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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met in Regular Session on February 28, 2023 at 6:58 p.m., immediately following its Rescheduled Work Session, 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 and Ronnie Worley in attendance.

Others present included Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager; William T. Stetzer, County Attorney; and Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board.

During the preceding Work Session, Chairman Brown asked everyone to stand for the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and for a Moment of Silence in memory of Walker McGinnis Hayes, a 17-year-old Highland School of Technology (Highland Tech) student, who died tragically on February 20, 2023. Upon request of Chairman Brown, Dr. Pearl Burris-Floyd led those assembled in the Invocation and Commissioner Fraley led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS FROM PRECEDING WORK SESSION

Appointment of Stephen Zill, Gaston County Chief of Police

Chairman Brown announced the appointment of (Captain) Stephen Zill as the (new) Gaston County Police Chief (official swearing-in ceremony to be held March 6, 2023); invited him to the podium for comments and a group photo with BOC, family, colleagues, co-workers and supporting staff.

Proclamations

The following proclamations were presented during the Work Session and adopted in the Consent Agenda herein.

- Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of February 2023 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month
- Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of March 2023 as Women's History Month in Gaston County

Citizen Recognition

The following spoke at the preceding Work Session in opposition of the property value increases resulting from the recent revaluation process: Mr. Gary Sullivan, 1403 Florida St., Gastonia, NC; Mr. Tom Moss, 607 W. Church St., (Cherryville, NC).

Chairman Brown stated that Mr. Sullivan may be eligible for some discounts and asked him to meet with the Tax Director/Tax staff.

Chairman Brown displayed a letter from the State of North Carolina dated April 2021 advising that the County would be required to do a revaluation this year; he encouraged everyone that thinks their home values are incorrect to utilize the appeals process at the Tax Office or online until March

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27th. He noted that 27 of 100 counties received those letters; the range is between 50%-70% and includes all types of property, not just residential. The revenue neutral rate is 62.1 cents and 1982 was the last time the rate was that low. He pointed out that no taxes have been levied at this time; the BOC will make that decision in late May or early June prior to adoption of the Budget; tax bills will be mailed out in July and are due September 1; residents will have until January 5, 2024 to pay.

Commissioner Keigher pointed out that appeals can also be made by checking the box on the notice and returning the form by mail.

Chairman Brown noted that the municipalities will also be setting their tax rates.

Chairman Brown introduced Ms. Chelsea Tarbush, Tax Director, for a brief overview on the revaluation process.

Ms. Tarbush advised reval notices were mailed last week; there may be two-three different rates depending on where a citizen lives in the County (County's rate, municipal rates and jurisdictions that have County fire departments).

Tax Department staff will take *informal* appeals until March 27th in person, online, via phone or mail; anyone that disagrees with informal appeals can utilize the Board of Equalization and Review (E&R) *formal* appeals *process* from March 28th - May 26th; the Board of E&R makes decisions independent of the Tax Department; anyone that disagrees with the Board of E&R can appeal the decision through the PTC (Property Tax Commission) in Raleigh, NC.

Once properties have been assessed, a revenue-neutral rate is formulated that is needed to fund County budget. She noted staff has processed 910 appeals in four or five days; anyone that wants to sit down with an appraiser in their municipality can call the Tax Office, 704-866-3158-option 2 and schedule an appeal. She also pointed out there are many tools online including a sales-comp tool that provides arms-length qualified sales data.

The County was mandated by the NC Department of Revenue to conduct a reval which fell in line with the (2023) County's four-year cycle.

There are elderly and disabled exemptions for those 65 and older with an income of (less than) \$33,800 for this year which is set by the state; there is also relief for 100% disabled veterans regardless of age or income.

Presentation of FY21-22 Gaston County Audit

Ms. Kelly Gooderham, Senior Audit Manager with Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, PA, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the FY21-22 Gaston County Audit. The presentation slides, the FY21 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the Audit Letter were provided to the BOC and are on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Ms. Gooderham's Work Session presentation is summarized as follows:

