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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met in Rescheduled Regular Session on November 10, 2016, immediately following its Work Session at 7:42 pm, in The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse.

Chairman Tom Keigher presided with Commissioners Jason Williams, Vice-Chairman; Chad Brown, Joe D. Carpenter, Allen R. Fraley, Tracy L. Philbeck, and Mickey Price in attendance.

Others present included Earl Mathers, County Manager; Charles L. Moore, County Attorney; and Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board.

During the preceding Work Session, Chairman Keigher led those assembled in the Invocation and Commissioner Philbeck led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge William Gaston Award Presentations

Chairman Keigher 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 53 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 four outstanding individuals:
*Mr. Richard (Dick) S. Cromlish, Jr., Mr. James Russell Beam, Mr. Stephen D. Campbell and Mr. J. Brett Keeter

** The Judge William Gaston Awards were presented to Mr. Richard (Dick) S. Cromlish, Jr., Mr. James Russell Beam, Mr. Stephen D. Campbell and Mr. J. Brett Keeter at the preceding November 10, 2016 BOC Work Session. Chairman Keigher directed that all four recipients' names be set forth in the Minutes of the November 10, 2016 Rescheduled Regular Meeting.*

November 10, 2016 Presentations:

Mr. Richard (Dick) S. Cromlish

Commissioners Carpenter and Price presented:

- Mr. Dick Cromlish has been described by his colleagues as a reliable and engaged proponent of economic development and quality growth. Ever-present and willing to help, Dick possesses a strong sense of responsibility and has been a stable presence on the Gaston County Economic Development Commission (EDC) for more than 21 years. Known for his willingness to "roll up his sleeves", his enthusiasm and exemplary work ethic have made him indispensable as the Vice-Chairman of the EDC, a leadership role he has maintained for numerous years.
- He is a lifelong resident of Belmont, with the exception of a few years when he resided in Biloxi, Mississippi and Savannah, Georgia. He has diligently given of his time and vast knowledge to the citizens of his community, and served as a City Councilman for twelve years.
- He has been the Manager and President of School Resources, Inc. (formerly School Specialties, Inc.) for 47 years and is an active member of First Presbyterian Church, in Belmont, serving as Deacon, Elder, Scout Master and Assistant Scout Master for more than 30 years.
- A strong family-man with deeply rooted principles, Dick has been married to his wife, Sandra Killian Cromlish for 52 years and has two sons, Stan and Travis – who were both Eagle Scouts.
- Being an active member of the community, Dick has served five years as; a former board member of Citizens South Bank; founding member of Keep Belmont Beautiful Organization, with more than seven years of service; current member and past president of the Montcross Chamber of Commerce (formerly Belmont Chamber of Commerce) for 46 Years; current member and past president of Belmont Rotary Club for 46 years; current Treasurer for the Belmont Fire Department Firemen's Relief Fund with 37 years of service; founding and current member of Mended Hearts Chapter 379 at CaroMont Heart for more than six years; served on the Garden Parkway Study Committee in 1989; and, is a current member of the Gaston County Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.
- His dedication and willingness to serve has earned him much deserved recognition. He received the Belmont Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award in 2001 and was a Belmont Rotary Club, Paul Harris designee.

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- In a recent quote, Dick exclaimed "I believe elected office is a public trust. Your pledge is to serve the public, not yourself and not each other. If we keep it that simple, we will have a great and strong government." Perhaps that simple statement best sums up Dick's integrity, selflessness and devotion to civic service.
- Dick, the County Commission is forever grateful and indebted to you for your many years of service and for your continuing efforts to make Gaston County a better place to live. Your frontline and behind the scenes work is inspiring and has touched many, many lives.
- On behalf of the County Commission, it is my pleasure to present you with the William Gaston Award.

Noting his appreciation, Mr. Cromlish, accompanied by his wife and family, accepted and thanked the BOC for the award.

Mr. James Russell Beam

Commissioner Fraley presented:

- Mr. James Russell Beam is known by many in Gaston County as an enthusiastic and passionate friend, colleague and public servant. Known for treating others with dignity and sincerity, he has the ability to bring people together and exert a positive influence in any environment.
- Ever willing to contribute his time and efforts, James has served his community for more than twenty-five years. His service dates back to the early nineties with his participation on the Cherryville Jaycees, where he was instrumental in reorganizing the local chapter and served as Vice President for two years. He also served on the Cherryville Country Club Board of Directors for two terms from 1996-1999 and 2002-2005.
- He is serving in his seventh year on the Cherryville ABC Board, holding the office of Chairman for the past three years, and was recently appointed to the State ABC Board.
- Truly passionate about the well-being of Gaston County and its citizens, he has served to further the interests of community health during his extensive service to the CaroMont Health Board of Directors. Currently in his eleventh year on the Board, he is the Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee and Treasurer of the Board of Directors to which he has also served eleven years. The consummate professional, James brings a sense of organization and focus to the table and is able to bridge difficult situations with a calm, analytical approach – a characteristic that has made him an effective team member on various other Hospital committees including the Nominating Committee, Compensation Committee and the Executive Committee. He also served three years on the CaroMont Foundation Board and two years as Chairman of the Board.
- He is a true asset to any board or committee he serves on and that is perhaps best demonstrated in his eight years of service to the CaroMont Hospice Board of Directors. James founded the first CaroMont Hospice Golf Tournament which just held its sixth tournament and has raised \$141,000 since 2011.
- James has also served on the Gaston County Health Board the Gaston County Economic Development Commission. A native of Cherryville, James is a dedicated member of First Baptist Church in Cherryville and is a independent Financial Advisor with Capital Investment Group.
- James is married to his wife, Wendy Beam and has two children, Alexandra and Addison.
- James, you have consistently shown an enthusiasm for challenge, regardless of the circumstances, and the County Commission is forever indebted to you for your many years of service and for your continuing efforts to make Gaston County a better place to live.
- On behalf of the County Commission, it is my pleasure to present you with the William Gaston Award.

Mr. Beam, accompanied by his wife and family, accepted and extended his gratitude to the County Commission.

Mr. Stephen D. Campbell

Chairman Keigher presented:

- Mr. Stephen D. Campbell has fully ingrained himself in the greater Gaston County community. He is a diligent and responsive public servant who has devoted numerous years to the betterment of our County.
- Stephen is a native of Roanoke, Virginia and a graduate from the University of Richmond with a BS degree and a major in economics. He also attended Vanderbilt University where he earned an MBA degree with a concentration in finance.
- He began his career as a financial services banker in the Commercial Banking Group of NCB National Bank in Charlotte, now known as Bank of America. In 1986, he was transferred to Gastonia to head up the bank's commercial banking operations in Gaston County, and in 1987, he became the Market Executive for Gaston County. He continued to serve in various local and regional management positions with the Bank overseeing the bank's commercial banking activities in Gaston and surrounding counties.
- Stephen is an avid supporter of higher education initiatives and as a member of the Gaston College Board of Trustees, he has helped the College Board navigate complex financial decisions, playing a pivotal role in the success of numerous projects. In his thirteenth year, he is the current Secretary of the Board and has also served three years as Chairman. He has chaired the Board Finance Committee for four of the last ten years, and has helped guide the Committee through important financial decisions for the College related to its various budgets, Capital projects, land acquisitions, the Connect NC State Bond referendum, audits, reversions, fees, funding for salaries and advanced degrees, café operations, and legislative priorities resolutions.

