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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met in Regular Session on October 24, 2023, at 6:00 pm in The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse.

Chairman Chad Brown presided with Commissioners Bob Hovis, Vice-Chairman; Cathy Cloninger, Allen R. Fraley, Kim Johnson, \*Tom Keigher (via telephone) and Ronnie Worley in attendance.

Others present included Mr. Matt Rhoten, Deputy County Manager; William T. Stetzer, 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 Cloninger led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Judge William Gaston Award Presentation**

Chairman Brown presented:

- A very important part of this Board's mission is to encourage citizen participation in county government and community involvement
- In 1998, the County Commission established an annual award bearing the name of the County's namesake, Judge William Gaston (1778-1844), to recognize those volunteers who have demonstrated exemplary commitment, dedication, and leadership. Since its establishment, the County Commission has honored 66 recipient volunteers for their services to the Gaston County community
- This year the Board of Commissioners has the privilege of presenting the William Gaston Award to one outstanding individual: Dr. Crystal Maddox
- At this time, I would ask Dr. Crystal Maddox to come to the podium along with any family and friends she has with her to receive the William Gaston Award
- Commissioner Worley will be making the presentation.

## **Dr. Crystal Maddox (MD, MPH, FAFAP)**

Commissioner Worley invited Dr. Maddox to the podium; Mr. Steven Eaton, DHHS Director - Health Division, joined her and Commissioner Worley presented as follows:

Dr. Crystal Maddox is a family physician, disability rights advocate, best-selling children's book author, wife, and Mother. She is currently an Outpatient Family Medicine Physician and Primary Care Service Line Physician Medical Director with CaroMont Medical Group. She graduated from East Carolina University's (ECU) Brody School of Medicine (Greenville, NC), University of North Carolina at Greensboro (Greensboro, NC), and North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University (Greensboro, NC).

After completing her internship and residency at ECU Brody School of Medicine/Vidant Medical Center (Greenville, NC Family Medicine), she began working as a Primary Care Physician within the CaroMont Medical Group, caring for individuals of all ages and for patients within a local skilled nursing facility. Her patient population is diverse and includes a large Spanish-speaking population, children and adults with developmental disabilities, as well as patients from a variety of cultural and socio-economic backgrounds.

She is focused on providing culturally competent, accessible, patient-centered care in an efficient and caring manner. She is a system innovator who enjoys experimenting and improving care delivery systems to the benefit of patients, staff, and providers. Ever community-focused, Dr. Maddox's advocacy with both local and state boards is coupled with her continuous civic work with an extensive list of local and statewide organizations. She also serves as a connector, using her personal and professional network for the improvement of individuals and organizations around her. She is an optimistic, energetic, and empathetic problem solver who is not driven by ego, but by results.

Throughout her medical education and residency, she has been active in advocacy and public health. She served as a Schweitzer fellow during medical school, focusing on educating young people about the dangers of marijuana and secondhand smoke. During residency, she participated in a pilot program aimed at teaching Family Medicine residents how to better serve adults with developmental disabilities. This exposure, blended with life experiences, began her career as an advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Dr. Maddox currently serves on the Gaston County Board of Health and Human Services as the Vice Chair and the NCAFP (North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians) Advocacy Committee. She has also served on Disability Rights North Carolina, NC Council on Developmental Disabilities, Jack and Jill of America/Piedmont Gastonia Chapter, Meals on Wheels of Gaston County, and as a Holy Angels Volunteer.

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She was the recipient of the *2022 Duke Energy Citizenship & Service Award* and was named "*Top 40 under 40 Physician*" in 2016 by the National Medical Association.

Dr. Maddox is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Healthcare Executives, American Medical Association, North Carolina Medical Society and North Carolina Public Health Association.

In her free time, Dr. Maddox has written several children's books, and her first book, "Doc Like Mommy," was inspired by her daughter. She loves traveling and having adventures with her husband and children. It is her belief that representation matters, whether it be in medicine or in literature. She strives to make sure that her children, patients, and community live without limitations.

Dr. Maddox, the County Commission is honored to present you with the **2023 Judge William Gaston Award** in recognition of your compassion, devotion and professionalism. We are indebted to you for your continued efforts to make Gaston County a better place to live, work and play.

Dr. Maddox accepted and thanked the BOC for the award and noted she feels blessed and grateful to be in this County for the past 10 years; it is a wonderful community and she loves serving and caring for the people here; she cannot think of a better place to serve, work, live and play. She expressed her gratitude for the work the BOC has done throughout Covid and recovery and for what everyone is doing in this community that is innovative, caring and all encompassing; so many great things are happening here that makes her proud to be a part of it.

Chairman Brown congratulated Dr. Maddox on a well-deserved award and advised the BOC looks forward to the many more blessings she will bring.

Commissioners Cloninger & Fraley - BOC - Proclamation - To Commend Darin and Brooke Aldridge for Their Success in the Bluegrass Music Industry (Adopted under the Consent Agenda)

Commissioner Cloninger provided introductory remarks:

*We are very honored this evening to welcome two very special people. This is especially exciting for Commissioner Fraley and myself as Cherryville is our hometown and the Cherryville community has a lot of pride and love for this couple. Darin and Brooke Aldridge are here tonight to receive a special proclamation in recognition of their success in the music industry, but perhaps most of all, they are being recognized for their down-to-earth personalities and for the joyful and positive messages that they share with their many fans. Their songs over the years have included a little bit of everything... from gospel and bluegrass to country and Americana; but, through it all they have never wavered from their commitment to offering uplifting songs of hope, aspiration, and love.*

*Some of you may know that Darin Aldridge and his family moved to Cherryville from Avery County when Darin was young. It just so happens that his beautiful wife grew up in Avery County, where they eventually met. It seems they were perfectly fated to come together through their love for music. And they have certainly come a long way! From singing in Church, to performing at Jack and Judy Bingham's famous bomb shelter, to gracing the stage at the Grand Ole Opry more than fifty times. From performances overseas and countless appearances at prestigious venues and events, to numerous television appearances, top-of-the-charts hits and music videos. This couple has done it all, and along the way they have earned the acclaim and respect of their industry peers.*

*They are both very accomplished vocalists and musicians and they have surrounded themselves with some amazingly talented bandmates. These two multi-award-winning artists have taken the Bluegrass and gospel industry by storm! Over the years, they have performed and collaborated with many well-known artists such as the Oak Ridge Boys, Ricky Skaggs, John Cowan of the Doobie Brothers, blues legend Keb' Mo', John Oates of Hall and Oates, Country stars Bryan White and Heidi Newfield, Gospel great, Mike Farris, Barry Bales of Union Station and many, many more, including Darin's life-long inspiration and role-model, Vince Gill, who remarked about the couple that "the sky is the limit" for them.*

*They have made such a wonderful contribution to our County and State. Darin has shared his gift and love for music with so many people in our area through his teaching of stringed instruments over the years and he and Brooke were both instrumental and supportive in highlighting the rich bluegrass heritage in our region through their involvement with the Earl Scruggs Center.*

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On a personal note, she stated she will never forget when her Mother was sick and on her dying bed, Darin sang for her, and they both sang at her mom's funeral.