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- The County's report has been submitted to the Local Government Commission (LGC); Auditors have not received approval yet
- There is a **Clean, Unmodified Opinion** (the best opinion the Auditors can provide)
- **General Fund Final Budget:** Includes net transfers in/out and appropriated fund balance to show it was in balance; *Revenues* were overbudget by roughly \$5M; *Expenditures* were underbudget by \$42M
- **Available Fund Balance:** This is a calculation the LGC uses to compare County to other counties across the state
- **Total General Fund Fund Balance** is \$111M; Less *Nonspendable* (includes inventory and prepaids of \$790k); Less *Stabilization* (by state statute of \$20.9M)
- **Overall Available Fund Balance for General Fund** is \$89.2M which was an increase of \$26.8M over prior year
- **Available Fund Balance Percentage:** Includes Public Assistance Fund from 2017-2021; in 2022 the Public Assistance Fund merged with the General Fund into one fund; increased roughly 2.5% over prior year amounts
- **Fund Balance Classifications:** The five classifications within governmental funds are *Nonspendable* (not in cash form); *Restricted* (external restrictions imposed by laws or grantors); *Committed* (internal constraints issued by the Board level); *Assigned* (internal constraints that are less restricted than Restricted); *Unassigned* (less restricted than Committed to arrive at overall Unassigned Fund Balance which has no internal or external constraints)
- **Unassigned Fund Balance:** From previous slide, started at \$111M for overall Fund Balance with General Fund Less Nonspendable (\$790k) and Less Stabilization (\$20.9M); other Restricted fund balance classifications were \$18.4M; Assigned fund balance was \$32.6M for an overall Unassigned Fund Balance for FY22 of \$38.2M which increased \$18.8M over prior year; a 12-year comparison of Unassigned Fund Balance, as a percentage of the total fund balance, within the general fund from 2011-2021 (including Public Assistance Fund) and 2022 (General Fund only) increased roughly 14% over prior year
- **Top Three (3) Revenues:** Property Taxes (60%); Restricted Intergovernmental (17%); Other Taxes & Licenses (12%)
- **Property Taxes** increased about \$4.9M or 3% over prior year
- **Restricted Intergovernmental** increased \$1.5M or 3%
- **Other Taxes & Licenses** increased \$6.3M or 22%
- **Top Three (3) General Fund Expenditures:** Public Safety (29%); Human Services (30%); Education (22%)
- **Public Safety** increased \$11.1M or 17%
- **Human Services** increased \$23.2M or 39%
- **Education** increased \$1.9M or 3%
- **Solid Waste Fund (aka Enterprise Fund):** *Operating Revenues* – Ended at less than \$12.1M (actual amount - \$12,095,301); a decrease of \$467,000 or 4%; *Operating Income* ended at \$972,000 (actual amount - \$972,361); a decrease from prior year of \$2.1M
- **Performance Indicators:** At the beginning of FY21 the LGC started requiring that certain topics be communicated to all Board members during audit presentations; majority of this information comes from the LGC's Data Input Sheet which is prepared and submitted with County's audit yearly; the audit noted the County's stable property tax valuation and collection percentage and a consistent available fund balance percentage; it also noted

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two financial performance indicators of concern due to 1) two material witness findings noted in the County's audit; 2) late reports submission of the County's audit to the LGC.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Chairman Brown called for questions from the BOC; none were heard.

Presentation - Gaston Vision 2040 Update

Ms. Leslie Lee, Executive Director, Gaston Together, Ms. Sharon Padgett, Chief Executive Officer, Gaston County YMCA, and Ms. Gina Shell, Special Projects, County Manager's Office provided an update on the Gaston Vision 2040. The presentation slides were presented to the BOC and are on file with the Clerk to the Board.

At the conclusion of the update, Chairman Brown called for questions from the BOC.

Commissioner Keigher asked how the homeless situation is incorporated into the vision.

Ms. Lee responded that the focus area teams are looking at all of the different options and that will be addressed under adequate housing for all; not looking to create another taskforce. That taskforce and other entities will be invited into the process.

Chairman Brown suggested taking this vision to the high schools to educate students on what is in our community.

Ms. Lee responded that they have purposefully included the many teen groups in the conversation as they will be carrying out the vision and have also made sure that college and technical paths are represented in the process.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Brown called the Regular Meeting to Order at 6:58 pm.

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

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

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Worley, the BOC unanimously entered into Public Hearing.

Chairman Brown introduced Mrs. Laura Hamilton, Planner – Building and Development Services, for comments.

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Mrs. Hamilton advised subject zoning request from Pawan Aggarwal (Applicant) and Bhagwati LLC (Owner) is to rezone property parcel 169946 located at 695 Dallas Stanley Hwy. in Dallas, NC, from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with (US) Overlay to the (C-3) General Commercial Zoning District with (US) Overlay; it is a .68 acre tract of property.

Key issues for citizens in area is preservation of open space, road improvements and better connectivity to areas in the County and throughout the region, more transportation alternatives, preservation of agriculture, maintaining rural feel of community, steering development towards existing infrastructure and areas immediately surrounding the towns and cities.

The property is located in Area 2: North 321 Gaston of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP); its current definition is Rural (*Rural areas are characterized as having plenty of open space along with farmstead-style housing and agribusiness. Residential homes are located on large lots and set back from the roads they front upon. There are many opportunities for agribusiness ventures as well*); this is also the default designation for the County; staff recommendation is the application, as presented, is consistent with the CLUP.

She reviewed aerial and zoning maps and advised the property is located in the north region at the intersection of Dallas Stanley Hwy. and Kiser Dairy Rd. (approximately 1/3 of way between Dallas and Stanley); the parcel has been commercial in nature since the commercial structure was placed on the lot in 1981; old zoning maps have this quadrant of intersection as residential; this was matched with the current zoning districts and zoned R-1 which made the existing use a non-conforming situation; the owners wanted to change the property's use and cannot do so without rezoning it commercial; the area is mixed commercial, city and residential uses; if approved, any uses allowed in the C-3 general commercial zoning district would be permitted per UDO standards and regulations.

The Gaston-(Lincoln)-Cleveland Metropolitan Organization (MPO) provided comments; according to the 2029 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) there are no funded transportation improvement projects in the immediate vicinity of the site; the MPO has submitted a modernization project for Dallas Stanley Hwy. which will not likely be funded in the next STIP project.

The Planning Board voted unanimously to approve the request on February 6; staff did not receive any calls about the request; a sign was posted on 2/8/23 and notices were mailed on 2/7/23; she asked if the BOC had any questions.

Chairman Brown called for comments from the Applicant and citizens; hearing none, called for questions from the BOC.

Commissioner Brown asked if the area was zoned commercial already since it is currently a pool hall; what use is being proposed beside it.

Mrs. Hamilton responded currently it is a non-conforming use because the zoning is R-1.

Mr. Aggarwal advised he has lived in the County for 31 years and has had the pool hall for five or six years and it was a pool hall previously for many years; learned it was zoned R-1 and wanted to rezone it to C-3; confirmed he will keep the same use (pool hall).

