



# Gaston County

## Board of Commissioners

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

*Chairman Chad Brown*  
*Vice-Chairman Bob Hovis*  
*Cathy Cloninger*  
*Allen R. Fraley*  
*Kim Johnson*  
*Tom Keigher*  
*Ronnie Worley*

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Meeting Agenda

### **COMBINED Rescheduled Work Session (Non-Voting) - 6:00 PM & Regular Meeting (To Immediately Follow the Work Session)**

CALL TO ORDER - RESCHEDULED WORK SESSION

- I. ANNOUNCEMENT - APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN ZILL, GASTON COUNTY CHIEF OF POLICE**
- II. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES**
  - A.** [Commissioner Hovis - Hope United Survivor Network - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of February 2023 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month](#)
  - B.** [Commissioner Cloninger - County Manager - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of March 2023 as Women's History Month in Gaston County](#)
  - C.** Certificates in Appreciation for Public Service
    - 1. Laura Biggerstaff, Animal Care and Enforcement Advisory Board
    - 2. Roger Hurst, Environmental Review Board
    - 3. Wesley Gosnell, Fireman's Relief Fund Trustees
    - 4. Alan Cloninger, Judy Leahy, Carol McManus, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)
    - 5. Barbara Foy, Shelia Merrill, Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee
    - 6. Karen Whichard, Partners Behavioral Health Management "Partners BHM"
    - 7. Alan Cloninger, Kevin Ellis, Garry Williams, Sara Local Planning Committee (LEPC)
    - 8. Cam Carpenter, Martin Hutchins, Tourism Development Advisory Board
- III. CITIZEN RECOGNITION (Limited to One Hour; Sign up Prior to Start of Session; Comments Limited to 3 Minutes)**
- IV. PRESENTATIONS (Limited to 15 Minutes)**
  - A.** PRESENTATION - FY21-22 GASTON COUNTY AUDIT:
    - Ms. Kelly Gooderham, Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, PA
  - B.** PRESENTATION - GASTON VISION 2040 UPDATE:
    - Ms. Leslie Lee, Executive Director - Gaston Together
    - Ms. Sharon Padgett, Chief Executive Officer - Gaston County YMCA
    - Ms. Gina Shell, Special Projects - County Manager's Office

V. OTHER MATTERS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

*The Regular County Commission Meeting Will Follow Immediately - See Next Page for Agenda.*

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING  
INVOCATION  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**I. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A.** Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-22-12-02-00135, Pawan Aggarwal (Applicant); Property Parcel: 169946 Located at 695 Dallas Stanley Hwy. in Dallas, NC, Rezone from (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with (US) Overlay to the (C-3) General Commercial Zoning District with (US) Overlay
1. Receive Citizen Comment
  2. Close Public Hearing
  3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution
- B.** Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Johnson - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-22-12-30-00136, Justin Fulbright (Applicant); Property Parcel: 308406 Located at 5001 York Hwy. in Gastonia, NC, Rezone from (I-2) General Industrial & (I-3) Exclusive Industrial Zoning District with (US) & (CH) Overlays to the (C-3) General Commercial Zoning District with (US) & (CH) Overlays
1. Receive Citizen Comment
  2. Close Public Hearing
  3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution
- C.** Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Amend Resolution No. 2022-265 To Authorize a Gaston County Level One or 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 Foundry Commercial
1. Receive Citizen Comment
  2. Close Public Hearing
  3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution

- D. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Approve a Gaston County Level Four 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 Huskey
  - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
  - 2. Close Public Hearing
  - 3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution

## II. BUSINESS AGENDA

### A. AGENDA REVISION/APPROVAL

### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. To Approve the Minutes of:
  - Regular Meeting of January 24, 2023

## III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commissioner Brown - BOC - To Revise the Gaston County Board of Commissioners' (BOC) 2023 Regular Meeting Schedule to Cancel the March 14, 2023 BOC Work Session
- B. Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds from the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) for the Gaston County Police Department (\$453,950 - No Match)
- C. Commissioner Brown - Budget & Strategy - To Appropriate Funds for the Investment Grant Program for North Point Development (\$329,760)
- D. Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy - To Approve Three New Positions Fully Grant-Funded Through 9/30/2025 for the Implementation of the Law-Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program
- E. Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - To Approve Plat Review Officer Changes
- F. Commissioner Worley - Building & Development Services - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Essential Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Grant Funds by NC Housing Finance Agency (\$32,792)
- G. Commissioners Fraley & Worley - County Attorney - To Approve a Resolution Authorizing Execution of Opioid Settlements and Approving the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation
- H. Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information
- I. Commissioner Cloninger - County Manager - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of March 2023 as Women's History Month in Gaston County