Commissioner Fraley thanked them for being great ambassadors for Cherryville and the County. He noted his appreciation for what they do as they travel around the United States. He presented the Proclamation as follows:

WHEREAS, IBMA (International Bluegrass Music Association) award winners & GMA (Gospel Music Association) - nominees Darin & Brooke Aldridge, known by many in the Bluegrass music industry, have achieved nationwide stardom and earned recognition abroad for their critically acclaimed Bluegrass, Gospel, and Americana catalog. The multi-award-winning, husband-and-wife duo have spent nearly two decades cultivating their shared love of music and their hard work has led to a string of highly celebrated albums and number-one singles; and,

WHEREAS, together, these two gifted musicians have created a unique sound crafted by rich vocals, accomplished songwriting skills, and impeccable instrumentation. Their music reflects their deep roots in North Carolina heritage and traditions. Darin hails from Cherryville, North Carolina with roots in Avery County, deep in the Blue Ridge Mountains, where he met his wife, Avery County Native, Brooke Justice Aldridge. Darin recalls spending time in Avery County as a child but he has always called Cherryville home and has spent most of his youth and adult life in Gaston County. Cherryville is also where the couple resides today; and,

WHEREAS, Darin, a long-time veteran of the music business, got his start around the age of 8, playing guitar, and eventually branching out to banjo and mandolin. Surrounded by a family of musicians, Darin knew early on that music would be a part of his life. He is a highly sought-after multi-instrumentalist and has had several successful stints with well-known bands, including the Country Gentlemen, The Circuit Riders, and Acoustic Syndicate. In 2017, Darin was named the IBMA's Mentor of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association, for his contributions to mentoring and teaching music to the youth of his community and for giving back so much to the bluegrass industry; and,

WHEREAS, Brooke, a 4-time IBMA female vocalist of the year, grew up in Avery County and graduated from Appalachian State University with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She was encouraged at an early age by her parents to explore singing, after recognizing her innate ear for music and her strong, distinctive voice. She won numerous singing competitions in her youth and was a finalist in the regionals for Nashville Star competition. Known for outstanding vocals, she also picked up mandolin and guitar along the way to add to her powerful repertoire; and,

WHEREAS, while they were both making their way through the circuits, they finally met face-to-face, and the rest, as they say, was history! Their friendship and mutual admiration bonded them professionally in 2005, and their relationship eventually blossomed into something much more. The duo married in 2008 and have been going strong ever since. They knew from the very beginning that they wanted their music to inspire and lift people up and they have remained true to those ideals over the years; and,

WHEREAS, following a Gospel album debut, Darin and Brooke have since released eight acclaimed studio albums as well as a concert album. The duo has notched several tracks at the top of Bluegrass and Gospel charts, and their video for the gospel single "Jordan", released March 2023, has already received more than one million views and downloads and is set to appear on their forthcoming album with Billy Blue Records. Their unmistakable sound has earned them many accolades and opportunities, but perhaps their biggest dream was recognized in 2017 when they were asked to play the Grand Ole Opry. They've since graced that storied stage more than fifty times; and,

WHEREAS, the down-to-earth couple has remained true to their roots and have been recognized locally over the years for their many contributions. In 2010, Darin was named Citizen of the Year in Cherryville, and in 2023, the couple was recognized again by the city, when renowned Chapel Hill artist Scott Nurkin, was commissioned to paint a downtown mural to honor Darin and Brooke.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of their success and gratitude for the honor they have brought to our County, proclaim October 24, 2023, in Gaston County as **Darin and Brooke Aldridge Day**.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldridge accepted and thanked the BOC for the Proclamation, noting they have been honored by the many things that have happened in their music career, and that they love this community and their hometown of Cherryville. The Aldridge's graced the audience with an acoustic rendition of their song, *Grand Ole Circle*, which they also performed at the Grand Ole Opry.

Commissioner Hovis stated the County is blessed to have individuals from this area that have been a part of that "circle"; the Aldridges have added to its richness, and those who have been [to the Grand Ole Opry] understand the poetic nature of the song.

Commissioner Fraley invited the Aldridges to the dais for a group photo with the BOC.

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Commissioner Worley invited Dr. Maddox to the dais for a group photo with the BOC.

Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services (Hope United Survivor Network) - Proclamation - To Proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (Adopted under the Consent Agenda)

Chairman Brown advised the District Attorney (Travis Page) is doing a wonderful job and thanked Ms. Tara Joyner (Director of Hope United Survivor Network); read and presented the Proclamation to the District Attorney.

Chairman Brown introduced the District Attorney and Ms. Joyner for comments.

The District Attorney accepted and thanked the BOC/staff for the Proclamation; for acknowledging the impact of domestic violence in the community and for spreading its awareness. He acknowledged Commissioner Cloninger's storied work over the years in Gaston County to combat domestic violence. He thanked the BOC for creating, funding and staffing a Family Justice Center (Hope United) that is admired statewide.

He thanked the BOC for providing its law enforcement with the tools to help them implement a danger assessment to assist in identifying the most serious domestic violence offenders in order to aggressively prosecute them, and for supporting the District Attorney's office and courthouse staff.

He recalled a domestic violence incident that occurred over the weekend and advised there is light at the end of the tunnel and hope is here in this room with the BOC's commitment to ending domestic violence and making this community a safer place for this and future generations.

Ms. Joyner agreed with the District Attorney's comments; stated she is very proud of the work they are doing in this community; nothing happens alone; it is through collaboration and partnership that they are able to reach those that need help the most; thanked the BOC for its support.

Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of November 2023 as Adoption Awareness Month (Adopted under the Consent Agenda)

Chairman Brown read and presented the Proclamation to Ms. Misty McDaniel, DHHS - Social Services Division Adoptions Program Coordinator.

Ms. McDaniel accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Adoption Team and the families that have extended their hearts and homes through the adoption process; advised that staff has worked diligently since last November to secure 40 children with adoptions and have 8 pending adoptions that should be finalized by end of the month; appreciates BOC's support and the ability to celebrate Adoption Awareness Month.

Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management/Fire Services - Presentation of Certificates to Gaston County Volunteer Fire Fighters and Rescue Squad Members

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Commissioner Hovis advised the years of service for these recipients is more than 230 years of service to our community and invited them to the podium and presented certificates to the following:

<u>Names</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Carolyn Friday	30	Dallas Rescue Squad
Dylan Shane Thompson	10	East Gaston Volunteer Fire Department
William Glover	50	New Hope Volunteer Fire Department
Steve Smith	52	New Hope Volunteer Fire Department
Amber Beatty	10	Spencer Mountain Road Volunteer Fire Department
Austin Beatty	10	Spencer Mountain Road Volunteer Fire Department
Vic Beatty	20	Spencer Mountain Road Volunteer Fire Department
David Flanary	20	Spencer Mountain Road Volunteer Fire Department
Chris Norman	20	Spencer Mountain Road Volunteer Fire Department

Commissioner Hovis stated the citizens are deeply indebted to these ladies and gentlemen for their efforts to protect our community. He thanked them and invited them to the dais for a group photo with the BOC.

Chairman Brown thanked them for their dedication; when a lot of them first started, everything was volunteer; it takes individuals willing to give of themselves.

**Chairman Brown – Re: *Operation Greenlight for Veterans*:** A Proclamation will be adopted under the Consent Agenda regarding Operation Greenlight for Veterans. Gaston County encourages its citizens to honor our veterans by displaying green lights in a window in their business and/or residence from November 6<sup>th</sup> through November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Public Hearing - Riverbend Preserve, LLC; Property Parcel 310408, Located on NC Hwy 16, Mount Holly, NC

Chairman Brown announced the Public Hearings as advertised and advised that the hearing for Project Manitoba was moved to the November 28<sup>th</sup> Agenda. He outlined the Rules of Procedures for the hearings and called for a motion to enter into Public Hearings.

Commissioner Worley introduced the motion and Commissioner Hovis provided the second. Chairman Brown called for Commissioner Keigher's voice vote and called for the vote from the remaining members (via show of hands) and the BOC unanimously entered into Public Hearings.

Chairman Brown introduced Mr. Donny Hicks, Economic Development Commission (EDC) Director, for comments.

Mr. Hicks recognized Mr. Stewart Tate and Bart Shaw of the Shaw Tate Group and owners of property – the people the County has worked with almost a decade to get this project done.

He advised the project came before the BOC several months ago via a rezoning request; it is a cooperative effort between Gaston/Lincoln counties; it involves 900 acres with miles of frontage on NC16; the project had immense opportunities and immense challenges; will bring water/sewer all the way from East Lincoln High School, which involved miles and millions of dollars to get there,

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and didn't even have an interchange or access to the site; his counterpart, Cliff Brumfield, EDC Director in Lincoln County, has been working on this almost a decade trying to get this done.

The 900-acre project is split roughly 50-50 (Gaston/Lincoln County); the County had to reach an agreement with Lincoln County to jointly develop the property; the land on Gaston County's side was more suited for residential and Lincoln County's side was more suited for industrial and is already zoned industrial.