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Hearing no objection from the Board, the Public Hearing was closed and Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously approved **2023-037**, 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. The application and request are consistent with the Gaston County Comprehensive Land Plan for Area 2. Characteristics of this area include pockets of commercial centers, development built closer to the road, and plenty of open space. The request encourages the goals of the Rural land use designation by providing opportunities for small businesses, rural markets, and small stores.

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: 169946, 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 read the following Consistency Statement: *The application and request are consistent with the Gaston County Comprehensive Land Use Plan for Area 2. Characteristics of this area include pockets of commercial centers, development built closer to the road, and plenty of open space. The request encourages the goals of the Rural land use designation by providing opportunities for small businesses, rural markets and small stores.*

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

Chairman Brown introduced Mrs. Laura Hamilton, Planner – Building and Development Services, for comments.

Mrs. Hamilton advised subject zoning request is from Mr. Justin Fulbright (Applicant) and The TV Shop (Owners); parcel 308406 is located at 5001 York Hwy. (Gastonia, NC) and is currently zoned I-2 and I-3 with US and CH overlays; the request is to rezone the property to C-3 with US and CH overlays; the parcel is 2.85 acres and lies in Area 4: the Garden Gaston of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP).

Key issues for area citizens include another bridge crossing across the Catawba River, continued coordination amongst local government agencies, road improvements and better connectivity to other areas of County and throughout region.

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The CLUP has this as an industrial area when it is primarily for industrial and manufacturing based uses, currently and projected in the future; per staff's recommendation, the request, as presented, is consistent with the CLUP.

The property is located in southern region of County (on Hwy. 321; across from Crawford Road; just south of Forbes Road and Superior Stainless Road intersection); the facility had a generator repair shop in it; the owner wants to change this use and possible future uses which currently are not allowed in the industrial zoning district; the property is located primarily in an industrial/commercial use area with some residential on more of the side roads; if approved, any uses allowed in the C-3 zoning district would be permitted per the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

The Gaston-Lincoln-Cleveland Metropolitan Organization provided comments; according to the 2029 State Transportation Improvement Plan there are no funded transportation improvement projects in the immediate vicinity of the site; there are proposed unfunded boulevard improvements to York Hwy. in the Comprehensive Transportation Plan; there is adequate right-of-way for any future improvements.

The Planning Board recommended approval of the request via a 7-1 vote on February 6th; staff did not receive any calls about the request; posted the sign on February 6th; mailed out notices on February 7th; this concludes the presentation.

Chairman Brown called for comments from the Applicant, citizens 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 Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the BOC unanimously approved **2023-038**, 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. The application and request is consistent with the Gaston County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Garden Gaston area of the CLUP is characterized as having plenty of open space, pockets of commercial centers, and development set back off the road. The request also encourages the goals of the industrial future land use designation as the requested zoning district will provide opportunities for manufacturing and industrial-based uses as well as small businesses.

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: 308406, 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 provided the following Consistency Statement: *The application and request is consistent with the Gaston County Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP). The Garden Gaston*

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area of the CLUP is characterized as having plenty of open space, pockets of commercial centers, and development set back off the road. The request also encourages the goals of the industrial future land use designation as the requested zoning district will provide opportunities for manufacturing and industrial-based uses as well as small businesses.

Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Amend Resolution 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

Chairman Brown introduced the Economic Development Commission (EDC) Director for comments.

Mr. Donny Hicks, EDC Director, stated the BOC is requested to amend Resolution 2022-265 that it adopted last September for a Level One Grant for Foundry Commercial; Foundry anticipates building a 285,000SF spec building at Southridge Business Park in Bessemer City; were able to do a property swap with the adjacent cemetery and created a site to build on and will use the Southridge access road to get there.

Foundry advised staff that its initial investment was lower than it will actually be and requested that County offer them the chance to get a Level Two grant if the tax values qualifies for it; we will add a statement that says "if your investment exceeds what a Level One Grant would receive, you will receive a Level Two Grant; if not, you get the Level One Grant"; Foundry wanted that assurance because they believe their taxable investment will be in the neighborhood of \$22M.

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment and for questions from the BOC; hearing none, closed the Public Hearing and called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously approved **2023-039** as follows:

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 high quality industrial park locations; and,

WHEREAS, Foundry Commercial is considering a total investment of \$25,600,000, to establish a 280,460 square foot warehouse and distribution facility in the Southridge Business Park, with the expectation to complete this investment on or before November, 2023; 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,

WHEREAS, Gaston County Resolution No. 2022-265, adopted September 27, 2022, authorized a Level One Grant for this project; however, Foundry Commercial anticipates that its investment will exceed the Level One threshold under the County policy; and,

WHEREAS, the County will prepare a detailed Economic Development Agreement (EDA), between Foundry Commercial, the County and Bessemer City, 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 amends Resolution 2022-

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265 to authorize a Level Two, or Level One Grant (contingent upon the tax value of the investment) and authorizes the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or the County Manager to execute any documents necessary to complete an Economic Development Agreement for Foundry Commercial.

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

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

Mr. Hicks advised this is a grant for a project the County is chasing (Project Huskey); anticipate the total investment will be around \$90M; will create 50 jobs; will be built in the neighborhood of 750,000SF; two sites in the County are competing for this project; there are other sites in other states and locations; staff is asking each municipality to match the County's Level Four Grant; one has already matched it; anticipate that the next city will match it in early March.