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- Stephen has played an integral role in the growth of Gaston College and much of its success over the years can be attributed to his analytical savvy and effective leadership skills. Accomplishments realized during his tenure include: the Brenard Dalton Public Safety Driving Track; the David Belk Cannon Health Institute; Cochrane Science and Technology Building; and, the Robinson Classroom Building. Several renovation projects have taken place, particularly, the Pharr Trade and Industrial Building; the CAS Radio Broadcasting area; the Myers Center Café ADA Compliance and the transformation of the Myers Center Auditorium to the Myers Center Multipurpose Auditorium. He was also instrumental in the development and implementation of a new Strategic Plan for 2014-19, a new Facilities Master Plan for the next five years and in the planning and ongoing progress of the Center for Advanced Manufacturing.
- His vast experience and financial background have been a true resource to the many civic and community organizations he has served. He has been on the Foundation Board since 2013, serving as Investment Treasurer since 2014. He has also served the Board of Directors of the Heart Society of Gaston County and the Schiele Museum of Natural History; he has chaired the Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce and served as Campaign Chairman of the United Way of Gaston County. Other service includes the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Gaston County; the Piedmont Council of the Boy Scouts of America; the Industrial Development and Pollution Control Authority of Gaston County; the Gaston County Economic Development Commission; the Arts Council of Gaston County and the Alliance for Children and Youth.
- His service to Gaston County has earned him much deserved recognition, including the Paul Harris Fellowship from the Gastonia East Rotary Club for service to the community and the Distinguished Service Award presented by the Jaycees of Gaston County. A loving husband and father, he has three children with wife Trisha and is a long time member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Gastonia.
- Steve, the County Commission is indebted to you for your many years of service and for your continuing efforts to make Gaston County a better place to live.
- On behalf of the County Commission, it is my pleasure to present you with the William Gaston Award.

Mr. Campbell accepted and expressed his appreciation to the County Commissioners.

Mr. J. Brett Keeter**Commissioner Williams presented:**

- Mr. Brett Keeter, a lifelong resident of Gaston County, has spent more than thirteen years serving his community. He is a 1999 cum laude graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a minor in History. He currently serves as District Director for the Office of United States Congressman Patrick McHenry. In his official capacity, he serves as the Chief District Staff Member and oversees the Congressman's offices in Gastonia, Hickory and Black Mountain. He manages outreach, constituent casework and community and constituent relations in the seven counties of North Carolina's 10th Congressional District.
- Brett has been described as highly responsive and instrumental in providing crucial access to the Congressman in his role as the primary liaison to city, county and state officials, agencies, chambers of commerce, community boards and task forces for the Congressman.
- Prior to the Congressman's election in 2004, Brett served as Communications Director for McHenry's campaign and Legislative Director for his office in the North Carolina House of Representatives, where he served prior to Congress.
- Brett was the 2012-13 President of the UNC Charlotte Alumni Association and served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors for ten years. He served during the University's establishment of a Division I football program and was instrumental in bolstering alumni support for the program. He was also involved in the creation of the first Alumni need-based scholarship and the re-establishment of the alumni awards program. Under his presidency, alumni networks were established in New York, Atlanta and Washington, DC.
- Civically, he gives of his time and talents to various organizations. As a member of the Gaston College Board of Trustees, a post he was appointed to by Governor Pat McCrory, Brett has participated in many transformative initiatives including the establishment of several new academic degrees and various renovation and construction projects for new facilities, including the Center for Advanced Manufacturing – a key priority for the Gaston County Economic Development Commission. He currently chairs the Committee on Advocacy and has served on the Campus Affairs, Finance and Facilities Committees.
- Brett has dutifully served as a member of the Gaston County Library Board of Trustees since 2003. Under his leadership as Chairman, the library saw full restoration of its branch service hours, Wi-Fi service extended to all branches and several physical improvements, including renovations to the children's and teen service areas and a new circulation desk at the main library. Known as an active and informed proponent of our library system, Brett has worked to improve relations between the Library Board and the Board of Commissioners through outreach and the effective communication of key issues, current needs and emerging trends affecting our libraries.
- He played a pivotal role as a member of the Library's Strategic Planning Committee, working with staff, Friends of the Library, community leaders, and the general public to shape the Library's new vision, mission, and goals while it launched its identity as a single-county library system. In his move from Vice-Chairman to Chairman, he provided a sense of stability during the transition of Library directors and oversaw the painstaking process of revising and updating every single Library policy.
- He also served on the former Library – Gaston/Lincoln Regional Board during the challenging final years, overseeing the rigorous negotiations and details of the Board's dissolution.

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- A longtime supporter of Chamber initiatives, Brett currently serves on the Board of Advisors for the Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce and sits on the Governmental Relations Committees for the Gaston, Lincoln and Cleveland County Chambers of Commerce.
- He is a former Vice-Chairman of the Gaston County Republican Party and is a parishioner of Saint Patrick's Catholic Church where he serves as a lector. In his leisure time, he is an avid runner who enjoys reading and spending time in the North Carolina Mountains.
- Brett, the County Commission is indebted to you for your many years of service; for your continued advocacy of knowledge and learning and for your diligent support of our libraries. Your contributions make Gaston County a better place to live.
- On behalf of the County Commission, it is my pleasure to present you with the William Gaston Award.

Mr. Keeter, accompanied by his wife, Madeline, accepted the award and extended his appreciation to the BOC.

Public Hearing – City of Belmont – 1) Belmont Board of Adjustments; 2) Belmont Planning & Zoning Board ETJ

Chairman Keigher announced the Public Hearings as advertised; explained procedures to be used; called for the motion to enter into Public Hearings.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, the BOC unanimously entered into Public Hearings.

Chairman Keigher reported that one position was available on subject boards; applications were received from Mr. Walter Dixon for the Belmont Planning and Zoning Board and from Mr. Vernon Abernathy for the Belmont Board of Adjustments, as recommended by the Belmont City Council to serve as extraterritorial jurisdiction representatives.

The Chairman called for any additional applications or citizen comment and with none being heard, called for BOC comment.

Commissioner Philbeck reminded the Board that he does not support Extraterritorial Jurisdiction and explained that his opposition to the ETJ appointments is not directed toward the applicants.

Chairman Keigher called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, the BOC appointed Mr. Walter Dixon to the **Belmont Planning and Zoning Board** and Mr. Vernon Abernathy to the **Belmont Board of Adjustments** to terms ending August, 2017. The vote carried as follows:

Aye: 6 – Commissioners Keigher, Brown, Carpenter, Fraley, Price and Williams
Nay: 1 – Commissioner Philbeck

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, the BOC unanimously closed the Public Hearings.