Some of the challenges that had to be worked through were getting water/sewer there; the Shaw Tate (Group) was going to be responsible for spending \$12M+ to get water/sewer to the site; we were fortunate to get a \$18.5M appropriation from the General Assembly to help extend water/sewer from East Lincoln High School to allow the site to be developed; Lincoln County will be operating that part of the project.

Gaston County EDC did a study to determine who was the most logical supplier (Mount Holly, east Lincoln or Lincoln County); after a fair, transparent and non-bias review, everyone decided Lincoln County was the logical person to serve for a variety of reasons.

The project team also worked for a long time on access to the site; there is a provision for an interchange by reservation right-of-way (r-o-w) from the DOT (Department of Transportation) but there was no money to build it; as we got closer to developing the property, the state wanted a superstreet there which did not really fit with Lincoln County objectives; so DOT came back and allowed the design of the superstreet to be non-standard to allow a signalized left-hand turn.

We worked to develop plans to address specific issues that constituents had that live in the area who are used to a largely, undeveloped area; we held neighborhood meetings to address their concerns; there is a densely developed piece of property there; we were able to save 43% of the land as open space which includes a 150-acre easement to the Catawba Lands Conservancy, which matches up to more than 1,300 acres reserved near the Mountain Island Reservoir.

There were numerous concerns from people that provide water/sewer to the site; Mecklenburg, TwoRivers and Mount Holly intakes are there; more than 1.5 million people depend on that water source from downstream of that site; they were concerned about protecting the integrity of the water by not developing it or by providing significant development restrictions on it to avoid compromising it at some point in the future; we worked with Shaw Tate and now have the most stringent preconstruction/postconstruction stormwater standards and they agreed to develop at a substantially higher standard voluntarily and to donate \$1500/dwelling unit to the school system. Because it is in the Denver's submarket, we think it will help raise our average home price; we have one of the lowest housing values compared to median/average housing values throughout the region; most of our peer groups have more valuable homes; in that submarket, we feel like we can have houses built at a higher level and attract people that do not permanently live here but might choose to if we had a different level of housing.

We were able to take each constituency's concern and to provide meaningful input to the process and have the developer to work with them to address them and come out with the best possible outcome; if we started this over we could not come out with a better option than we created; it demonstrates the ability for County employees to work collectively across numerous departments



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(Planning, Manager's Office, Legal, EDC, etc.) and collaboratively with Lincoln County to devise an agreement that we could all solve between two Boards.

He thanked the County Attorney for all of his work in putting the final agreement together; it encompassed all of the ideas into a document that all parties could agree to.

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment and for questions from the BOC; hearing none, thanked everyone who was involved with the project.

Hearing no additional comments, Chairman Brown declared the Public Hearing closed.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

**2023-336 Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - Adoption of Resolution to Approve an Interlocal Agreement with Lincoln County for the Riverbend Preserve, LLC Development**

Commissioner Hovis introduced the motion and Commissioner Johnson provided the second. Chairman Brown called for Commissioner Keigher's voice vote and called for the vote from the remaining members (via show of hands) and the BOC unanimously approved **2023-336** as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-461, any unit of local government in the State of North Carolina and any one or more other units of local government may enter into contracts or agreements with each other in order to execute any undertaking; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-466, when two or more units of local government are engaged in a joint undertaking, they may enter into an agreement regarding financing, expenditures, and revenues related to the joint undertaking; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §158-7.4(a), any two or more units of local governments may enter into contracts or agreements ... under which each participating local government agrees to provide resources for the development of an industrial or commercial park; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §158-7.1(a), a county is authorized to make appropriations for economic development purposes, and these appropriations must be determined by the governing body of the county to increase the population, taxable property, agricultural industries, employment, industrial output, or business prospects of the county; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §158-7.1, a county may extend or may provide for or assist in the extension of water and sewer lines to industrial properties or facilities, whether the industrial property or facility is publicly or privately owned; and,

WHEREAS, Lincoln County is a Tier 3 County and Gaston County is a Tier 2 County pursuant to the tier designation system established under N.C.G.S. §143B-437.08; and,

WHEREAS, an eligible two-county industrial park may have the lower development tier designation of the two counties so long as it meets the requirements set forth in N.C.G.S. §143B-437.08(g); and,

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of Lincoln County and citizens to enter into the Interlocal Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Agreement").

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

1. The Interlocal Agreement between Lincoln County and Gaston County which is attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved.

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2. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners or the County Manager are hereby authorized to execute the Interlocal Agreement and any other necessary documentation required, on behalf of Gaston County.

**2023-337 Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - Adoption of Ordinance to Approve a Development Agreement Between Gaston County, Lincoln County and Riverbend Preserve, LLC**

Commissioner Hovis introduced the motion and Commissioner Fraley provided the second. Chairman Brown called for Commissioner Keigher's voice vote and called for the vote from the remaining members (via show of hands) and the BOC unanimously approved **2023-337** as filed with the Clerk to the Board to be set forth in the Gaston County Code of Ordinances.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is adopted for the purpose of approving a Development Agreement (the "Agreement") by and between Lincoln County ("Lincoln"), Gaston County ("Gaston") and Riverbend Preserve, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company ("Riverbend") pursuant to the authority granted by Article 10, Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has determined that development projects often occur in multiple phases over several years, requiring a long-term commitment of both public and private resources; and,

WHEREAS, Riverbend submitted, and was approved for, a rezoning request identified as REZ-23-01-06-00137, which was a request to rezone from (R-1) Single Family Limited with (SH) Special Highway and (US) Urban Standards Overlays to the (CD/I-2) Conditional General Industrial with Special Highway (SH) and Urban Standards (US) Overlays; and,

WHEREAS, Riverbend is the owner of Lincoln County Parcel No. 70208 (the "Lincoln Parcel") and Gaston County Parcel No. 310408 (the "Gaston Parcel") (collectively referred to with the Lincoln Parcel as the "Property") and desires to develop an industrial park on both of the Properties; and,

WHEREAS, the adoption of this Ordinance and approval of the Agreement (attached hereto as Exhibit A) are undertaken for economic development purposes, to provide water and sewer services from Lincoln to the Property, and to provide necessary funding for the extension of said water and sewer services subject to the terms of the Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for the installation of Lincoln County water and sewer infrastructure to the Property, which shall be solely funded from grant funds received from the General Assembly to Lincoln, for that purpose, in the amount of \$18.55 Million; and,

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that Lincoln shall exercise all efforts to provide water and sewer utilities to the Property no later than twenty-three (23) months after Lincoln's approval of construction plans for said infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the Agreement and the statutorily required legislative public hearing have been properly advertised and noticed to the public as required by N.C.G.S. §160D-1005; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby finds that approval of the Agreement is in the best interest of Gaston County, and is consistent with the requirements set out in Article 10, Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners that after consideration of the development agreement, the foregoing findings, and the authority granted to Gaston County by Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes, it is hereby ordained as follows:



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1. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated as part of this Ordinance.
2. The agreement between Lincoln County, Gaston County, and Riverbend Preserve, LLC, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby approved.
3. The County Manager is hereby authorized to execute the agreement, and any other necessary documentation required on behalf of Gaston County.
4. This Ordinance is adopted in the interest of public health, safety, and general welfare of Gaston County, and shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

\* Commissioner Keigher departed the meeting at 6:49 pm.

Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Cloninger - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-23-08-23-00161, Sabrina Brooke Parker (Applicant); Property Parcel: 310159, Located on Green Rd., Stanley, NC, Rezone 0.69 Acres from the (R-1) Single Family Limited and (C-1) Light Commercial Zoning Districts to the (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District

Chairman Brown introduced Ms. Peyton Ratchford, Building and Development Services Planner II, for comments.

Ms. Ratchford advised the above-mentioned rezoning request is from Ms. Sabrina Brooke Parker (Applicant) for parcel 310159 located on Green Rd. in Stanley (NC); the request is to rezone 0.69 acres from the (R-1) Single Family Limited and (C-1) Light Commercial Zoning Districts to the (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District; the property is located in the northeast corner of the County (north of Stanley; east of High Shoals).