A \$90M investment will qualify for a Level Four Grant; it takes \$50M of taxable investment to do that; their incentive consultant has requested the County take this through the process to assure if they make a decision to locate here that they have already wrapped up the agreement with all of the municipalities in the County; then they can build a cost model based on those incentives.

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 Worley, the BOC unanimously approved **2023-040** as follows:

WHEREAS, Project Huskey is considering a total investment of \$100,000,000 to establish a 750,000 square foot warehouse and distribution facility, with the expectation to complete this investment on or before December 2025; 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 high quality industrial park locations; 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 Four Incentive Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the County will prepare a detailed Economic Development Agreement (EDA), between Project Huskey and the County, to provide a Level Four 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 Four 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 Huskey.

Chairman Brown stated the Public Hearings were concluded and announced the Project Premix groundbreaking will be held on Thursday (March 2) at 11 am in the Apple Creek Business Park.

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Agenda Revision/Approval

Commissioner Hovis introduced the motion to approve and Commissioner Keigher provided the second.

Chairman Brown announced the time of the March 28th Regular Meeting was changed from 6 pm to 5 pm.

Chairman Brown called for the vote, and the BOC unanimously approved the Agenda of February 28, 2023.

Approval of Minutes

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2023.

Consent Agenda

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

2023-041 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

2023-042 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) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
StGrRev: GCPD Mobile Command	4000-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-410001-G0071	\$ (453,950.00)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	\$ 453,950.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	\$ (453,950.00)
MtrVhcl: GCPD Mobile Command	4005-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-540003-G0071	\$ 453,950.00

2023-043 Commissioner Brown - Budget & Strategy - To Appropriate Funds for the Investment Grant Program for North Point Development (\$329,760) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Investment Grant Program	1000-NDP-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-570007-	\$ 329,760.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	\$ (329,760.00)

2023-044 Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy - To Approve Three New Positions Fully Grant Funded for the Implementation of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program

2023-045 Commissioner Brown - Building & Development Services - To Approve Plat Review Officer Changes as follows:

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

- 1) The newly designated County Plat Review Officers shall be Laura Hamilton, Jena Goodman, and Juan G. Garcia.
- 2) Madeline Lee, Brian Sciba, and Sarah Penley shall be deactivated as County Plat Review Officers.
- 3) 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 Review Officers.

2023-046 Commissioner Worley - Building & Development Services - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Essential Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Grant Funds by NC Housing Finance Agency (\$32,792) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
2021 ESFRLP Grant	1000-BDS-233-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-07-410000-22504	(32,792)
Salaries: 2021 Essential Singl	1000-BDS-233-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-07-510001-22504	32,792

2023-047 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

WHEREAS, the opioid overdose epidemic had taken the lives of more than 32,000 North Carolinians (2000-2021); and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has compounded the opioid overdose crisis, increasing levels of drug misuse, addiction, and overdose death; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates the total economic burden of prescription opioid misuse alone in the United States is \$78.5 billion a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement; and,

WHEREAS, certain counties and municipalities in North Carolina joined with thousands of local governments across the country to file lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, pharmaceutical distribution companies, and chain drug stores to hold those companies accountable for their misconduct; and,

WHEREAS, settlements have been reached in litigation against Walmart, Inc., Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Finance, LLC, Allergan Limited, CVS Health Corporation, CVS Pharmacy, Inc., and Walgreen Co., as well as their subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, and directors named in these Settlements; and,

WHEREAS, representatives of local North Carolina governments, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and the North Carolina Department of Justice have negotiated and prepared a Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds (SAAF) to provide for the equitable distribution of the proceeds of these settlements; and,

WHEREAS, by joining the settlements and approving the SAAF, the state and local governments maximize North Carolina's share of opioid settlement funds to ensure the needed resources reach communities, as quickly, effectively, and directly as possible; and,

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to all North Carolinians for local governments, including Gaston County and its residents, to sign onto the settlements and SAAF and demonstrate solidarity in response to the opioid overdose crisis, and to maximize the share of opioid settlement funds received both in the state and this county to help abate the harm; and,

WHEREAS, the SAAF directs substantial resources over multiple years to local governments on the front lines of the opioid overdose epidemic while ensuring that these resources are used in an effective way to address the crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Gaston County hereby authorizes the County Manager (or County Attorney) to execute all documents necessary to enter into opioid

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settlement agreements with Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, Allergan, and Teva, to execute the SAAF, and to provide such documents to Rubris, the Implementation Administrator.

2023-048 Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information as follows:

