



# Gaston County

## Board of Commissioners

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

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

---

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Meeting Agenda

---

### Work Session (Non-Voting) & Special Meeting - FY27 Gaston County Budget 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER  
INVOCATION  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

- A. Commissioners Cloninger & Shehan - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2026 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month in Gaston County
- B. Commissioner Keigher - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2026 as Foster Care Awareness Month
- C. Commissioner Keigher - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2026 as Older Americans Month
- D. Commissioner Fraley - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of May 17-23, 2026 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Gaston County
- E. Commissioner Keigher - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of May 2026 as Treatment Court Month in Gaston County
- F. Commissioner Keigher - Proclamation - To Recognize Law Enforcement Week and Peace Officer's Memorial Day in Gaston County During the Week of May 10-16, 2026
- G. Certificates in Appreciation for Public Service
  - 1. Robert Buckles, Quality of Natural Resources Committee (QNRC)

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

#### III. OTHER MATTERS

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT - SPECIAL MEETING TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY

**Special Meeting - FY27 Gaston County Budget**

CALL TO ORDER

**I. FY2026-2027 GASTON COUNTY BUDGET**

- A.** Public Hearing - FY2026-2027 Gaston County Proposed Budget
  - 1. Accept Citizen Comment
  - 2. Close Public Hearing
- B.** Commissioner Hovis - To Adopt a Resolution to Approve the FY26-27 Order to Levy and Collect Ad Valorem Tax for the Gaston County Unified Fire Protection Service District and Set the FY26-27 Rates for the Long Shoals and South Gastonia Fire Protection Districts to Zero
- C.** Commissioner Brown - To Adopt the FY2026-2027 Gaston County Budget Ordinance

**II. ADJOURNMENT**