She reviewed orthophoto, zoning and property owner's maps and advised the parcel is currently vacant and surrounded by residential homes; zoning districts include R-1, C-1 and R-2, R-3 and I-2; if approved, any uses in the R-2 would be permitted per standards and regulations adopted in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

The site will be served by utilities (private well/septic system) on Green Rd. which is a NCDOT (NC Department of Transportation) maintained road.

The property owner's map depicts who was notified of the Public Hearing; staff mailed notices on October 9<sup>th</sup> and a sign was placed on the site per NCGS (NC General Statutes); staff did not receive any calls or inquiries about the request.

The parcel is located in Area 3: Riverfront Gaston/Northeast Gaston of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP); key issues for citizens in area include preservation of open space, road improvements and better connectivity to other areas of County and throughout the region and maintaining the Rural feel of the community.

The future land use designation is Rural (characterized as having plenty of open space along with farmstead style housing and opportunities for agribusiness. Residential homes are located on large lots and are set back on the roads they front upon).

The Technical Review Committee (TRC) reviewed project and had no comments; there are no planned transportation projects in the vicinity.

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The Planning Board heard the request at its October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and recommended approval by a 10-0 vote; this concludes the presentation.

Chairman Brown called for comments from the Applicant.

Ms. Sabrina Parker (Applicant), 5627 Green Rd., Stanley (NC), advised her parents' home is beside this parcel and they want to live in a little commune.

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

Chairman Brown recapped the Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the request and called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the BOC unanimously approved **2023-338** 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. It is consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan as it will maintain the rural "feel" of the community by keeping plenty of open space along with farmstead-style housing, as envisioned by the rural future land use designation.

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: 310159, is hereby approved, effective with the passage of this Resolution.

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

Chairman Brown asked the County Attorney to provide the Consistency Statement.

The County Attorney responded he will submit a written statement of consistency to the Clerk.

Public Hearing - Re: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Approve a Gaston County Level One Incentive Grant Pursuant to N.C.Gen.Stat.158-7.1 and To Authorize Gaston County to Enter into an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) with Project Big Fish

Chairman Brown introduced Ms. Alisha Summey, EDC Director of Operations, for comments.

Ms. Summey advised Big Fish, an existing company in the County, is looking to expand their industry by 30,000SF at a \$2M investment; plans to create 10 new jobs within 18 months; the Level One Grant will be a five-year grant totaling about \$35,000.

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

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

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On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved **2023-339** as follows:

WHEREAS, Project Big Fish is considering a total investment of \$2,000,000 to expand their existing operations in Gaston County, to include the purchase and installation of machinery & equipment; the investment will increase operational space to 30,000 square feet; and,

WHEREAS, the firm intends to create at least 10 new jobs within eighteen months of completing their investment; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §158-7.1 authorizes a County to undertake an economic development project by providing grants for the location of industry; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County developed an economic grant policy to provide global advanced manufacturing companies and distribution facilities with incentives to develop high quality industries within the County; and,

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Company's capital investment in and at the Property and its operations thereat will generate significant ad valorem tax, sales tax and other revenues to the County and will qualify for a Level One Incentive Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the County will prepare a detailed Economic Development Agreement (EDA), between Project Big Fish and the County, to provide a Level One Incentive Grant, so as to induce the company to provide good job opportunities and capital investment which will enhance the County's ability to attract additional business and industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners approves a Level One Incentive Grant, as determined by County policy, and authorizes the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or the County Manager to execute any documents necessary to complete an Economic Development Agreement for Project Big Fish.

Public Hearing - Re: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Approve a Gaston County Level One or Level Two Incentive Grant Pursuant to N.C.Gen.Stat.158-7.1 and To Authorize Gaston County to Enter Into an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) with Project Seattle

Chairman Brown introduced Ms. Alisha Summey, EDC Director of Operations, for comments.

Ms. Summey advised Project Seattle, brought to the County from the Economic Development Partnership of NC, is asking for a Level One or Level Two Grant dependent upon where their investment falls; it is a Fortune 500 Company considering a \$21M investment to establish a facility in the County; they plan to create 107 new jobs with an average salary of \$25.82/hour and are looking at a facility in Gateway 85; their facility will split the City of Lowell and City of Gastonia at 350,000SF occupancy; City of Lowell has already approved the incentive grant; it will go before the City of Gastonia in November; Project Seattle provides warehouse logistics and distribution services and is considering three other states for this project.

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

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved **2023-340** as follows:

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WHEREAS, Project Seattle is a Fortune 500 Company considering a total investment of \$21,000,000 to establish a facility in Gaston County, to include the purchase and installation of Machinery & Equipment, with the expectation to complete this investment on or before December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Project Seattle's investment is anticipated to add approximately 107 new jobs with an average salary of \$25.82 per hour over the next twelve months.; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §158-7.1 authorizes a County to undertake an economic development project by providing grants for the location of industry; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County developed an economic grant policy to provide global advanced manufacturing companies and distribution facilities with incentives to develop high quality industries in the County; and,

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Company's capital investment in and at the Property and its operations thereat will generate significant ad valorem tax, sales tax and other revenues to the County and will qualify for a Level Two Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the County will prepare a detailed Economic Development Agreement (EDA), between Project Seattle and the County, so as to induce the company to provide good job opportunities and capital investment which will enhance the County's ability to attract additional business and industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners approves a Level Two Incentive Grant and authorizes the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or the County Manager to execute any documents necessary to complete an Economic Development Agreement for Project Seattle.

Public Hearing - Re: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Approve a Gaston County Level Two Incentive Grant Pursuant to N.C.Gen.Stat.158-7.1 and To Authorize Gaston County to Enter into an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) with Indus

Chairman Brown introduced Mr. Donny Hicks, Economic Development Director, for comments.

Mr. Donny Hicks displayed a site map on the document viewer and reported that a developer wants to buy a site at the Edgewood Rd. Interchange on the southwest corner (in Gastonia city limits); developer plans to construct four buildings at 400,000SF (smaller buildings around 100,000SF); this size building is something a local person or outside person could take, and it will open up more opportunity in the heart of the market. The developer has a portfolio of more than 25,000,000SF and tend to be a long-time owner; the County looked at this site before Apple Creek, but the developer has access to institutional money which will allow them to spend more on site development; they are asking for a Level Two Grant; Mr. Brian Sciba, Planned Growth and Development Manager, worked with NCDOT to get them an right in/right out entrance off the interstate; they are going to stake this out as a long-term hold to build these buildings.

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment; hearing none, called for questions from the BOC.

Commissioner Hovis asked if there were any proposed improvements to the Edgewood Rd. area.

Mr. Hicks responded "yes, sir"; most of the improvements are being driven by what is happening on the north side of road; improvements will be made to Edgewood Rd. because of the Amazon facility and also if Trinity builds across the street.

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Commissioner Hovis asked if NCDOT proposed I-85 widening stops at Bessemer City Rd. and not Edgewood Rd.

Mr. Hicks responded it will not reach Edgewood Rd.; the next phase to match up with what is happening in Cleveland County should pick that up.

Commissioner Hovis advised that needs to be in front of this.

Mr. Hicks responded it needs to be on the list.

Chairman Brown called for additional comments; hearing none, declared the Public Hearing closed.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Worley, the BOC unanimously approved **2023-341** as follows:

WHEREAS, Indus is considering a total investment of \$41,615,000 to establish four warehouse and distribution facilities in Gaston County, the investment will be completed in two phases, Phase One (1) 311,000 square feet and Phase Two (2) 283,500 square feet with the expectation to complete this investment on or before December 31, 2027; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §158-7.1 authorizes a County to undertake an economic development project by providing grants for the location of industry; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County developed an economic grant policy to provide global advanced manufacturing companies and distribution facilities with incentives to develop high quality industries in the County; and,

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Company's total capital investment in and at the Property and its operations thereat will generate significant ad valorem tax, sales tax and other revenues to the County and will qualify for a Level Two Incentive Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the County will prepare a detailed Economic Development Agreement (EDA), between Indus and the County, to provide a Level Two Incentive Grant, so as to induce the company to provide good job opportunities and capital investment which will enhance the County's ability to attract additional business and industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners approves a Level Two Incentive Grant, and further authorizes the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or the County Manager to execute any documents necessary to complete an Economic Development Agreement for Indus.