ENTRY DATE	DEPT NAME	ACCOUNT	DR/CR	AMOUNT
01/03/2023	Soc. Svces	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOYuth-0000-05-560010-	C	\$ 9,000
01/03/2023		1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOAdit-0000-05-560010-	D	\$ 9,000
01/04/2023	HUSN	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-520011-22542	C	\$ 1,600
01/04/2023		1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-520002-22542	D	\$ 1,200
01/04/2023		1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-520020-22542	D	\$ 400
01/05/2023	Library	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-04-560000-21577	C	\$ 22,257
01/05/2023		1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-04-520020-21577	D	\$ 22,257
01/05/2023	Soc. Svces	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-0000000-0000-05-530023-	C	\$ 300
01/05/2023		1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-0000000-0000-05-530029-	D	\$ 50
01/05/2023		1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOAdit-0000-05-530029-	D	\$ 25
01/05/2023		1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIODWkr-0000-05-530029-	D	\$ 25
01/05/2023		1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOYuth-0000-05-530029-	D	\$ 200
01/05/2023	HUSN	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-0000000-0000-05-530010-	C	\$ 15,000
01/05/2023		1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520011-	D	\$ 15,000
01/06/2023		1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-0000000-0000-05-520017-	C	\$ 676
01/06/2023		1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-0000000-0000-05-530030-	D	\$ 676
01/09/2023	Parks&Rec	4095-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-540006-	C	\$ 27,500
01/09/2023		4095-PWK-192-00000-DaiPrk-0000000-0000-01-540016-	D	\$ 27,500
01/10/2023	Soc. Svces	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOYuth-0000-05-520005-	C	\$ 200
01/10/2023		1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-0000000-0000-05-530023-	C	\$ 400
01/10/2023		1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-0000000-0000-05-520005-	D	\$ 600
01/11/2023		1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-0000000-0000-05-530023-	C	\$ 950
01/11/2023		1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-0000000-0000-05-520012-	D	\$ 950
01/12/2023	Co Police	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530010-	C	\$ 150
01/12/2023		1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520012-	D	\$ 150
01/12/2023	Health	1000-HLT-253-00000-Matern-0000000-0000-05-530010-	C	\$ 20,000
01/12/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520020-	D	\$ 20,000
01/12/2023	Parks&Rec	1000-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530023-18084	C	\$ 49,800
01/12/2023		1000-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530010-	D	\$ 49,800
01/13/2023	Soc. Svces	1000-DSS-000-00000-DigDoc-0000000-0000-05-530029-	C	\$ 25,000
01/13/2023		1000-DSS-270-00000-000000-Interpr-0000-05-530015-	D	\$ 25,000
01/17/2023	Landfill	6000-SWS-380-00000-000000-0000000-0000-08-530020-	C	\$ 220,000
01/17/2023		6000-SWS-380-00000-000000-0000000-0000-08-530023-	D	\$ 220,000
01/17/2023	Telecommunications	2015-GPD-201-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530023-	C	\$ 5,000
01/17/2023		2015-GPD-201-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520011-	D	\$ 5,000
01/18/2023	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-TeenPg-0000000-0000-05-530002-16241	D	\$ 850
01/18/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-560000-15017	C	\$ 850
01/18/2023	Co Police	1000-GPD-200-00000-PreEmp-0000000-0000-02-530010-	C	\$ 250
01/18/2023		1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520012-	D	\$ 250
01/18/2023	HUSN	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-0000000-0000-05-520001-	C	\$ 2,000
01/18/2023		1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-0000000-0000-05-520002-	D	\$ 2,000
01/18/2023		1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-0000000-0000-05-520020-	C	\$ 5,000
01/18/2023		1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520001-	C	\$ 5,000
01/18/2023		1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520002-	C	\$ 5,000
01/18/2023		1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520005-	C	\$ 10,000
01/18/2023		1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520012-	C	\$ 2,500
01/18/2023		1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520017-	C	\$ 20,000
01/18/2023		1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-530053-	D	\$ 47,500
01/18/2023		1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520001-	C	\$ 1,000
01/18/2023		1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-520001-	D	\$ 1,000
01/18/2023	Museum	1000-MUS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-04-530023-	C	\$ 9,000
01/18/2023		1000-MUS-000-00000-MusPrG-0000000-0000-04-560000-	D	\$ 9,000
01/19/2023	HUSN	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-0000000-0000-05-520020-	C	\$ 7,500
01/19/2023		1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-520020-	D	\$ 7,500
01/19/2023	Bldg Svces	1000-BDS-231-00000-000000-0000000-0000-07-520007-	C	\$ 1,660
01/19/2023		1000-BDS-231-00000-000000-0000000-0000-07-520017-	D	\$ 1,660
01/19/2023	Health	1000-HLT-253-00000-Matern-0000000-0000-05-530010-	C	\$ 12,000
01/19/2023		1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530010-	D	\$ 12,000
01/19/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-Matern-0000000-0000-05-530010-	C	\$ 4,000
01/19/2023		1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520020-	D	\$ 4,000
01/19/2023	Public Information	1000-MGR-100-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520007-	C	\$ 1,000
01/19/2023		1000-MGR-100-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520013-	D	\$ 1,000
01/20/2023	Health	1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-0000000-0000-05-520011-AG013	C	\$ 17,402