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Agenda Revision/Approval

- REVISED/COMMENDATION ADDED/ Commissioner Keigher – BOC – *To Commend Harrison Conner, Gaston Christian School Senior, Upon Winning a National Title in his Weight Class in the United States Powerlifting Association (USPA) National Meet in Atlanta, Georgia – IV, Item C*
- ADDED/ Commissioner Keigher – BOC – *To Approve a Resolution to Expedite the Provision of Permanent Water Supplies to Residents Near Allen Steam Station – VI, Item A*
- REVISED/ATTACHMENT HEADER ONLY/ Commissioner Philbeck – Finance – *To Accept as Information the Attached Property Tax Refunds Less Than \$100. These Tax Refunds Should Be Recorded in the Board's Minutes (Real Property Tax Refunds - \$1,398.27; HB20 Refunds - \$186.26; NCVTS Refunds - \$3,310.48; Total Vehicle Refunds - \$3,496.74) – V, Item M*
- ADDED/ County Attorney – *Closed Session 143-318.11(a)(3) Consult with Attorney – XI., C.*
- ADDED/ Commissioners Carpenter and Fraley – BOC – *To Approve a Resolution of Support for the Catawba Crossing Project and Additional Regional East-West Connectivity – IV, Item R*
- ADDED/ Commissioner Williams – County Attorney – *Approve Fourth Amendment to Lawyers Building Economic Incentive Agreement (100% County Funds) - IV, Item S*
- DELETED/ *Minutes of Recessed Meeting of October 25, 2016 - II, Item B-1*
- MOVED TO NON-CONSENT/ Commissioners Brown and Fraley – Fire Marshall – *Resolution To Support the Designation of the NC State Highway Patrol Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) as the Next Generation Emergency Services Radio System Platform for Gaston County; Specifically, to Endorse the Fire Service Application for a 2016 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant and to Provide the Required 10% Matching Funds Not to Exceed \$200,000 - IV, Item O*
- MOVED TO NON-CONSENT/ Commissioner Brown – Police Department – *To Approve the Purchase/Replacement of the Public Safety Radio System with the NC VIPER System, which Includes the System Infrastructure and the Replacement of 1800 County Handheld and Mobile Radios and Includes a 12-Channel, 8-Site Simulcast System with 25 Consoles- IV, Item P*

On motion introduced by Commissioner Carpenter and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously approved the Agenda of November 10, 2016 with changes as noted above.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, the BOC unanimously approved Commissioner Keigher's request to move items O and P to the Non-Consent Agenda as stated above.

Approval of Minutes

On motion introduced by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Philbeck, the BOC unanimously approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 27, 2016 and the Rescheduled Regular Meeting of October 11, 2016.

Citizen Recognition

Ms. Barbara Lingerfelt, 135 Acre Rd, Bessemer City, spoke in favor of Zoning Map Change Z16-09 and expressed her dismay to the reaction from neighbors; grew up on the land; has been for sale for over 5 years; turned down a previous offer because seller wanted to put chicken houses on the property; supports solar farm and new energy sources that will benefit everyone in the neighborhood.

Mr. Michael P. Lingerfelt (Applicant), Bellevue Washington, native of Gaston County, stated that he was unable to attend the October 11, 2016 Public Hearing for Z16-09. His family requested the public hearing after entering into a conditional contract with Gardner Capital Solar. After the due diligence was completed, they moved forward with the rezoning request. Mr. Lingerfelt refuted the misunderstanding that the land would be used for housing; have had several

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opportunities to sell but felt that this was the best use of the property; County has zoning process in place to ensure neighborhoods are protected; asked Commissioners to approve the rezoning request so the company can proceed with a conditional use permit for a solar farm.

Gaston County Sheriff, Alan Cloninger addressed the two items pulled from the Consent Agenda related to the radio system; agreed that a new system is needed but the evaluation process was flawed; only County staff members were included in the selection of VIPER even though municipalities will be serviced by the new service. He asked the BOC to consider delaying the vote and cited his concerns regarding VIPER; does not support VIPER or UASI at this stage and suggested removing VIPER from the resolution.

Honorable Rick Coleman, Mayor of Dallas expressed his concern that the municipalities were not involved in the review and selection process for the new radio service; that if the new system results in a property tax increase, the Town of Dallas would in turn have to raise taxes to pay their share of the system. He questioned the need for a grant at this stage if the County does not have the funds for the purchase; asked the BOC to allow more time and involve municipalities in the process.

Honorable Ronnie Worley, Mayor of Cramerton, stated the Town of Cramerton fully supports pursuing a grant for the purchase of a new radio system, however is not willing to commit to a specific radio system at this time; suggested removing VIPER from the resolution. He added that every municipality is a tax paying stakeholder and deserves a voice in this decision and suggested that having all municipalities sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would increase the probability of receiving the grant; additional research is needed to determine what is best for Gaston County; recalled his experience as a State Trooper and expressed his concerns regarding VIPER.

Mr. Aaron Halimi, San Francisco, California, Senior Vice President of Solar Development for Gardner Capital, thanked the BOC for allowing him to speak on Zoning Map Change Z16-09; has worked with the utility companies and applicant for the last year to get to this point; wanted to reaffirm to the community and the BOC that the full intent of Gardner Capital is to develop, own and operate a solar facility that will develop clean and reliable energy, limit impacts on traffic and increase tax revenue without drawing on any of the local resources.

Mr. Norman Picard signed up to speak but stated that his concerns were answered by Mr. Halimi.

Consent Agenda

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

2016-300 Commissioner Carpenter – BOC – To Approve a Resolution of Support for Centralina Mobility Management and Volunteer Transportation Services; NCDOT Consolidated Capital Call for Projects FY 17-18 Grant Application

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2016-301 Commissioner Brown – BOC – Proclamation – To Proclaim Veterans Day, November 11, 2016 in Gaston County

2016-302 Commissioner Keigher – BOC – Commendation – To Commend Harrison Conner, Gaston Christian School Senior, Upon Winning a National Title in his Weight Class in the United States Powerlifting Association (USPA) National Meet in Atlanta, Georgia

2016-303 Commissioner Keigher – Cooperative Extension – To Accept and Appropriate \$6,218 in Home Grown Gaston Sponsorships and Ticket Sales per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Home Grown Gaston Sponsor	10-4950-4950-841-513		[2760]
Home Grown Gaston Tickets	10-4950-4950-810-510		[3458]
Home Grown Gaston Event	10-4950-4950-298-000	12249-0001	6218

2016-304 Commissioners Fraley, Philbeck and Williams – County Attorney – To Direct the County Manager to Begin the Process for Issuing School Bonds for the Construction of a Replacement Middle School in the Southpoint