Public Hearing - Re: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Authorize a Gaston County Level One Incentive Grant and Approve the Conveyance of Approximately 5.2 Acres of Land in the Gastonia Technology Park (GTP) Pursuant to N.C.Gen.Stat. 158-7.1; Authorize Gaston County to Enter Into an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) with Project Manitoba

Chairman Brown announced Project Manitoba was pulled from the Agenda until next month.

Public Hearing - Re: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Authorize a Gaston County Level Two Incentive Grant and Approve the Conveyance of 15.56 Acres of Land (Lot 8) at the Apple Creek

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Business Park Pursuant to N.C.Gen.Stat.158-7.1; Authorize Gaston County to Enter Into an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) with Project Creign

Chairman Brown introduced Mr. Donny Hicks, EDC Director, for comments.

Mr. Hicks displayed a site plan on the document viewer and advised this is a conveyance of property (for site next to Hans Kissle); the County chased this project for three years and it is now down to three sites; Project Creign will hire a developer to build the building and lease it back to them; if they choose Gaston County, the sale will be to the developer on behalf of the company.

The project is automotive related; Project Creign will invest \$21M, create 46 jobs at an annual salary of \$59,000 and need to move on construction by January 2025; they asked how fast could the County move and staff was present to discuss what it could do to facilitate it; they are not interested in negotiating price of the property but in how fast the County can convey; it will be hard for someone to beat our ability to do that; they may choose another site for another reason but it will not be because the County cannot move fast enough to do it.

Tonight's approval is important for staff to advise them that the County is ready to go and demonstrating how fast we can move; there are still three sites in two states under consideration.

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment; hearing none, called for questions from the BOC.

Commissioner Hovis asked if the pre-grading and development the County has done on lot 8 substantially meets the requirements for their building pad.

Mr. Hicks responded they will start with about 60,000SF which would allow them to expand in the future; that site is in a state of preparation that it will not take a lot of grading to get it ready to go.

Commissioner Hovis stated basically it is shovel ready.

Mr. Hicks responded they will do the final grading and will be ready to go; that is one of the reasons they are attracted to the site; it helps them with time, which is a diminishing risk for them.

Commissioner Hovis advised that is another plus for the way the County approached Apple Creek.

Chairman Brown called for additional questions; hearing none, declared the Public Hearing closed.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved **2023-342** as follows:

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 158-7.1 authorizes a county to undertake an economic development project by conveying property to a company in order to induce the company to locate or expand its operations within the county; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County and Project Creign have engaged in private negotiations for the conveyance of a 15.56 acre tract (Lot 8) in the Apple Creek Business Park, to the end that Project Creign may construct a manufacturing facility on the tract, and they have reached a tentative agreement on the terms for conveyance of the property, and for a Level Two Incentive Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Gaston County has held a public hearing to consider whether to approve conveyance of the tract and the Level Two Incentive Grant to Project Creign; and,



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WHEREAS, Project Creign is considering a total investment of \$21,000,000 to design and build one building on Apple Creek Lot 8 and anticipates creating 46 additional job opportunities with an average annual salary of \$59,348; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §158-7.1 authorizes a County to undertake an economic development project by providing grants for the location of industry; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County developed an economic grant policy to provide global advanced manufacturing companies and distribution facilities with incentives to develop high quality industries within the County; and,

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Company's capital investment in and at the Property and its operations thereat will generate significant ad valorem tax, sales tax and other revenues to the County and will qualify for a Level Two Incentive Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the County will prepare a detailed Economic Development Agreement (EDA), between Project Creign and the County, to provide a Level Two Incentive Grant, so as to induce the company to provide good job opportunities and capital investment which will enhance the County's ability to attract additional business and industry.

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

1. Authorizes the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute the necessary documents to convey to Project Creign the real property more particularly described below:

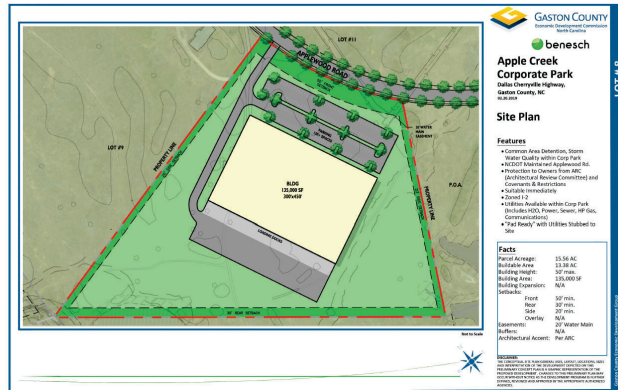
See Attached Map

2. The conveyance of a 15.56 acre tract to Project Creign will stimulate the local economy, promote business, and result in the creation of a substantial number of jobs in Gaston County. The probable average annual wage at the facility to be constructed by Project Creign is \$59,348. The determination of the probable average annual wage at the facility is based upon materials provided to the county by Project Creign.
3. The fair market value of the property, subject to the covenants and conditions associated with the Apple Creek Corporate Park, is \$75,000.00 per acre. This determination of fair market value is based upon the sales prices of comparable tracts of land, as reported to the Board of Commissioners.
4. As consideration for the conveyance of the property, Project Creign will pay \$75,000.00 per acre, subject to survey, at closing. This facility will generate property tax revenues over the next ten years in an amount at least to sufficiently return to the County the total fair market value of the property.
5. As further consideration for the conveyance of the property, Project Creign has agreed to construct on the property an advanced manufacturing facility at a cost of at least \$21,000,000.
6. The Level Two Incentive Grant to Project Creign is approved and the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or the County Manager is authorized to execute any documents necessary to complete an Economic Development Agreement for Project Creign.

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Public Hearing - Re: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Approve a Gaston County Level Two or Level Three Incentive Grant Pursuant to N.C.Gen.Stat.158-7.1; To Authorize Gaston County to Enter Into an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) with Project Sequoia

Chairman Brown introduced Ms. Alisha Summey, EDC Director of Operations, for comments.

Ms. Summey advised Project Sequoia, another project the County has been working with the Economic Development Partnership of NC on, is considering a total investment of \$34M in machinery equipment and to update the former Keter building in Stanley which closed its door in July; anticipate creating 230 jobs with an average annual wage of \$46,000/year; it is an automotive tier one supplier and is also looking at three other states; we expect to hear their decision sometime this week.

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

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously approved **2023-343** as follows:

WHEREAS, Project Sequoia is considering a total investment of \$34,000,000 to construct and equip its facility, and anticipates creating 230 additional job opportunities with an average annual salary of \$46,413; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §158-7.1 authorizes a County to undertake an economic development project by providing grants for the location of industry; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County developed an economic grant policy to provide global advanced manufacturing companies and distribution facilities with incentives to develop high quality industries within the County; and,

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Company's capital investment in and at the Property and its operations thereat will generate significant ad valorem tax, sales tax and other revenues to the County and will qualify for a Level Two or Level Three Incentive Grant; and,

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WHEREAS, the County will prepare a detailed Economic Development Agreement (EDA), between Project Sequoia, the County and the Town of Stanley, so as to induce the company to provide good job opportunities and capital investment which will enhance the County's ability to attract additional business and industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners approves a Level Two or Level Three Incentive Grant, as determined by County policy, and authorizes the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or the County Manager to execute any documents necessary to complete an Economic Development Agreement for Project Sequoia.

Chairman Brown announced the Public Hearings had concluded; thanked Mr. Hicks and his staff.

**Agenda Revision/Approval**

- Deleted/ Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Appropriate FY23 Social Services Revenues from Fund Balance for Social Services Block Grant Overpayment (\$114,956.12) – VII., N.
- Added/ Board of Commissioners - DHHS - Community Support Services (Veterans Services) - Proclamation - To Proclaim November 6, 2023 through November 12, 2023 as Operation Green Light in Gaston County – VII., AE.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Worley, the BOC unanimously approved the Agenda of October 24, 2023 with changes as noted above.

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 26, 2023.