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01/20/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-0000000-0000-05-520002-AG013	D	\$ 17,402
01/20/2023	Soc. Svces	1000-DSS-271-00000-CW/TNF-0000000-0000-05-560008-	C	\$ 2,500
01/20/2023		1000-DSS-271-00000-FostCr-Medical-0000-05-560008-	D	\$ 2,500
01/20/2023		1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530029-	C	\$ 15,000
01/20/2023		1000-DSS-000-00000-DigDoc-0000000-0000-05-530029-	C	\$ 30,000
01/20/2023		1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530013-	C	\$ 5,000
01/20/2023		1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530003-	C	\$ 10,000
01/20/2023		1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520014-	C	\$ 15,000
01/20/2023		1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520020-	D	\$ 75,000
01/20/2023	Bldg Svces	1000-BDS-230-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530029-	D	\$ 7,700
01/20/2023		1000-BDS-230-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520006-	C	\$ 1,100
01/20/2023		1000-BDS-230-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520001-	C	\$ 1,800
01/20/2023		1000-BDS-230-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520002-	C	\$ 1,400
01/20/2023		1000-BDS-230-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520014-	C	\$ 300
01/20/2023		1000-BDS-230-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520020-	C	\$ 3,100
01/23/2023	Finance	1000-FIN-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520014-	C	\$ 700
01/23/2023		1000-FIN-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520005-	D	\$ 700
01/25/2023	Tax	1000-TAX-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530029-	D	\$ 1,251
01/25/2023		1000-TAX-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520020-	C	\$ 1,251
01/25/2023	Health	1000-HLT-253-00000-Matern-0000000-0000-05-530010-	C	\$ 30,000
01/25/2023		1000-HLT-253-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530010-	D	\$ 30,000
01/25/2023	Parks&Rec	1000-PRK-360-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520002-	D	\$ 55
01/25/2023		1000-PRK-360-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520020-	C	\$ 55
01/26/2023	Health	1000-HLT-252-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-560000-22549	C	\$ 10,860
01/26/2023		1000-HLT-252-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520011-22549	D	\$ 10,860
01/26/2023	GEMS	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530040-	C	\$ 150,700
01/26/2023		1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-510001-	D	\$ 83,293
01/26/2023		1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-510002-	D	\$ 12,926
01/26/2023		1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-510100-	D	\$ 7,361
01/26/2023		1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-510101-	D	\$ 11,642
01/26/2023		1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-510102-	D	\$ 4,811
01/26/2023		1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-510103-	D	\$ 30,667
01/30/2023	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-560000-225NP	C	\$ 7,260
01/30/2023		1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530010-225NP	D	\$ 7,260
01/30/2023	Parks&Rec	1000-PRK-360-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530023-	C	\$ 4,550
01/30/2023		1000-PRK-360-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520020-	D	\$ 4,400
01/30/2023		1000-PRK-360-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530052-	D	\$ 150
01/30/2023	Library	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-04-560000-22548	C	\$ 25,531
01/30/2023		1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-04-530029-22548	D	\$ 25,531
01/30/2023	Parks&Rec	4005-PRK-360-00000-Annual-PayGo23-0000-01-540002-	C	\$ 21,301
01/30/2023		4005-PRK-000-00000-Annual-PayGo23-0000-04-540002-	D	\$ 21,301
01/31/2023	Co Police	1000-GPD-200-00000-PreEmp-0000000-0000-02-530010-	C	\$ 5,000
01/31/2023		1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530010-	D	\$ 5,000
01/31/2023		1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520007-	C	\$ 10,000
01/31/2023	Parks&Rec	1000-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530023-18084	C	\$ 1,000
01/31/2023		1000-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520011-	D	\$ 1,000

2023-049 Commissioner Cloninger - County Manager - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of March 2023 as Women's History Month in Gaston County

2023-050 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
WIOA PY22 Employer Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOASpG-0000-05-410000-G0069	(20,000)
WIOA PY22EmpSer:Food&Provision	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOASpG-0000-05-520005-G0069	1,000
WIOA PY22EmpSer:Advertising	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOASpG-0000-05-520015-G0069	2,040
WIOA PY22EmpSer:IncmbtWrkrTr	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOASpG-0000-05-560013-G0069	16,960

2023-051 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
FedGrtRev: ARPA Title IIIB Adt	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-Title3B-0000-05-410000-AG019	(\$180,000)
OthrSvcs: ARPA Title III B Adu	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-Title3B-0000-05-530015-AG019	\$30,000

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TempSvcs: ARPA Title III B Adu	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-Title3B-0000-05-530013-AG019	\$62,755
Advertising: ARPA Title III B	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-Title3B-0000-05-520015-AG019	\$22,245
Printing: ARPA Title III B Adu	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-Title3B-0000-05-520013-AG019	\$5,000
F/E<\$5k: ARPA Title III B Adul	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-Title3B-0000-05-520020-AG019	\$25,000
ProgSupp: ARPA Title III B Adu	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-Title3B-0000-05-520002-AG019	\$35,000

2023-052 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
LIHWAP:Revenue	1000-DSS-270-00000-LIHWAP-PAPayts-0000-05-410000-S0026	(377,319)
LIHWAP: Direct Payments	1000-DSS-270-00000-LIHWAP-PAPayts-0000-05-560008-S0026	377,319

2023-053 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
FedGrtRev: FY22 HSGP	4000-EMG-000-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-02-410000-G0068	(\$65,000)
Motor Vehicles: FY22 HSGP	4005-EMG-000-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-02-540003-G0068	65,000
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	65,000
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	\$65,000)

2023-054 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
OtherGrtRev: Duke NC Emer Prep	4000-EMG-000-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-02-445006-L0005	(\$50,000.00)
F/E>\$5k: Duke NC Emer Prep	4005-EMG-000-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-02-540002-L0005	\$50,000.00
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	\$50,000.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(\$50,000.00)

2023-055 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Program Supplies	1000-EMG-000-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-02-520002	(\$90,000.00)
Furn/Equip>\$5,000	4005-EMG-000-00000-Annual-PayGo23-0000-02-540002	\$90,000.00
Transfer to CIF Fund	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584000-	\$90,000.00
Transfers from General Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	(\$90,000.00)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	\$90,000.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(\$90,000.00)

2023-056 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Software Rental	1000-EMG-000-00000-0000000-00000000-0000-02-530029-	(48,000.00)
Furn/Equip>\$5,000	4005-EMG-000-00000-Annual-PayGo23-0000-02-540002	48,000.00
Transfer to CIF Fund	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584000-	48,000.00
Transfers from General Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	(48,000.00)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	48,000.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(48,000.00)

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2023-057 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Other Med Supplies	1000-EMS-000-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-02-520004	(\$50,000)
Furn/Equip>\$5,000	4005-EMG-000-00000-Annual-PayGo23-0000-02-540002	\$50,000
Transfer to CIF Fund	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584000-	\$50,000
Transfers from General Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	(\$50,000)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	\$50,000
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(\$50,000)