2016-305 Commissioner Keigher – County Manager – To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Project #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>#4340 Fire Marshal</u>			
Program Supplies	10-4340-237-000		(184)
Other Vehicle Supplies	10-4340-259-000		184
<u>#4520 DHHS - ACCESS</u>			
Dues & Subscriptions	10-4520-4521-491-000		(500)
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<u>#4911 Planning</u>			
Software Rental & License Fee	10-4910-4911-422-000		1,750
Advertising	10-4910-4911-370-000		(1,750)
<u>#4921 Travel & Tourism</u>			
Special Programs	22-4921-298-000		(10,000)
Promotional Items	22-4921-372-000	17164-0001	10,000
<u>#4921 Travel & Tourism</u>			
Special Programs	22-4921-298-000		(2,857)
Software Rental & Lic Fee	22-4921-422-000	17164-0001	2,857
<u>#4921 Travel & Tourism</u>			
Special Programs	22-4921-298-000		(473)
Miscellaneous Expenditures	22-4921-499-000	17164-0001	473
<u>#5582 DHHS - Social Services</u>			
Program Supplies	20-5582-237-000		(200)
Miscellaneous Expenditure	20-5582-499-000		200

2016-306 Commissioner Price – DHHS – Public Health Division – To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds Received from the NC Division of

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Public Health for the Prescription Drug Overdose Program per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Health - State Grant	11-5100-5112-5115-320-505		(\$7,500)
Special Programs	11-5100-5112-5115-298-000	17167-0001	\$7,500

2016-307 Commissioner Price – DHHS – Public Health Division – To Accept and Appropriate Funds Received from Duke University for the Women's Health Program per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Preceptorship Funds	11-5100-5113-5120-890-530		(\$3,777)
Special Programs	11-5100-5113-5120-298-000	16202-0001	\$3,777

2016-308 Commissioner Price – DHHS – Social Services Division – To Reduce an Incorrect Budgeted Revenue for a Carry Forward Account and to Accept and Appropriate First Quarter Donations for Gaston County Shelter, Child Advocacy Center, Foster Care, Energy Program and Adult Services Programs per Budget Change Requests:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Transfers from Gen Fund	20-9800-980-510		(3,500)
Home Delivered Meals/Donations	20-5600-5622-840-504		3,500
Home Delivered Meals/Donations	20-5600-5622-840-504		(332)
Special Programs: Adult Nutrition	20-5600-298-000	15259-0001	332
Donations	20-5600-840-501		(672)
Special Programs: Donations	20-5600-298-000	08159-0001	672
Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Donations:Shelter	20-5582-840-501		(6,563.84)
Shelter Private Grants	20-5582-891-518		(10,061)
Fund Balance Appropriated	20-9900-991-500		(400)
Special Programs: Donations	20-5582-298-000	08162-0001	17,024
Donations:CAC	20-5300-5585-840-501		(812)
Special Programs: Donations	20-5300-5585-298-000	16282-0001	812
Donations: Foster Care	20-5867-840-507		(7,500)
Special Program:Glenn Foundation	20-5867-298-000	17228-0001	7,500
Fund Balance Appropriated	20-9900-991-500		(17,095)
Other Services:PSNC Energy Fund	20-5300-5310-399-000	17213-0001	17,095

2016-309 Commissioner Price – DHHS – Social Services Division – To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Grant Funds from the Governor's Crime Commission for the Gaston County Child Advocacy Center in the Amount per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Child Advocacy Center	20-5300-5585-220-537		(98,158)
Professional Services	20-5300-5585-199-000		50,000
Food and Provisions	20-5300-5585-220-000		2,000
Program Supplies	20-5300-5585-237-000		4,000
Office Supplies	20-5300-5585-260-000		1,000
Mileage Reimbursement	20-5300-5585-311-000		5,000
Printing	20-5300-5585-341-000		2,000
Employee Development/Training	20-5300-5585-395-000		10,000
Equipment/Furniture:\$250 - \$4,999	20-5300-5585-530-000		15,000
Bldgs, Structures	20-5300-5585-580-000		9,158

2016-310 Commissioner Williams – DHHS – Social Services Division – Proclamation – To Proclaim the Month of November 2016 as Adoption Awareness Month

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2016-311 Commissioner Carpenter – EDC – To Appropriate Fund Balance to Assist UCS Spirit with Fiber Installation for Information System Infrastructure Upgrades per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	40-9900-991-500		\$(8,830.00)
Other Improv & Cap Outlay	40-4920-4920-590-000	17229-001	\$8,830.00

2016-312 Commissioner Philbeck – Finance – To Accept as Information the Attached Property Tax Refunds Less Than \$100. These Tax Refunds Should Be Recorded in the Board’s Minutes (Real Property Tax Refunds – \$1,398.27; HB20 Refunds – \$186.26; NCVTS Refunds – \$3,310.48; Total Vehicle Refunds – \$3,496.74) as follows:

Gaston County, North Carolina – Listing of Property Tax Refunds Less Than \$100.00 for Real Property
To be Reported at the November 10, 2016 Board Meeting

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT	TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
Ashwin Shah	2.00	Judy Whisnant	24.00
Assembly of Faith World Outreach	1.99	KB Enterprises of Gaston Co LLC	7.70
Candy Lewis	48.92	Kent Rayfield	8.14
Christopher Hopkins	3.00	Kristen Smith	1.61
Clariant Corporation	1.29	Leslie Cassada	7.01
Clariant Corporation	5.56	Leslie Cassada	47.05
Clariant Corporation	6.86	Leslie Cassada	49.29
Clariant Corporation	15.58	Leslie Cassada	51.70
Clariant Corporation	26.31	Lou Ann Shaw	12.07
Clariant Corporation	43.29	Lynda Willard	91.00
Clariant Corporation	98.32	Martha Friday	5.00
Cramerton ABC Board	3.00	Martin L Camp	16.72
Damon Wayne Sanders	22.12	Melissa Springs	8.74
David Funderburk	41.37	Miranda Realty	20.97
Deborah Carroll	89.18	Morrow & Britton PLLC	3.58
Douglas Walker III	1.54	Morrow & Britton PLLC	10.18
Ellis Smith	6.19	Morrow & Britton PLLC	30.76
Evelyn Cable	13.00	Morrow & Britton PLLC	76.61
Floyd Ivory	41.76	Musetta Glenn	35.84
Frances Womack	20.00	NCHFA	15.10
Frickrentlizzio, LLC, NC Iolita Trust Account	10.00	Nicholas Abernathy	24.88
Garth Reed	93.00	Steven Adams	1.48
Gloria Adcock	1.80	Terry Taylor	4.98
Guy Gibson	77.50	Tru Finish Custom Paint & Body	4.50
Hance & Hance PA	32.36	Vega Real Estate Holdings LLC	14.56
Jamie Grigg II	52.42	Warren Tadlock Chapter 13 Trustee	1.76
John D Broyles	1.94	William Houser	1.41
Jonathan Hill	61.33	TOTAL REAL PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS	\$1,398.27

Gaston County, North Carolina – Listing of Property Tax Refunds Less Than \$100.00 for Vehicle
To be Reported at the November 10, 2016 Board Meeting

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT	TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
Jason Robinson CPA, PLLC	1.98	Mark Stamey	76.00
Arica Ross	14.85	Robert Dixon	17.87
Warren Tadlock Chapter 13 Trustee	8.97	Joel Green	64.46
Robert Dixon	2.13	TOTAL H2B0 REFUNDS	186.26