**Citizen Recognition**

The following individuals spoke in opposition of Piedmont Lithium's proposed mining project: Mr. Brian Harper, 1953 Hephzibah Church Rd., Bessemer City, NC (presented a 2800+ signed petition and pictures); Ms. Krystal Lee, 551 Rudisill Rd., Lincolnton, NC; Mrs. Mary McMahan, 9091 Loafers Glory Trail, Lincolnton, NC and Mr. Jim McMahan, 9091 Loafers Glory Trail, Lincolnton, NC.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously accepted Mr. Harper's petition, pictures and remarks as information.

**Consent Agenda**

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

**2023-344 Commissioners Cloninger & Fraley - BOC - Proclamation - To Commend Darin and Brooke Aldridge for Their Success in the Bluegrass Music Industry**

**2023-345 Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - To Approve Plat Review Officer Changes** as follows:

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

- 1) The County's Plat Review Officers shall be Laura Hamilton, Jena Goodman, Juan G. Garcia, Jamie Kanburoglu, Peyton Ratchford, and Shelby Barkley.
- 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.

**2023-346 Commissioner Keigher - County Attorney (EDC) - To Revise the By-Laws of the Economic Development Commission to Update the Membership Structure**

**2023-347 Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information as follows:**

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09/11/2023	Parks & Rec	1000-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530023-18084	C	13,278
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09/19/2023		6000-SWS-380-00000-000000-000000-0000-08-530003-	D	9,000
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09/19/2023		1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-510102-	C	1,298
09/20/2023	GEMS	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-530021-	C	4,740
09/20/2023		2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-530052-	D	957
09/20/2023		2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-540003-	D	3,783
09/20/2023	Tax	2010-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530010-	C	23,375
09/20/2023		2010-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530029-	D	23,375
09/20/2023	Emer. Mgmt.	1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-560000-22DUK	C	7,241
09/20/2023		1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530023-GDUKE	D	7,241
09/21/2023	Parks & Rec	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540006-	C	58,200
09/21/2023		4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540016-P2315	D	58,200
09/25/2023	CSS	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520020-G0055	C	486
09/25/2023		1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520007-G0055	D	486
09/25/2023	Bldg Svc	1000-BDS-231-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-520011-	C	300
09/25/2023		1000-BDS-231-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-520020-	D	300
09/25/2023	HR	1000-HRM-000-00000-EmpRec-000000-0000-01-520002-	C	15,000
09/25/2023		1000-HRM-000-00000-EmpRec-DeptRec-0000-01-520002-	D	5,000
09/25/2023		1000-HRM-000-00000-EmpRec-DeptRec-0000-01-520005-	D	5,000
09/25/2023		1000-HRM-000-00000-EmpRec-DeptRec-0000-01-530027-	D	5,000
09/25/2023	IT	1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530029-	C	4,980
09/25/2023		1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530010-	D	4,980
09/27/2023	Tax	1000-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520005-	C	5,000
09/27/2023		1000-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520020-	D	5,000
09/27/2023		2010-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-560000-Reval	C	4,000
09/27/2023		2010-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520020-	D	4,000
09/29/2023	Health	1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-000000-0000-05-530010-AG013	C	7,800
09/29/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-000000-0000-05-530053-AG013	D	7,800
09/29/2023	Tax	2010-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-560000-Reval	C	59,445
09/29/2023		2010-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530029-Reval	D	59,445

**2023-348 Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services - To Accept and Appropriate the GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Child Health Recognition Award Grant Funds for Gaston County's Community Child Protection and Child Fatality Teams (\$10,000) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
OtherGrantRev-LocalHlthDptAwd	1000-CSS-000-00000-Prvntn-CPT/FPT-0000-05-445006-L0011	(10,000.00)
Prog Supplies-LocalHlthDptAwd	1000-CSS-000-00000-Prvntn-CPT/FPT-0000-05-520002-L0011	6,000.00
Employee Train-LocalHlthDptAwd	1000-CSS-000-00000-Prvntn-CPT/FPT-0000-05-520011-L0011	1,000.00
Advertising-LocalHlthDptAwd	1000-CSS-000-00000-Prvntn-CPT/FPT-0000-05-520015-L0011	3,000.00

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**2023-349 Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services (ACCESS) - Approval to Amend the Agreement for the FY23 5339 Bus and Bus Facility Program NCDOT/PTD (5311) Community Transportation Program; Enter into an Amended Agreement with the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and Provide the Necessary Assurances and the Required Local Match**

**2023-350 Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services (Hope United Survivor Network) - Proclamation - To Proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**2023-351 Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services (Hope United Survivor Network) - To Accept and Appropriate Donations Totaling \$7,243.52 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Donations & Gifts - Shelter	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-00000000-0000-05-445004-	(2,561.18)
Donations: Shelter	1000-CSS-291-29102-Donatn-00000000-0000-05-520019-	2,561.18
Donations & Gifts - CAC	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-00000000-0000-05-445004-	(18.93)
Donations: CAC	1000-CSS-291-29103-Donatn-00000000-0000-05-520019-	18.93
Donations & Gifts - HUSN	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-00000000-0000-05-445004-	(943.41)
Donations: HUSN	1000-CSS-291-00000-Donatn-00000000-0000-05-520019-	943.41
Donations & Gifts- Threads of Hope	1000-CSS-291-00000-ThrdHp-00000000-0000-05-445004-	(1,520.00)
Donations: Threads of Hope	1000-CSS-291-00000-ThrdHp-00000000-0000-05-520019-	1,520.00
Sponsorships - Threads of Hope	1000-CSS-291-00000-ThrdHp-00000000-0000-05-445005-	(2,000.00)
Donations: Threads of Hope	1000-CSS-291-00000-ThrdHp-00000000-0000-05-520019-	2,000.00
Donations & Gifts-Hope 4 Holidays	1000-CSS-291-00000-Hope4H-00000000-0000-05-445004-	(200.00)
Donations: Hope for Holidays	1000-CSS-291-00000-Hope4H-00000000-0000-05-520007-	200.00

**2023-352 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Funds from East Carolina University for the Public Health Clinics (\$280.80) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Miscellaneous Revenue	1000-HLT-253-00000-000000-00000000-0000-05-445001	(280.80)
Food -CHS Perceptor Project	1000-HLT-253-00000-000000-00000000-0000-05-520005-15239	280.80

**2023-353 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Funds for the Administration of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the Amount of \$45,693 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Food Stamp Administration	1000-DSS-270-00000-FNSvcs-000000-0000-05-410000-S0015	(45,693)
Temporary Help Services	1000-DSS-270-00000-000000-00000000-0000-05-530013-	45,693

**2023-354 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Adult Protective Essential Services Funds Allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act in the Amount of \$63,063.54 per Budget Change Request:**



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Account Description	Account Number	Amount
ARPA: APS Essential Services	1000-DSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-0000000-0000-05-410000-AG005	(\$63,063.54)
Prog Supplies: ARP APS Essent	1000-DSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-0000000-0000-05-520002-AG005	\$6,000
Utilities: ARPA/APS Essential	1000-DSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-0000000-0000-05-530000-AG005	\$2,000
Other Svcs: ARPA APS Essential	1000-DSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-0000000-0000-05-530015-AG005	\$24,500
Repairs: ARP/APS Essential Svc	1000-DSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-0000000-0000-05-530023-AG005	\$10,000
Transit Hsg: ARP/APS Essential	1000-DSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-0000000-0000-05-530053-AG005	\$20,000
Trsp of Clients:ARP/APS Essent	1000-DSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-0000000-0000-05-560001-AG005	\$563.54

**2023-355 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Donated Funds Received During the First Quarter of FY24 for Various Social Services Programs in the Amount of \$647 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Adult Nutrition donations	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtNut-HmDeIMI-0000-05-445004-	(617)
Adult Nutrition donations	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtNut-0000000-0000-05-520019-15259	617
Adult Daycare donations	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtDC-0000000-0000-05-445004-	(30)
Adult Daycare donations	1000-CSS-272-00000-ADLTDC-0000000-0000-05-520019-	30

**2023-356 Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Social Services Division - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of November 2023 as Adoption Awareness Month**

**2023-357 Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Authorize an Application to the Department of Commerce Rural Economic Development Division Building Reuse Grant Program on Behalf of Project Box as follows:**

WHEREAS, Project Box is considering a total investment of \$2,500,000 to design and upfit a manufacturing and distribution facility in Gaston County; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §158-7.1 authorizes a County to undertake an economic development project by providing grants for the location of industry; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners finds that it is in the best interests of the County to assist Project Box in completing a NCDOD Rural Economic Development Division Building Reuse Grant Application. The required local match will be the Local Investment Grant previously approved; and,

WHEREAS, this will potentially increase property and sales tax revenue based upon Project Box choosing to locate its manufacturing plant in Gaston County; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners desires to support this manufacturing operation so as to induce the company to provide good job opportunities and capital investment which will enhance the County's ability to attract additional business and industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Economic Development Commission to execute any documents necessary to complete this NCDOD Rural Economic Development Division Building Reuse Grant Application.