2023-058 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) as follows:

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT	TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
NOVEMBER 2022 REFUNDS			
ACCASHIAN, JASON DEANE	\$ 51.53	LAWRENCE, ALEX RYAN	\$ 41.10
ACOSTA, JUAN LUIS	\$ 96.50	LAWRENCE, ALEX RYAN	\$ 31.99
AGUILAR, JEAMEL ISABEL	\$ 72.52	LEGGETT, VIRGINIA IVEY	\$ 44.33
ANNE, NAGA POOJA	\$ 85.22	MACE, JONATHAN ANDREW	\$ 27.39
BROWN, MARY LOIS	\$ 65.98	MOORE, HARLAN DELANEY	\$ 37.02
CABRAL, NYKIA ANN	\$ 62.25	QUACH, TONG LAM	\$ 92.89
CARTER, ALICE GILLILAND	\$ 20.01	REED, JENNIFER LYNN	\$ 8.47
CATLIN, VICTORIA LOUISE	\$ 30.32	ROBINSON, TYLER GUNNAR	\$ 16.62
CLINTON, TERREN KEMAHJ	\$ 91.32	RUMNEY, MISTY COLVIN	\$ 12.42
CORREA VELEZ, ALVARO ANDRES	\$ 64.80	SMITH, MARTINO ROVELL	\$ 66.55
DELLINGER, THOMAS EDWIN	\$ 11.70	SMITH, PATRICK HOELL	\$ 30.60
DOBBINS, CHRISTOPHER CHUCK	\$ 19.87	TATE, HOWARD	\$ 6.94
ENSLEY, DONNIE CANDLER	\$ 59.80	TATE, LOUENIA WILSON	\$ 61.87
EVANS, DEXTER JAMES	\$ 66.67	TRULL, RICHARD SHANE	\$ 60.59
FEWELL, DEREK TYRONNE	\$ 20.69	VON DER HEYDE FUENTES, GERARDO GUSTAVO	\$ 60.12
GILBERT, DONALD SCOTT	\$ 84.91	WIGGINS, TONY DEAN	\$ 33.97
GROSS, LAURENCE DOUGLAS	\$ 14.98	WILLIAMS, HOWIE BURNETTE	\$ 12.40
HALL, CHRISTOPHER SCOTT	\$ 45.46	WILLIAMS, WILLIAM GARY	\$ 36.88
HALL, DAVID PERRY	\$ 43.84	WILLINGHAM, NEPHUS ANTONIO	\$ 84.54
HEAFNER, TAMMY GIBSON	\$ 20.58	WILSON, MARK DAVID	\$ 24.44
HUMPHRIES, RACHEL MCMINN	\$ 28.01	WILSON, STEVEN ROBERT	\$ 25.24
JOYCE, DANIEL KEVIN	\$ 16.25	ZAMOR, RICARDO	\$ 90.81
KING, CHRISTOPHER JORDAN	\$ 78.12	ZULLO, JOSEPH	\$ 12.62
LABOONE, DANNY CHAPMAN	\$ 97.21	Total NCVTS Refunds (Nov 2022)	\$ 2,168.34

2023-059 Commissioner Worley - Finance - Administrative Correction - To Correct Budget Change Request for Resolution 2022-295 Adopted at 9/27/2022 BOC Meeting per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
FedGrtRev:ARPA Lwl Elem Wtr Ex	4000-PWK-000-00000-School-LoweIES-0000-01-410000-AR008	(17,940.00)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	17,940.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(17,940.00)
ARPA: Lowell Elem Water Line	4005-PWK-000-00000-School-LoweIES-0000-01-540007-AR008	17,940.00

2023-060 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)

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2023-061 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 as follows:

WHEREAS, Gaston County ("Participant"), hereinafter "The County" throughout this document, desires to join with other State of North Carolina local governments or public authorities ("Local Governmental Units") to pool funds for investment as permitted by and pursuant to North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S. Section 159-30(c)(10) relating to a commingled investment pool established by interlocal agreement by two or more units of local government pursuant to N.C.G.S Sections 160A-460 through 160A-464 on containing only investments limited to those qualifying for investment under N.C.G.S. Section 159-30 (c); and N.C.G.S. Section 159-32; and,

WHEREAS, the Trust is a statutory trust formed under the laws of the State of North Carolina in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. Section 159-30 (c) as set forth above.

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

1. The County hereby approves and adopts, and thereby agrees to join as a Participant with other Local Government Units pursuant to N.C.G.S. Sections 159-30(c)(10) and 160A-460 through 160A-464 that certain trust (the "Trust") described in the Indenture of Trust entitled the North Carolina Investment Pool dated March 22, 2021 (the "Indenture"), as may be amended from time to time, the terms of which are incorporated herein by this reference and a copy of which shall be filed with the minutes of the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted.
2. The officers of the County, acting individually or collectively, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take all actions necessary or appropriate in the judgment of such officers to accomplish these resolutions, including the execution and delivery of the Indenture and all other documents, agreements, instruments and certificates contemplated by the Indenture or necessary or appropriate to join the Trust (collectively, the "Trust Documents"), with such changes or modifications as such officers determine to be necessary or advisable and in the best interest of the County (the signature of any such officer on the Trust Documents to be conclusive evidence of such determination).
3. Any actions taken by any officer of the County prior to the adoption of the foregoing resolutions, in connection with actions described herein, are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved.