NCVTS Refunds

Allbright, Christopher Scott	52.66	Lamar, Glenda Mariney	81.55
Armstrong, Barbara Wright	66.88	Lanier, Tracy Ann	9.88
Black, Elizabeth Schronce	93.94	Lawrence Sandra Faye	79.01
Brown, Ariel Renee	19.10	Leonard, Elizabeth Putnam	44.93

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Calouche, Samir Ibrahim	13.03	Lineberger, Joyce	25.41
Camden, Tonya Renee	7.73	Lingerfelt, Joseph Steven	86.94
Chadwick, Linda Lee	73.81	Mahrle-Henson, April Marie	62.36
Clark, Haley Glenn	14.74	McMullin, Dennis Gerald	26.75
Clemmer, Victoria Ann	42.69	Medlin, Dorothy Jeannette	51.14
Cloy, Michael Clinton	38.88	Moore, Charles David	95.63
Davis, Dale Calvin	70.14	Parker, Joel Bennett	66.41
Dean, Jerry Donald	5.72	Payton, Julie Lynn	35.45
Emerson, Nathan Andrew	11.89	Pearson, Joshua McKinley	4.60
Falls, Michael Hugh	79.44	Perry, Donna Reinhardt	32.85
Finger, John Rhyne	67.99	Peters, Carol Mogensen	26.09
Fleming, Darris Leon	1.26	Plummer, Helen Jones	58.63
Gold, Thomas Nicholas	37.00	Reagan, Kelvin Kelly	81.81
Halter, Timothy Paul	76.78	Roberts, David Lee III	44.36
Hanna, Eugene Jenkins	6.32	Rudisill, Larry Charles	24.20
Harris, Jamie Faye	70.19	Sanders, Jerry Dean	20.61
Hart, Jimmy Lee	14.18	Sanders, Jerry Dean	58.93
Hartsell, George Douglas	11.66	Severance, Eric Jude	52.95
Hartsell, George Douglas	12.88	Simpson, Cynthia Souther	34.46
Hatley, Charles Darin	69.05	Smith, Helena Bradshaw	20.54
Hill, Charles Vernon	14.40	Smith, Sheena Rowland	98.96
Hooker, Jerry Leroy	26.56	Smith, Thomas Watson III	40.24
Hooper, Kenneth Jason	34.90	Smith, Victoria Rankin	12.12
Hopkins, Nicholas Gerald Tormey	56.25	Sorrells, Billy West II	28.21
Hudson, Clifford Mikel	96.41	Spencer, Kirk Tyler	80.74
Hughes, Johnny Micheal	15.75	Stowe, Vernon Antoine	67.76
James, Randy Eugene	88.46	Taylor, Robert Morris, Jr	77.61
Jenkins, Byron David	25.23	Waters, Kay Mace	16.35
Jenkins, Jamin Russell	44.10	West, William Vernon	28.26
Jessen, Stephen Charles	75.65	White, Roger S	5.36
Kokalis, Paul Jerry	44.15	Wiggington, Lewis Peisner	48.78
Lakhany Farms LLC	21.18	Yates, Barbara Green	63.45
Lakhany, Hawa Siddique	98.72		
Lakhany, Salam Qasim Munaf	17.43		
		TOTAL VTS REFUNDS	3,310.48
		GRAND TOTAL VEHICLE TAX REFUNDS	3,496.74

2016-313 Commissioner Brown – Finance – To Appropriate Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant Funds Out of Fund Balance in Order to Refund the State for Unspent Funds in Fiscal Year 2015/2016 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Project	Amount
Psychological Testing	10-5830-699-028	16178-0001	2500
Fund Balance Appropriated	10-9900-991-500		(2500)

2016-314 Commissioner Fraley – Tax – Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the September Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Real Estate – \$25,536.23; Vehicles and ETC - \$738.90; VTS Refunds – \$7,748.64; Grand Total – \$34,023.77) as follows:

TAXPAYER NAME	OWNER NAME	AMOUNT
SEPTEMBER 2016 REAL ESTATE		
Bess, Michael		\$241.79
Chemtura Corp		\$1,854.37
City of Gastonia		\$645.47
Clariant Corporation		\$115.03
Coleman Odell		\$1,917.89
Commonwealth USA Settlement		\$381.94
Dunn, Wayne		\$895.30
Eaker, Devin		\$142.98
Estate of Kathryn F Cochran		\$1,127.95
Estate of Kathryn F Cochran		\$609.26
Froneberger, Bessie		\$151.09

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Goodwin, Myra	\$1,801.07
Gunter, Denorma	\$6,029.62
Jolly, David	\$146.73
Locklear, Samantha	\$169.96
Locklear, Samantha	\$168.83
McGinnis, Gladys	\$277.27
Nargis, Nancy	\$2,029.71
Parks, Deborah	\$133.86
Ratchford, Wayne	\$786.40
Thompson, Allen	\$3,207.84
Thornburg, James	\$1,097.01
Timios Inc	\$148.46
Timios Inc	\$149.95
Title Source Inc	\$511.50
Walden, Brent	\$794.95
TOTAL	\$25,536.23

SEPTEMBER 2016 VEHICLES & ETC

Black, Dennis	\$102.63
Burr, James	\$116.96
Casada, Leslie	\$103.35
Harris, Willie	\$217.89
Reid, Donna	\$198.07
TOTAL	\$738.90

SEPTEMBER VTS REFUNDS

Bloss, Vanuel	\$218.82
Chapman, Richard	\$113.36
Clubb, Cathy	\$487.70
Elgin, Paula	\$122.43
Franklin, Earl	\$190.40
Gardner, Joe	\$111.38
Gunderson, Donald	\$358.51
Harris, Shiquita	\$135.59
Hayes, Brian	\$330.12
Hudson, Bradley	\$215.69
Hunter, Luther	\$387.37
Johnson, Eric	\$157.96
Knotts, Kristin	\$189.31
Lincoln County Tax Collector	\$1,014.34
Lincoln County Tax Collector	\$146.18
McBee, Robert	\$108.28
McIlwain, Sharon	\$189.00
Melton, Jennifer	\$122.17
Miller, Dorothy	\$111.36
Mocanu, Gregory	\$219.69
Palotta, Audrey	\$109.95
Palotta, John	\$102.55
Paschall, Timothy	\$110.62
Patterson, Sandra	\$143.88
Phillips, David	\$814.69
Powers, Billy	\$160.02
Rankin, Gary	\$229.41
Robertson, Tanner	\$139.74
Ryan, Sean	\$265.98
Sayles, Jeffrey	\$182.28
Soni, Ashishkumar	\$166.60
Toney, Adam	\$101.85
Trull, Arnold	\$141.82
Williams Living Trust	\$149.59
TOTAL	\$7,748.64
GRAND TOTAL	\$34,023.77

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2016-315 Commissioners Carpenter and Fraley – BOC – To Approve a Resolution of Support for the Catawba Crossing Project and Additional Regional East-West Connectivity

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners fully supports the Catawba Crossings project, the enhanced east-west connectivity and the connectivity provided in the proposed River District development rezoning request brought before Charlotte City Council.