**2023-358 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 - \$2,337.20) as follows:**

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT	TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
<b>AUGUST 2023 REFUNDS</b>			
BALLARD, MANDY RAE	\$61.34	JONES, WILLIAM EDWARD	\$86.37
BAUCOM, ROGER DEAN	\$64.13	LAMBERT, HAROLD BURTON	\$63.24
BLAINE, JACOB LEE	\$82.60	LORANCE, ROBERT DENNIS	\$35.90
BOATRIGHT, JOE FRANK	\$18.90	MANCILLA, JUAN JOSE	\$27.23

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BRIDGES, JEFFREY SCOT	\$60.70	MARDER, ANTHONY SCOTT	\$9.08
BYERS WHITE, CATHERINE LEIGH	\$15.61	MILLER, LYN STEVENSON	\$94.64
CHAMBERS, TYRICA MONIQUE	\$27.19	MOBLEY, TED ANDERSON	\$8.77
CHILDERS, JONATHAN MARK	\$97.53	MOREHOUSE, KARA LAMPHEAR	\$33.91
DISMUKES, JOSEPH CURTIS	\$80.54	MYERS, SIDNEY ALDRICH	\$42.46
ELLIOTT, XAVIER JUSTUS	\$85.78	NEAL, MARK ALLEN	\$16.94
FENNELL, SUSAN HINSON	\$14.87	PIAZZA, CHERYL MARIE	\$95.34
GIBSON, DOUGLAS BRADLEY	\$25.71	ROBINSON, BOBBY JERRY	\$45.12
GUNTER, JANE RENEE	\$2.17	RUNNING, JENNIFER PECK	\$65.96
HAGER, ELIJAH BARTLETT	\$41.55	SAMUELS, RODNEY STEPHEN	\$16.76
HALL, STEPHANIE FAYE	\$24.50	SANFORD, MARC ALEXANDER	\$20.55
HARRELL, JOSEPH JR	\$59.76	SCOVERN, JERRY WAYNE	\$48.32
HELMS, JOSH LEWIS	\$38.74	SNEDDON, LAURA MARIE	\$67.95
HOGAN, LAUREN DANIELLE	\$50.16	TEAL, CAROL LYNN	\$57.94
HOLLAND, MICHAEL LARRY	\$26.40	WALLACE, JULIA GARLAND	\$95.20
HOUSER, CRYSTAL CONRAD	\$79.60	WHITE, REBA GREENE	\$57.54
HUFFSTETLER, JEFFERY SCOTT	\$9.52	WILLIAMS, ASHLEY NICOLE	\$9.16
HUSS, DONNA DEATON	\$27.43	WILLIAMS, MICHAEL EDWARD	\$81.25
JETER, MARCUS ANTHONY	\$ 2.51	WILLIAMS, MICHAEL EDWARD	\$36.15
JONES, ASHLEIGH AMBER	\$79.33	WINGATE, ROSELLA ELIZABETH	\$57.96
JONES, NATHANIEL OWEN	\$86.89	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,337.20</b>

**2023-359 Commissioner Hovis - Finance - To Correct Budget Change Request for Resolution 2022-353 Adopted at 11/10/2022 BOC Meeting (Administrative Correction) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Transfer to CIF Fund	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584000-	(10,000,000)
Transfers from General Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	10,000,000
Future Capital Expenditures	4000-NDP-000-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-01-540009-	(10,000,000)
Department Chargeback	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-00000000-0000-02-530031-	2,760,955
Department Chargeback	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-00000000-0000-02-530031-	3,548,682
Department Chargeback	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-00000000-0000-02-530031-	3,690,363

**2023-360 Commissioners Brown & Fraley - GEMS & Police Department - To Approve and Appropriate Funds for a Mobile Command Unit and a Rescue Ambulance Unit (\$850,642) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	4000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(850,642.00)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	850,642.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(850,642.00)
Motor Vehicles	4005-EMS-000-00000-Annual-PayAsGo-0000-02-540003-	281,000.00
Motor Vehicles	4005-GPD-000-00000-Annual-PayAsGo-0000-02-540003-	569,642.00

**2023-361 Commissioner Hovis - Police Department (Animal Care and Enforcement) - To Accept and Appropriate Donation Received from the TEGNA Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 for a "Clear the Shelter" Event per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Donations and Gifts	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-00000000-0000-02-445004	[1,000.00]
Miscellaneous Supplies	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-00000000-0000-02-520007	1,000.00

**2023-362 Commissioner Hovis - Police Department (Animal Care and Enforcement) - To Accept and Appropriate Donations Received from PayPal, Bissell Corporation,**

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**and other Cash and Check Donations from Citizens in the amount of \$22,865.86 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(19,864.74)
Donations & Gifts	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-445004-	(2,342.00)
Donations: Medical Care	1000-GPD-200-00000-MedCar-0000000-0000-02-445004-	(659.12)
Donation Expense	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520019-	14,329.82
Medical Care	1000-GPD-200-00000-MedCar-0000000-0000-02-530015-	8,536.04

**2023-363 Commissioner Brown - Police Department - Appropriation of Funds (\$200,000) from the Federal (Treasury/Justice) Drug Asset Forfeiture and Equitable Sharing Program for the Purpose of Purchasing a Mobile Command Unit per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance/Asset Forfeiture/	2020-NPD-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000	(200,000)
Asset Forfeitures/Treasury	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530043-AFTPD	200,000

**2023-364 Commissioner Johnson - Public Works - To Authorize Montgomery Technology Systems, LLC as a Sole Source Provider for the Replacement of the Jail Annex Security Door Controls/Intercom Systems (\$102,300) and the Jail Annex Security Video Surveillance System (\$93,200)**

**2023-365 Commissioner Keigher - Public Works - To Approve the Qualifications Based Selection of Ramey Kemp and Associates, Inc. and Authorize the County Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement to Provide Planning and Design Services for the Neal Hawkins Road Sidewalk (STIP# C-5606M)**

**2023-366 Commissioner Fraley - Public Works - To Approve the Qualifications Based Selection of Gannett Fleming and Authorize the County Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement to Provide Planning and Design Services for the Tryon Courthouse Road Sidewalk (STIP# BL-0033)**

**2023-367 Commissioner Cloninger - Public Works - To Authorize a Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Sale for the Disposal of Surplus Vehicles and Equipment to the Highest Bidder on GovDeals.com Under North Carolina General Statute 160A-266 as follows:**

Performed By Marcie Smith		Gaston County Public Works/ Environmental Services		October 2, 2023	
		Gaston County Vehicle/ Equipment Surplus List		Assistant Director of Environmental Services	
Vehicle/ Equipment #	Department	Year	Description/ VIN#	Mileage	Est Resale Value
63	Environmental Services	1998	CAT 826 G Compactor	15,318 hours	\$50,000
6	Environmental Services	2019	BOMAG Compactor	14,854 hours	\$50,000
57	Environmental Services	1989	Vermeer Woodchipper	259 hours	\$6,500
N/A	Environmental Services	2010	Hotsy Steam Pressure Washer	N/A	\$2,500
N/A	Environmental Services	2008	Enviroguard Zero-Turn Propane Mower	N/A	\$3,500
22	Environmental Services	1998	Chevrolet 2500	Rebuilt engine with 42,663 miles	\$5,000
<b>Total Quantity of Vehicle/ Equipment</b>					<b>6</b>
<b>Estimated Value</b>					<b>\$117,500</b>