- J. Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Funds for an Employer Services Grant in the Amount of \$20,000 (100% Federal Funds)
- K. Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate American Rescue Plan Act Funds through Centralina Area Agency on Aging for a Title III-B Adult Services Grant in the Amount of \$180,000 (100% Federal Funds)
- L. Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Federal Funds for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program in the Amount of \$377,319 (100% Federal Funds)
- M. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds from The Department of Homeland Security Grant Program in the Amount of \$65,000 Awarded To Gaston County Emergency Management and Fire Services
- N. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds from the Duke Energy Preparedness Grant in the Amount of \$50,000, Awarded to Gaston County Emergency Management and Fire Services
- O. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Transfer \$90,000 from the General Fund to the General Government Capital Fund, via the Community Investment Fund (No Additional County Funds)
- P. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Approve the Transfer of \$48,000 from the General Fund to the General Government Capital Fund, via the Community Investment Fund (No Additional County Funds)
- Q. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Approve the Transfer of \$50,000 from General Fund to the General Government Capital Fund, via the Community Investment Fund
- R. 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 - \$2,168.34)
- S. Commissioner Worley - Finance - Administrative Correction - To Correct Budget Change Request for Resolution 2022-295 Adopted at 9/27/2022 BOC Meeting
- T. Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Approve the Selection of Martin Starnes & Associates as the County's Auditors and to Approve the Current Year Audit Contract for Audit Services for Fiscal Year 2023 (Base Contract of \$96,600 and includes Additional \$37,500 for Potential Major Programs Over 2 Included in the Base Contract)
- U. Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Approve a Resolution for Gaston County to Participate in the North Carolina Investment Pool as Permitted by and Pursuant to NC General Statute Relating to a Commingled Investment Pool
- V. Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Approve a Resolution Allowing the County to Participate in the North Carolina CLASS Investment Pool

- W.** Commissioner Worley - Finance (Police Department) - To Appropriate and Transfer \$4,349.66 from the General Fund to the Emergency Telephone Fund to Comply with the Ruling by State Auditors Regarding 2019 and 2020 Expenditures
- X.** Commissioner Worley - Finance (Police Department) - To Appropriate and Transfer \$60,018 from the Emergency Telephone Fund to the General Fund to Balance the Audit and PSAP Reports
- Y.** Commissioner Worley - Finance - Appropriation of Accumulated Investment Earnings from April 1, 2022, through January 31, 2023 (\$125,689.41)
- Z.** Commissioner Hovis - Finance - To Appropriate and Transfer an Additional \$14,257,480 from CIF Fund Balance to the Gaston County School System's Capital Budget for Costs Associated with the Renovations to Current Facilities; and Approve the Reimbursement Declaration
- AA.** Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Accept the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022, Gaston County Audit as Information
- AB.** Commissioner Hovis - Finance - To Approve the Conflict of Interest Policy Applicable to Contracts and Subawards of Gaston County Supported by Federal Financial Assistance
- AC.** Commissioner Brown - Hope United Survivor Network - To Accept and Appropriate Donations Totaling \$73,204, Hope United Survivor Network (\$40,203), The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center (\$31,954) and The Lighthouse (\$1,047) from March 31, 2022, thru Feb 3, 2023
- AD.** Commissioner Hovis - Hope United Survivor Network - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of February 2023 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month
- AE.** Commissioner Brown - Hope United Survivor Network - Administrative Correction - To Correct Budget Change Request for Resolution 2022-377 Adopted at 12/13/2022 BOC Meeting
- AF.** Commissioner Cloninger - Parks and Recreation - To Accept and Appropriate a \$1,161 Donation from the Lamb Foundation of NC, Inc. to Purchase a Bench at Camp Sertoma (100% Donation)
- AG.** Commissioner Cloninger - Parks and Recreation - To Accept and Appropriate Sponsorships in the Amount of \$6,450 for Senior Games
- AH.** Commissioner Cloninger - Parks and Recreation - To Accept and Appropriate the Senior Center General Purpose Grant from Centralina Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging (\$10,901)
- AI.** Commissioner Hovis - Police Department (Animal Care and Enforcement) - To Accept and Appropriate Donation Received from Bissell Pet Foundation for an "Empty the Shelters" Event (100% Donation - \$1,760)
- AJ.** Commissioner Hovis - Police Department - To Approve Surplus and Disposition of Nine (9) Year Old German Shepherd K9 Named Mack

- AK.** Commissioner Keigher - Police Department - Approve the Surplus of 60 Axon Taser X-26Ps with Holsters for the Gaston College Basic Law Enforcement Training/Criminal Justice Academy to be used for Training Purposes
- AL.** Commissioner Keigher - Public Works - To Declare Unused Equipment as Surplus and Authorize a Surplus Auction
- AM.** Commissioner Worley - Public Works - To Finalize and Formally Accept an Offer to Purchase a County-Owned Surplus Parcel (PID #203783 Located on Beauhaven Lane)
- AN.** Commissioners Brown & Worley - Public Works - To Approve a Resolution to Support Application to U. S. Department of Transportation's 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program
- AO.** Commissioner Hovis - Public Works - Commissioner Hovis - Public Works - To (1) Authorize the Purchase of Property Located at 100 West Main Avenue, Suite 100 (PID 219964), and 110 West Main Avenue, Gastonia, NC (PID 212033); and (2) Authorize a Fund Balance Transfer for the Total Purchase Price (\$835,000.00) and the Estimated Closing, Design and Upfit Costs
- AP.** Commissioner Brown - Tax Collections - Uncollected Real Estate Taxes and Lien Advertisement (\$11,698,746.37)
- AQ.** Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G. S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$4,501.06; Overpayments - \$59,447.33; VTS Refunds - \$5,386.67; Grand Total - \$69,335.06)
- AR.** Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$16,723.40; Overpayments - \$189,928.79; VTS Refunds - \$8,802.44; Grand Total - \$215,454.63)

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

#### **V. ITEMS ADDED BY MAJORITY VOTE FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

#### **VI. APPOINTMENTS**

- A.** Appointment List - Current Expiring Terms/Vacant Positions

#### **VII. REPORTS**

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

**VIII. OTHER MATTERS**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**