2016-316 Commissioner Williams – County Attorney – Approve Fourth Amendment to Lawyers Building Economic Incentive Agreement**Zoning Matters From Public Hearings (Non-Consent)****2016-317 Commissioner Carpenter – Planning/Zoning – Zoning Map Change: Z16-09, Courthouse Solar, LLC/Michael P. Lingerfelt and Wesley F. Lingerfelt, (Applicants); Property Parcels: 163763 and 219649 located at 2180 Tryon Courthouse Road, Bessemer City, from (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District to (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District**

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2016-317**, after consideration of the map change application, and public hearing comment and Planning Board recommendation ***received at the October 11, 2016 BOC Rescheduled Regular Meeting:***

- 1) The map change request is consistent with the County's approved Comprehensive Plan and 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. Parcel(s): 163763 and 219649, be approved, effective with the passage of this Resolution.
- 2) The County Manager is authorized to make necessary notifications in this matter to appropriate parties.

Non-Consent**FAILED Commissioner Keigher – BOC – To Approve a Resolution to Expedite the Provision of Permanent Water Supplies to Residents Near Allen Steam Station**

Chairman Keigher called for a motion for purposes of discussion. Commissioner Price introduced the motion and Commissioner Fraley provided the second.

Commissioner Carpenter spoke in opposition of the resolution; stated Duke Energy has been working with the State and has developed a plan to deal with this issue. He noted that while sympathetic, he has received conflicting reports regarding the source of the chromium material; suggested that citizens can request volunteer annexation from Belmont or Cramerton to obtain water. He added that Duke Energy is a good corporate citizen of Gaston County.

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Commissioner Philbeck stated that he would not support the resolution but is willing to personally meet with representatives in Raleigh to push the action and nail down the facts; believes that will be more helpful and expeditious than a resolution of support from the BOC.

Chairman Keigher stated his support for the resolution, noting his willingness to contact Legislators and the Speaker of the House to help expedite matters.

Commissioner Williams spoke in opposition to the resolution and indicated that he was unable to independently verify that Duke Energy is responsible; will not support a resolution that directs a company to do something when it has not been proven that they are responsible for causing the problem.

With discussion coming to a close, Chairman Keigher called for the vote and the motion failed to carry as follows:

Aye: 3 – Commissioners Keigher, Fraley and Price

Nay: 4 – Commissioners Philbeck, Carpenter, Williams and Brown

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

2016-318 Commissioners Brown and Fraley – Fire Department – Resolution To Support the Designation of the NC State Highway Patrol Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) as the Next Generation Emergency Services Radio System Platform for Gaston County; Specifically, to Endorse the Fire Service Application for a 2016 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant and to Provide the Required 10% Matching Funds Not to Exceed \$200,000

Chairman Keigher noted that he has received calls from several mayors and city managers in the last couple weeks; expressed his concerns for obtaining funding for the project in light of the \$40M school bond allocation; suggested removing the designation of VIPER in the resolution.

Chairman Keigher called for a motion for the purpose of discussion. Commissioner Brown introduced the motion and Commissioner Fraley provided the second.

Commissioner Brown noted the matter has undergone a diligent evaluation process for more than three years; old system is antiquated and costly to maintain, specifically since the City of Gastonia left the County system and contracted with UASI; the State has recognized VIPER as its system and the application is for a State recognized grant through the Federal Government; County Managers Office sent a letter to all of the municipal managers in April, 2016. After briefly discussing financial impacts, he concluded that that during a UASI meeting this week, the Charlotte representative indicated that in a catastrophic event/high priority call in Gaston County, UASI wouldn't have enough room for everyone and would have to switch over to VIPER.

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Commissioner Fraley asked Chief Jeff Cash, Cherryville Fire Department, to address any questions that the BOC may have regarding the grant.

Chief Cash stated he was approached by the Fire Fighters Association to be the host for the grant; grant deadline is next week; clarified to the BOC that the grant is \$1.7-\$1.8M; the grant would buy the majority of the radios needed for fire service in Gaston County; since VIPER is a state-wide system, the grant application would be merited with more point value; UASI is a regional system; interoperability is the number one priority in this FEMA grant program; the grant must be hosted by a fire department (cannot be done by the County Fire Marshal's office or other agency); demographics for the grant cover the entire County. Regarding the one-year time period, he noted that the grant program allows for extensions as long as steps for implementation are being taken.

Chairman Keigher received an affirmative response that if the radios were purchased before the system, they would be conducive to either system.

With discussions coming to a close, Chairman Keigher called for the vote.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2016-318** as follows:

- WHEREAS, the citizens of Gaston County are currently protected by an antiquated and obsolete UHF/VHF emergency services radio system that is approaching 15 years of service and becoming increasingly difficult to maintain adequately; and
- WHEREAS, in September 2013 a multi-agency subcommittee of public safety officials along with County staff was commissioned to evaluate available options for the next generation emergency services radio system platform; and
- WHEREAS, following an extensive evaluation of multiple system options the subcommittee voted unanimously to designate the NC VIPER system as the preferred system for implementation; and
- WHEREAS, due to the predicted cost burden, it was deemed to be in the public interest for all agencies to develop creative funding sources where possible, and specifically for the fire service, to collaboratively seek a Joint Regional Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to more cost-effectively purchase and install the county-wide VIPER radio system; and
- WHEREAS, the FEMA AFG program limits such radio system grant awards to non-infrastructure purchases to a maximum of \$2 million dollars and requires the regional grant partners to provide a one-time 10% fund match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners wishes to designate the NC State Highway Patrol Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) as the next generation emergency services radio system platform and to endorse the county-wide fire service bid for a Joint Regional Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant by providing the required 10% matching grant funds not to exceed \$200,000 dollars.

2016-319 Commissioner Brown – Police Department – To Approve the Purchase/ Replacement of the Public Safety Radio System with the NC VIPER System, which Includes the System Infrastructure and the Replacement of 1800 County Handheld and Mobile Radios and Includes a 12-Channel, 8-Site Simulcast System with 25 Consoles

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Chairman Keigher called for a motion for the purpose of discussion. Commissioner Brown introduced the motion and Commissioner Carpenter provided the second.

Chairman Keigher stated his concern is not related to the system but with the lack of a funding.

The County Manager indicated that long term financing has been identified for the infrastructure (approximately \$7M or half the cost); could finance the \$7M for a 10-year period; would have an impact on the overall debt service; with the issuance of the \$40M new school bonds, it will be challenging financially for the next several years, however it can be managed; need a new public safety radio system – current system is fifteen years old and is not state-of-the-art; maintenance of the infrastructure under the current contract is inadequate; BOC recently approved \$65,000 to take some corrective action to get through another couple years; many good reasons for moving forward and is confident the County can find a way to make it work.

Commissioner Brown stated his belief that there is a substantial amount of money that will be saved each year by going with the VIPER system; the money used to pay Gastonia would overwhelmingly help offset the debt service.