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*Gaston County has designated the vehicle and or equipment listed above to be in poor condition, uneconomical for continued use, and having met the established surplus criteria.*

**2023-368 Commissioners Hovis & Keigher - Public Works - To Approve and Execute an Easement Deed for the City of Gastonia for the Installation of Sidewalks and a Bus Shelter at CaroMont Regional Medical Center Along Court Drive and Aberdeen Boulevard**

**2023-369 Commissioner Keigher - Public Works - To Approve and Appropriate \$150,000 for The Animal League of Gaston County for the Installation of an Elevator to Serve the Second Floor of the Building Located at 425 W. Franklin Boulevard, Gastonia, NC per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	4000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(150,000)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	150,000
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(150,000)
Other Contracts & Subsidies	4005-PWK-192-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-01-570006-	150,000

**2023-370 Commissioner Cloninger - Public Works - To Approve the Sale and Transfer of Ownership of Surplus Gaston County Vehicle # 499 to the North Gaston Volunteer Fire and Rescue for \$1.00**

**2023-371 Commissioner Brown - Tourism Development - To Appropriate \$84,440.00 From the Tourism Strategic Reserve Funds into the Tourism Advertising Account to Host FY2024 Conference and National Championships per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Advertising	2005-TRM-000-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-07-520015	\$84,440
Fund Balance Appropriated	2005-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000	(\$84,440)

**2023-372 Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$57,022.88; Overpayments - \$21,870.92; VTS Refunds - \$7,412.94; Grand Total - \$86,306.74) as follows:**

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
<b>SEPTEMBER 2023 RELEASES AND REFUNDS</b>	
Carmax Auto Superstores, Inc	\$7,300.91
H D Development Of Maryland	\$15,386.77
H D Development Of Maryland	\$808.54
Security Bank Of Kansas City	\$33,526.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$57,022.88</b>

**SEPTEMBER 2023 OVERPAYMENTS**

Allen Mobile Home Park LLC	\$151.90
American Cornerbead Company	\$183.84
Bright Law PLLC	\$162.00
Buckner, Tabitha Ann	\$357.12
Bywaters, Tracey	\$116.23
Creighton, James David	\$260.00
Crowders Creek Holdings LLC	\$1,141.29
Crowders Creek Holdings LLC	\$1,103.10
Crowders Creek Holdings LLC	\$1,440.23

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Crowders Creek Holdings LLC	\$1,619.04
Crowders Creek Holdings LLC	\$921.04
Davis, Larry W	\$678.95
Davis, Larry W	\$676.51
Delvalle, Fernand	\$208.68
Dibble, Faith M	\$509.72
Dietrich, Robert E	\$100.00
Dietrich, Robert E	\$150.00
Electritex	\$1,209.61
First Federal Savings Bank	\$1,116.61
HRB Tax Group INC	\$165.15
Hunter, Angela Willard	\$115.82
Kinley, Theresa M	\$100.00
Leon Rawlinson Cleaning Servic	\$146.13
Mayer, Miriam	\$138.40
Parks H. Wilson, Jr., Attorney At Law	\$539.28
Richardson, Ken L Jr	\$400.00
Rogers, Rebecca	\$1,391.97
Scottsdale Real Estate LLC	\$2,006.66
Stewart, William H Jr	\$3,749.00
Thompson, Carolyn	\$112.83
Toney, Mary Jane	\$171.00
Valerie Holmes Waddell DDS PA	\$200.00
Webb, Kendra	\$182.08
Whitley, Vickie Lathe	\$346.73
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,870.92</b>

**SEPTEMBER 2023 VTS REFUNDS**

Armstrong, Rodney Alan	\$185.42
Beam, Allen Blaine	\$148.55
Beard, Lou-Anne Damar	\$338.24
Bowen, William David	\$151.80
Cathey, Lavada Sue	\$125.81
Davis, Sandra Lynn	\$160.27
Denton, Danny Lynn	\$163.49
Denton, Danny Lynn	\$167.58
Dobbins, Christopher Chuck	\$150.76
Eldridge, Madison Lauren	\$214.90
Fayed, Michael Eric	\$525.26
Grant, Lora Lee	\$106.59
Green, Amanda May	\$141.85
Green, Larry Junior	\$464.38
Harper, Tracie Lynn	\$171.04
Johnson, Jacqueline Jean	\$141.90
Koehler, Robert Marshall	\$234.83
Kruntorad, Raymond Ervin Jr	\$162.76
Layne, Mary Helen	\$125.57
Messer, Carrie Leigh	\$215.59
Newsome, Donnie Edward	\$262.92
Patel, Swikar Akshay	\$222.96
Pearson, Edwin Grier	\$288.82
Pettiford, Ahmadre' Chancellor	\$478.10
Rangel, Cynthia Carbajal	\$147.10
Rhyne, Emily Hayes	\$220.81

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Saunders, Billie Atkinson	\$103.12
Setzer, Deidre Anita	\$276.05
Soares Rosa, Mariana	\$146.19
Stalnaker, Amy Elizabeth	\$139.84
Sutton, David Michael	\$142.67
Tarte, Felicia Lee	\$141.59
Taylor, William Redd II	\$375.91
Wathey, Robert David	\$115.12
Zrnich, Renee Rusnak	\$255.15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,412.94</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$86,306.74</b>

**Appointments**

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed to the **SARA Local Planning Committee (LEPC)**:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Colby Heffner	January 30, 2026 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Jon Cole	December 31, 2026 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Stephanie Westbrook	December 31, 2024
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Aaron Wurster	December 31, 2024 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Brown	Mr. Anderson Holder	December 31, 2025 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Brown	Mr. Anthony Brittain	December 31, 2024 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Scott Wyatt	December 31, 2025 (Unexpired Term)

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the **Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)**:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Mark Lamphiear	October 31, 2026
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Audra B. Ellis	October 31, 2026
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Shelly Alman	October 31, 2026
Commissioner Cloninger	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. La Verne Partlow	October 31, 2026
Commissioner Johnson	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Tina Stogner	October 31, 2026
Commissioner Johnson	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Terri Sanford	October 31, 2026
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. JoAnn Raxter	October 31, 2026
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Julio M. Paredes	October 31, 2026

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed to the **Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)**:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Andrea Stephens	June 30, 2025 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Vanessa Palmer	June 30, 2025 (Unexpired Term)

On motion introduced by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Gayla Woody to the **Region F Aging Advisory Committee** to an unexpired term ending May 31, 2025.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Gayla Woody to the **Council on Aging/Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee** to an unexpired term ending May 31, 2025.



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On motion introduced by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Victor Rodriguez to the ***Parks and Recreation Advisory Board*** to an unexpired term ending May 31, 2026.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Scott Shehan to the ***Jury Commission*** to an unexpired term ending June 30, 2025.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Worley, the BOC unanimously reappointed Mr. John Loftis to the ***Quality of Natural Resources Committee*** to a term ending October 31, 2026.

#### **Commissioners Committee Reports**

Commissioner Cloninger reported attendance to the ***Gaston County Museum of Art & History Board*** meeting and to ***Cotton Ginning Days***.

Commissioner Hovis distributed an update on ***CaroMont Health Board of Directors'*** accomplishments to BOC (*Clinical/Educational Recognition Awards; Key Operational Indicators; Major Facility Expansions; Opening in Calendar Year 2024*); advised CaroMont has had a phenomenal year since July 2022; is looking at an opening date for its second site in Belmont; all switch gears are in place and the wiring is taking place; looking at an October 2024 occupancy date; the site is going to be another gem for the County and CaroMont.

Chairman Brown reported attendance to ***Cotton Ginning Days***; thanked Ms. Alisha Summey for sponsoring the ***Women Who Rock*** event; congratulated Donna Buff, Clerk to the Board, as the recipient of the ***Women Who Rock Spotlight*** award.

#### **County Manager's Report**

No report.

#### **County Attorney's Report**

No report.

#### **Other Matters**

None.

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**Adjournment**

Chairman Brown called for a motion to adjourn.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously adjourned the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2023 at 7:24 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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