



# Gaston County Board of Commissioners

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

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Meeting Agenda

## Regular Meeting 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER  
INVOCATION  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### I. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES

- A. Commissioners Keigher & Brown - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of February 2024 as Black History Month in Gaston County
- B. Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of January 28, 2024 - February 3, 2024 as Catholic School Week in Gaston County
- C. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Service (Hope United Survivor Network) - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of January 2024 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month
- D. Commissioner Hovis - Finance - Commendation - Finance Staff - GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award

### II. PRESENTATIONS (Limited to 15 Minutes)

- A. PRESENTATION - FY22-23 GASTON COUNTY AUDIT:
  - Ms. Kelly Gooderham, Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A.

### III. BUSINESS AGENDA

#### A. AGENDA REVISION/APPROVAL

#### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. To Approve the Minutes of:
  - Regular Meeting of December 12, 2023
  - Organizational Meeting of December 12, 2023

### IV. CITIZEN RECOGNITION (Limited to One Hour; Sign up Prior to Start of Session; Comments Limited to 3 Minutes)

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy - To Accept and Appropriate Federal Grant Funds from the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) for FY23 Expenses Incurred by the Sheriff's Office (\$68,685)
- B. Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy (Hope United Survivor Network) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Funds for a Governor's Crime Commission Grant for Contracted Legal Services for Domestic Violence Victims (Year 1 - \$51,025 / Total Grant 2 Years - \$102,050)
- C. Commissioner Brown - Budget & Strategy - To Transfer \$3,584 from EDC to Tourism Development (Transfer Between Funds, No Additional Funds)
- D. Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State-Directed Grant Funds for the Gaston County Judicial District 27-A Veterans Treatment Court (Year 1 - \$148,030 / Total Grant 2 Years - \$460,000)
- E. Commissioner Brown - BOC - To Revise the Gaston County Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting Schedule for February, 2024 to Reschedule the February 13th Work Session to Precede the February 27th Regular Meeting - 6:00 P.M.
- F. Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of January 28, 2024 - February 3, 2024 as Catholic School Week in Gaston County
- G. Commissioners Keigher & Brown - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of February 2024 as Black History Month in Gaston County
- H. Commissioner Brown - County Manager - To Approve Gaston County Health Department Maternal Health Assurance Plan Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CaroMont Health, Inc.
- I. Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Approve Lease Agreement with CaroMont Medical Group, Inc. for Medical Office Space at the Gaston County Health Department Building Located at 991 W. Hudson Blvd., Gastonia, NC for the Maternity Clinic
- J. Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information
- K. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services - To Appropriate and Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate to Expand Certified Peer Support Specialists Embedded in the Gaston Emergency Medical Services' Community Paramedicine Program for Post Overdose Response, Follow-up, and Treatment Support (Year 1: \$6,396.00/Total Grant \$52,328.64)
- L. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services (ACCESS Division) - Approval of the Revised 2021 Gaston County ACCESS Public Transportation System Safety Plan (No Funding Impacted Herein)
- M. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services (Hope United Survivor Network) - To Accept and Appropriate Donations Totaling \$103,231.81

- N. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Service (Hope United Survivor Network) - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of January 2024 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month
- O. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve the Sole Source Purchase of a PortaCount Respirator Fit Testing Machine from TSI, Incorporated with Federal Grant Funds and to Transfer North Carolina Public Health Emergency Preparedness Federal Grant Budget from the General Fund to the General Governmental Capital Fund Totaling \$16,335
- P. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Public Health Division - To Accept and Appropriate Federal Grant Funds Received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Passed Through the NC Division of Public Health - Epidemiology/Immunization Section (100% Grant Funds - \$139,954)
- Q. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate NC Association of County Commissioners Award Funds for the Work First Family Assistance Program in the Amount of \$1,000
- R. Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Funds for a Virtual Reality Grant in the Amount of \$5,000 (100% Federal Funds)
- S. Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Authorize an Application to the NC Department of Commerce Economic Development Division for the One NC Grant Application on Behalf of Project Creign (Heyco)
- T. Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Authorize an Application to the NC Department of Commerce Economic Development Division for the One NC Grant Program on behalf of Project Seattle
- U. Commissioner Hovis - Finance - To Accept the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, Gaston County Audit as Information
- V. Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Accept as Information the Attached Property Tax Refunds Less than \$100. These Tax Refunds Should Be Recorded in the Board's Minutes. (Total NCVTS Refunds - \$1,942.04)
- W. Commissioner Hovis - Finance - To Appropriate and Transfer FY2023 Public Safety Salary Savings from the General Fund to the Community Investment Fund (4,400,000)
- X. Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Approve Grant Policy for the Gaston County Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
- Y. Commissioner Hovis - Finance - Commendation - Finance Staff - GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award
- Z. Commissioners Brown, Hovis & Keigher - Finance - To Amend Gaston County ARPA Grant Project Ordinance 2021-264 to Approve and Appropriate Project Funding - Public Safety Campus (\$7,550,000)

- AA.** Commissioner Hovis - Finance - Resolution Approving Schedule No. 10 for Financing up to \$4,634,989.65 with Debt Payment Obligations Through January 25, 2027 for Rolling Stock (Vehicles & Ambulances) and Equipment (SAN Replacement) to Master Equipment Financing Agreement with Banc of America Public Capital Corp
- AB.** Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - To Approve Emergency Medical Services Fee Schedule Based on Medicare Allowable Rates
- AC.** Commissioner Hovis - Police Department (Animal Care and Enforcement) - To Accept and Appropriate Donation Received for Thanksgiving Fundraiser in the Amount of \$1,035 (100% Donation)
- AD.** Commissioner Hovis - Police Department (Animal Care and Enforcement) - To Accept and Appropriate Donation Received from Bissell Pet Foundation in the Amount of \$1,930
- AE.** Commissioner Keigher - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Sergeant Joshua D. Hamlin
- AF.** Commissioners Brown, Hovis, & Keigher - Public Works - To Authorize the Purchase of Properties Located at 803 N. Oakland Street, Gastonia PID's 104358 (4.52 acres), 104359 (5.11 acres), and 104364 (.74 acres) for the Total Purchase Price (\$7,500,000) and the Estimated Closing Costs (\$50,000)
- AG.** Commissioner Worley - Public Works - To Authorize the County Manager, or Her Designee, to Execute a Professional Services Contract with Stewart Engineering, Inc. for the Design of South Point Landing Phase 4
- AH.** Commissioner Johnson - Public Works - To Authorize the County Manager, or Her Designee, to Execute a Professional Services Contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas for the Design of the Gaston County Fueling Station Project
- AI.** Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Cloninger - Public Works - To Authorize the County Manager, or Her Designee, to Execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Gaston County and the City of Lowell for Construction of Segments of Carolina Thread Trail
- AJ.** Commissioner Cloninger - Public Works - To Authorize the County Manager, or Her Designee, to Execute an Interlocal Agreement between Gaston County, the City of High Shoals, and the Town of Dallas for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) High Shoals, Hardin, Dallas - Water Line Project
- AK.** Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the November Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$646.13; Overpayments - \$47,708.16; VTS Refunds - \$6,543.98; Grand Total - \$54,898.27)
- AL.** Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the December Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$5,094.00; Overpayments - \$71,839.03; VTS Refunds - \$5,423.33; Grand Total - \$82,356.36)

## **VI. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

**VII. ITEMS ADDED BY MAJORITY VOTE FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

**VIII. APPOINTMENTS**

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

**IX. REPORTS**

- A. Commissioners Committee Reports
- B. County Manager's Report
- C. County Attorney's Report

**X. OTHER MATTERS**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**