Commissioner Fraley asked the County Manager to confirm that \$1.6M was spent last year in maintaining the current system; the County Manager replied “yes” and confirmed that there was a “100% probability” that amount would be spent in the coming year as well.

With discussion coming to a close Commissioner Philbeck called the question.

Chairman Keigher called for the vote, and Resolution **2016-319** approving the Purchase/Replacement of the Public Safety Radio System with the NC VIPER System, which Includes the System Infrastructure and the Replacement of 1800 County Handheld and Mobile Radios and Includes a 12-Channel, 8-Site Simulcast System with 25 Consoles (The total estimated cost of the system is \$15,135,500), was adopted unanimously. ***Chairman Keigher failed to vote, therefore his vote is cast with the majority.*

Appointments

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously reappointed Mr. Donald M. Payseur to the **Industrial Facilities & Pollution Control Financing Authority** to a term ending November 2022.

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

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Price	Commissioner Brown	Mr. William “Bill” Melton	February 2020
Commissioner Carpenter	Commissioner Keigher	Captain Myron Shelor	January 2020

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On motion introduced by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Mickey Price to the **CaroMont Health/Gaston Memorial Hospital Board of Directors** to an unexpired term ending January 2019.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Price, the BOC unanimously appointed Judge Pennie Thrower to the **Juvenile Crime Prevention Council** to an unexpired term ending July 2017.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the following individuals were unanimously appointed/reappointed to the **Fireman's Relief Fund Trustees**:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Mr. Jim Pasour	December 2018	Mr. David Allen Robinson	December 2018
Mr. Richard Harris	December 2018	Mr. James E. Towery	December 2018
Ms. Joanna Fulbright	December 2018	Mr. Douglas Mabry	December 2018
Mr. Mark Buchanan	December 2018	Mr. Michael Hoover	December 2018
Mr. Rickey D. Worley	December 2018	Mr. David Jordan	December 2018
Mr. Jeffery Snuggs	December 2018	Mr. Steve Coleman	December 2018
Mr. Bobby Lutz	December 2018	Mr. Pete Martin	December 2017 (Unexpired Term)
Mr. David Lynn	December 2018		

Commissioners Committee Reports

Commissioner Philbeck stated it was an honor to be a part of the renaming of the Economic and Development Travel & Tourism Visitor Center in honor of Commissioner Carpenter.

Commissioner Carpenter responded that he was deeply honored. He reported attendance to **Economic Development Commission** bus tour; noted that he hopes that Commissioners will continue to support economic development.

Chairman Keigher thanked Commissioner Philbeck for leading the charge for the dedication ceremony.

County Manager's Report

No Report.

County Attorney's Report

No Report.

Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(3) – Consult with the Attorney

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On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously entered into Closed Session at 8:53 p.m.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously re-entered Open Session at 9:06 p.m.

Chairman Keigher reported that no action was necessary as a result of the Closed Session.

Other Matters

None.

Presentation of Commissioner Commendation/Award to Commissioner Joe D. Carpenter

Chairman Keigher presented:

WHEREAS, the Citizens of Gaston County elected Joe D. Carpenter to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners in November 1998 and again in November of 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012 as a representative from the Crowders Mountain Township; and,

WHEREAS, Commissioner Carpenter was elected twice as Chairman of the Board during his first term in December 1990 and 1991, and in later terms in December 2002 and 2003. He was also elected Vice-Chair of the Board in December of 1988 and December of 2013 and 2014; and,

WHEREAS, in his official capacity, Commissioner Carpenter has diligently served the State, Region and County as well as many other affiliate organizations including:

- Air Park Facility Committee - 1997-1998
- Airport Advisory Board - 1989-1992
- Carolina Counties Coalition Task Force - 1989-1991
- Centralina Council of Governments – 2005-2012
- Centralina Economic Development Commission – 2005-2012; 2016-2019
- Charlotte Douglas International Airport Commission – 2013-2016
- Charlotte Regional Partnership – 2001-2016
- Family Advisory Board 2001-2009
- County Master Plan Subcommittee
- Greater Gaston Dev. Corp Negotiation Committee 2001 – Analyst Position
- Consolidated Human Services Subcommittee - 2013
- Economic Development Commission – 2002-2005; 2008-2016
- Farmers Market Advisory Board – 2001-2004; 2008-2016
- Gaston College Board of Trustees
- Indigent Obstetric Care Task Force 1989
- Mental Health/DD/SA Gaston-Lincoln-Cleveland Area Authority "Pathways" – 2001-2004
- North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NACC) – 2001-2004; 2008-2012
- NCACC Legislative Goals Conference Voting Delegate – 2002
- NCACC Annual Conference Voting Delegate – 2003, 2004, 2006
- NCACC Annual Conference Alternate Voting Delegate – 2008
- NCACC Legislative Liaison – 2009-2012
- NACO Annual Conference Voting Delegate – 2009
- NACO Transportation Committee - 2003
- Quality of Natural Resources Commission – 2002-2004
- Regional Greenway Network Steering Committee as Ex-officio – 2003-2004
- Social Services Site Study Committee - 1991
- Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Alternate & Delegate – 2003-2016
- Piedmont Equestrian Authority Park - 2005

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, he brought a sense of fiscal responsibility to the Board coupled with a genuine interest in addressing the myriad of diverse issues facing the County. He weathered numerous budget years in a time of reduced federal and state funds and worked feverishly to address the County's reliance on fund balance. Known for taking on tough challenges, Commissioner Carpenter stood firmly in rigorous budget deliberations to achieve a more financially sound environment for County government; and,

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the 1991 formation of Gaston Family Health Services, Inc. (GFHS), a community health center, established to address a crisis-level physician shortage in Gaston County and to meet the primary health needs of the medically indigent

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population. GFHS reduced the burden on Gaston County's Emergency Department, which at one time was ranked the "second busiest ER in North Carolina". It also provided preventive and continued care to Gaston County citizens who could not afford private health care; and,

WHEREAS, Commissioner Carpenter has played an instrumental role in many initiatives that have had a significant impact on the County and Region's growth over the last twenty years, especially in the areas of economic development, industry recruitment, strategic planning, and comprehensive land use development and zoning ordinances. He was also a vocal proponent of education initiatives and advocated for the State to fully fund the operation costs of schools and to address school spending inequities between low-wealth and high-wealth counties in North Carolina. In recognition of his unwavering commitment to the betterment of Gaston County and our Region, his colleagues unanimously voted to rename the Gaston County Visitors Center in his honor on October 25, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Gaston County, commends and extends grateful appreciation to

Joe D. Carpenter

for his strategic vision and his extensive community involvement, making our County a better place to live.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commendation, as adopted this 10th day of November 2016, be set forth in the Minutes of this County Commission.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously approved **2016-320** as set forth herewith.

