Support funding for Travel & Tourism, specific to Gaston County's Crowder's Mountain State Park and Mountain Island Educational State Forest.

***Education***

- Support funding for K-12 Educational Facilities.
- Continued growth of the ADM Student Funding.
- Support of Community Colleges and Gaston College's efforts and partnership in workforce training.
- Restore the statutory appropriations for funds from the NC Lottery.
- School Capital appropriations to meet needs for additional classroom space and maintenance of buildings.

***Health/Human Services***

- Utilize mental health funding to include a mental health support network for first responders.

**Appointments**

On motion introduced by Commissioner Shehan and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously reappointed Mr. Edwin Springs to the ***Gaston County Board of Adjustment/Gaston County Housing Board*** to a term ending January 31, 2028.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Shehan and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously reappointed Mr. Stephen Crane to the ***Planning Board*** to a term ending January 31, 2028.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Shehan and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously reappointed Ms. Elysabeth Utick to the ***Tourism Development Advisory Board*** to a term ending January 31, 2028.



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On motion introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the ***Animal Care and Enforcement Advisory Board***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Bailey	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. David Holcombe	January 31, 2029
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Kamryn Loftis	January 31, 2029

On motion introduced by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Randall Rowland to the ***Gaston County Fire Commission*** to an unexpired term ending June 30, 2026.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Randy Gantt to the ***Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)*** to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2026.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Melissa Huffman to the ***Gaston County Housing Board***

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Commissioner Tom Keigher to the ***Health and Human Services Board*** to an unexpired term ending June 30, 2028.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC reappointed Ms. Edy Bergstrom to the ***Kings Mountain Board of Adjustments/Planning and Zoning Board*** to a term ending December 31, 2027.

*\* Commissioner Brown noted that he will not support ETJ appointments, citing his belief that Extraterritorial Jurisdictions are a form of taxation without representation.*

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Mike Mcleod to the ***Quality of Natural Resources Committee*** to a term ending October 31, 2027.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Commissioner Tom Keigher to the ***Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)*** to an unexpired term ending June 30, 2025.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously reappointed Commissioner Bob Hovis to the ***Farmers Market Advisory Board*** to a term ending November 30, 2026 (*appointment made during Commissioner Committee Reports*).

**Commissioners Committee Reports**

Commissioner Keigher reported meeting attendance to the ***Gaston College Board of Trustees*** - this is the third season the men's baseball and ladies' softball teams have ranked in the top ten national league's preseason; to ***Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration*** – held on January 16<sup>th</sup> in the Department of Health and Human Services Auditorium.

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**County Manager's Report**

The County Manager advised there has been a lot of discussion about what the County has not done or is not doing regarding homelessness since the Salvation Army closed. He stated that he would not respond, but not doing so diminishes the hard work, dedication, and partnership with the community.

Since then, the County has had a successful partnership with First United Methodist Church (FUMC - Gastonia) and has provided a true warming shelter facility for its unhoused population; FUMC and County departments have volunteered their time, energy, and efforts and other agencies have stepped up including Healthnet Gaston, Continuum of Care, United Way and the City of Gastonia's partnership with County in sharing law enforcement costs for background checks and janitorial services. Our Community Paramedic Program has visited FUMC twice (nightly) to provide wrap-around services and our employees volunteer there also; the faith community continues to step up by providing food, essential services, blankets, sleeping bags and volunteers.

When this occurred at the Salvation Army last year, there were about 10 people/night; now have about 50 people/night with the new partnership at FUMC; this is a true testament to the collaboration as a community and what has been accomplished since everyone came together.

Chairman Brown thanked County staff for working hard to get that started; their leadership has been impeccable. As part of its efforts, the County has also had to deal with various issues, including a recent fire and the cleanup of different areas, which puts a strain on the available resources (EMS, County Police, and Sheriff's Office staff). He stated he was taken aback by some comments and suggestions that the County has not stepped up and would challenge anyone with those accusations to come before this Board to make them heard. He noted that the County offered extra employee pay to extend shelter hours when it snowed the last time; the County costs have exceeded \$2M to make sure that the homeless community does not suffer.

Commissioner Keigher – **Re: *President's Pause on Federal Grants***: Asked how grants the County receives would be affected if the pause on federal grants and other programs gets reinstated.

The County Manager advised staff has been researching what the true impact would be or is to the County; there will be some, but do not know the magnitude of that; it is still in the early stages; staff will update BOC once it gets to the bottom of it.

**County Attorney's Report**

The County Attorney requested a Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) Confidential Information; (3) Attorney-Client Privilege; (6) Personnel Matters.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously entered into Closed Session at 6:59 pm.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Shehan, the BOC unanimously reentered Open Session at 7:09 pm.

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The County Attorney advised that the BOC voted to approve two pre-litigation employee settlement agreements.

**Other Matters**

None.

**Adjournment**

By unanimous consent, Chairman Brown adjourned the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2025 at 7:10 pm.

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

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Chad Brown, Chairman  
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

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Donna S. Buff  
Clerk to the Board

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