Chairman Keigher presented Commissioner Carpenter with a silver tray with the following inscription:

THE CITIZENS OF GASTON COUNTY
EXPRESS SINCERE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION
FOR THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF

JOE D. CARPENTER

GASTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER – CROWDERS MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP
2000 – 2016

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

DECEMBER 2, 2002 – DECEMBER 6, 2004

Commissioner Carpenter also received a gavel plaque with the following inscription:

Commissioner Joe D. Carpenter
Gaston County Board of Commissioners
December 4, 2000 – December 5, 2016

Chairman of the Board
December 2, 2002 – December 6, 2004

Presentation of Commissioner Commendation/Award to Commissioner Mickey Price

Commissioner Fraley called Commissioner Price to the podium and presented:

WHEREAS, the citizens of Gaston County elected Mickey Price to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners in November 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012 as a representative from the South Point Township; and,

WHEREAS, Commissioner Price was elected Chair of the Board on December 4, 2006, December 13, 2007, December 1, 2008, December 10, 2009, and December 3, 2012. He was elected Vice-Chair of the Board on December 6, 2004 and December 8, 2005; and,

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WHEREAS, prior to being elected to the Board, Commissioner Price also served ten years as a Belmont City Council Member and played an instrumental role as a member of the Citizens' Committee to provide recommendations to the Gaston MPO Transportation Advisory Committee's (TAC) Thoroughfare Plan; and,

WHEREAS, in his official capacity, Commissioner Price has diligently served the County and Region as well as many other affiliate organizations including:

- Health and Human Services Board (HHS) 2013-2016
- CaroMont Health/Gaston Memorial Hospital Board of Directors - 2001-2012
- Gaston Family Health Services, Inc. Board of Directors (GFHS) - 2001-2016
- Health Board - 2009-2013
- Lake Norman Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO) - 2002-2004
- Transportation Advisory Committee as a Delegate and Alternate - 2001-2013

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, he consistently focused on the economic future and fiscal soundness of Gaston County during many arduous budget deliberations. His commitment to minimizing the financial impact of county government was coupled with a genuine desire to effectively and efficiently address the many challenges facing Gaston County citizens; and,

WHEREAS, an advocate of community health and wellness, Commissioner Price tirelessly worked to facilitate positive change and promote access to healthcare for all citizens. His vast professional knowledge, skills and talents were invaluable during his extensive service to the GFHS Board, the CaroMont Health Board, the Health Board and the consolidated Health and Human Services Board. His equitable style of leadership was instrumental in many health-related initiatives and also helped to lay the groundwork and set a progressive course toward the eventual signing of the historic Hospital lease between CaroMont and Gaston County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Gaston County, commends and extends its grateful appreciation to

Mickey Price

for sixteen years of dedicated service to the people of Gaston County in the performance of his elected duties; for his sense of fiscal accountability; his conservatism and steadfastness during tumultuous economic climates; and for his genuine care and advocacy for the improved health and quality of life for all Gaston County citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commendation, as adopted this 10th day of November 2016, be made a part of the Minutes of this County Commission.

By acclamation, the BOC unanimously approved **2016-321** as set forth herewith.

Commissioner Fraley presented Commissioner Price with a silver tray with the following inscription:

THE CITIZENS OF GASTON COUNTY
EXPRESS SINCERE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION
FOR THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF
MICKEY PRICE

GASTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER – SOUTH POINT TOWNSHIP
2000 – 2016

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

DECEMBER 4, 2006 – DECEMBER 6, 2010
DECEMBER 3, 2012 – DECEMBER 10, 2013

Commissioner Price also received a gavel plaque with the following inscription:

Commissioner Mickey Price
Gaston County Board of Commissioners
December 4, 2000 - December 5, 2016

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Chairman of the Board
December 4, 2006 – December 6, 2010
December 3, 2012 – December 10, 2013

Presentation of Commissioner Commendation to Commissioner Robert “Jason” Williams

Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Philbeck called Commissioner Williams to the podium and presented:

WHEREAS, the Citizens of Gaston County elected Jason Williams to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners in November 2012 as a representative from the Gastonia Township and he received the Oath of Office on December 3, 2012. He was elected Vice-Chair of the Board on December 8, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, prior to being elected to the Board, he was also a Ranlo Town Commissioner for two years; and,

WHEREAS, in his official capacity, Commissioner Williams has diligently served the County and Region as well as many other affiliate organizations including:

- Partnership for Children of Lincoln/Gaston Counties - Board of Directors - 2012-2016
- Centralina Council of Governments (COG) as Alternate Delegate - 2012-2016
- CaroMont Health/Gaston Memorial Hospital Board of Directors - 2013-2016
- Consolidated Human Services Selection Subcommittee – 2013
- CaroMont Lease Proceeds Investment Task Force - 2015

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Commissioner Williams brought an enthusiasm for addressing issues that had faced the County for a number of years. He was known to challenge status quo and encourage innovative improvements to County policies and programs. He actively sought the consolidation of Health and Human Services and was a key supporter of paperless agendas and the digitization of Commission meetings; and,

WHEREAS, his exemplary consensus-building skills were instrumental in his work on the CaroMont Health Board of Directors as the Commissions' appointee. Possessing an innate ability to bridge communications, he brought a stabilizing influence to the complex, and often contentious, Hospital lease negotiations. His fair and sensible approach to the rigorous process was pivotal in the execution of the historic lease agreement in 2015 and in paving the way to more collaborative relations between both boards; and,

WHEREAS, Commissioner Williams' core beliefs and sense of responsibility for the most vulnerable of our community imbued his advocacy for the health and welfare of children. During his term, he avidly supported local legislation to create a Foster Care Ombudsman Program and he led the charge to create an adoption benefit for Gaston County employees. As a vocal social conservative, Commissioner Williams opposed County funded abortions, sponsored a Resolution in support of traditional marriage and advocated for boldly displaying "In God We Trust" on the Gaston County Courthouse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Gaston County, commends and extends grateful appreciation to

Jason Williams

for four years of dedicated service to the people of Gaston County in the performance of his elected duties as a Commissioner; for advocating for fiscal responsibility during difficult budget deliberations; for his eagerness in identifying progressive solutions and for being ever mindful of decisions affecting the quality of life of Gaston County citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commendation, as adopted this 10th day of November 2016, be made a part of the Minutes of this County Commission.

By acclamation, the BOC unanimously approved **2016-322** as set forth herewith.

Commissioner Brown presented Commissioner Williams with a silver tray with the following inscription:

COMMISSIONER'S COURT

NOVEMBER 10, 2016

GASTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

THE CITIZENS OF GASTON COUNTY
EXPRESS SINCERE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION
FOR THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF

JASON WILLIAMS

GASTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER – GASTONIA TOWNSHIP
2012 – 2016

During the presentation of commendations, fellow Board members and County staff shared personal stories and sentiments and expressed their gratitude to Commissioners Carpenter, Price and Williams for their many contributions to the Board and to the citizens of Gaston County, and wished them much success in their future endeavors.

Adjournment

Chairman Keigher adjourned the Rescheduled Meeting of November 10, 2016 at 10:06 p.m.

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

Tom Keigher, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

Donna S. Buff
Clerk to the Board

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