2023-062 Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Approve a Resolution Allowing the County to Participate in the North Carolina CLASS Investment Pool as follows:

WHEREAS, a Resolution authorizing Gaston County (the "Local Government Unit"), hereinafter "The County" throughout this document, to join with other political subdivisions of the State of North Carolina as a Participant ("Participant") in the North Carolina Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (North Carolina CLASS) (the "Trust") to pool funds for investment; and,

WHEREAS, the provisions of Section 159-30 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended ("N.C. Gen. Stat."), provide the guidelines for any local government or public authority of the State of North Carolina (a "Local Government" or "Local Government Unit") to invest idle funds; and,

WHEREAS, under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 159-30(c)(10), moneys may be invested in a commingled investment pool established by interlocal agreement pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-460 through 160A-464 (a "Local Government Investment Pool"), if the investments of the Local Government Investment Pool are limited to those qualifying for investment under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 159-30(c) or other laws of the State of North Carolina governing the investment of monies of the County ("Permitted Investments"); and,

WHEREAS, the County desires to enter into an Interlocal Agreement (the "Interlocal Agreement") with such other Participants for the purpose of creating the Trust; and,

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WHEREAS, the County and the other Participants will execute and deliver an Indenture of Trust (the "Indenture"), in the form consistent with the form attached to the Interlocal Agreement, which will provide for the deposit of the pooled idle funds in the Trust and the investment of such funds in only Permitted Investments; and,

WHEREAS, the County desires to become a Participant in the Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners (the "Governing Board") of the County as follows:

1. The Board hereby approves the County's participation in the Trust.
2. The Board authorizes the execution and delivery of the Interlocal Agreement and the Indenture substantially in the forms presented at this meeting, together with such changes, modifications, and deletions, as they may deem necessary and appropriate, including, but not limited to, changes, modifications and deletions as may be approved by the County's Finance Director, (the "Authorized Representative"). The approval of the Interlocal Agreement and the Indenture will be evidenced conclusively by the execution and delivery of such documents by the Authorized Representative.
3. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to take or cause to be taken any and all such other actions as they may determine in their discretion to be necessary or advisable or in the best interest of the County in order to effectuate, complete and carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing resolutions and the investment of the County's idle funds, including, but not limited to, the execution of all depository forms or other documents required by the administrator, the custodian or the investment advisor of the Trust and execution of amendments to the Interlocal Agreement entered into for the purpose of (i) adding an additional Participant to the Trust or (ii) which do not have financial implications for the County.
4. The Board hereby approves the Finance Director to serve as the County's Authorized Representative under the Interlocal Agreement and the Indenture (as "Authorized Representative" is defined in such documents).

2023-063 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(2,175.55)
Transfer to Emergency Telephone	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfrTo-0000000-0000-98-582015-	2,175.55
Transfer from General Fund	2015-NDP-000-00000-TrfrFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	(2,175.55)
Fund Balance Replaced	2015-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	2,175.55
Fund Balance Appropriated	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(2,174.11)
Transfer to Emergency Telephone	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfrTo-0000000-0000-98-582015-	2,174.11
Transfer from General Fund	2015-NDP-000-00000-TrfrFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	(2,174.11)
Fund Balance Replaced	2015-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	2,174.11

2023-064 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	2015-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(60,018.00)
Transfer to General Fund	2015-NDP-000-00000-TrfrTo-0000000-0000-98-581000-	60,018.00
Transfer from Emergency Telephone	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfrFr-0000000-0000-98-482015-	(60,018.00)
Fund Balance Replaced	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	60,018.00

2023-065 Commissioner Worley - Finance - Appropriation of Accumulated Investment Earnings from April 1, 2022, through January 31, 2023 (\$125,689.41) per Budget Change Request:

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Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	4096-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(10,913.08)
Interest Earnings	4096-NDP-000-00000-School-BondInt-0000-03-444001-	(92,706.51)
2016 GO School Bonds	4096-000-000-00000-GOBond-Sch2016-0000-03-540100-16283	22,631.36
2017 GO School Bonds	4096-000-000-00000-GOBond-Sch2017-0000-03-540100-18137	5,978.55
2018 GO School Bonds	4096-000-000-00000-GOBond-Sch2018-0000-03-540100-19040	75,009.68
Fund Balance Appropriated	2020-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(511.04)
Interest Earnings - Treasury	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(7,085.70)
Asset Forfeitures - Treasury	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530043-AFTPD	7,596.74
Fund Balance Appropriated	2020-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(333.17)
Interest Earnings - Justice	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(3,780.13)
Asset Forfeitures - Justice	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530043-AFJPD	4,076.16
Asset Forfeitures - Drug Supplies	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530048-	37.14
Fund Balance Appropriated	2020-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(76.85)
Interest Earnings - Treasury	2020-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(946.73)
Asset Forfeitures - Treasury	2020-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530043-AFTSH	1,023.58
Fund Balance Appropriated	2020-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(3.35)
Interest Earnings - Justice	2020-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(41.04)
Asset Forfeitures - Justice	2020-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530043-AFJSH	44.39
Fund Balance Appropriated	2025-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(441.94)
Interest Earnings	2025-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(5,538.90)
Controlled Substance Tax	2025-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530045-CSTPD	5,980.84
Fund Balance Appropriated	2025-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(59.34)
Interest Earnings	2025-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(743.86)
Controlled Substance Tax	2025-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530045-CSTSH	803.20
Interest Earnings - EDTAP	1000-NDP-000-00000-ROAPAc-0000000-0000-05-444001-	(375.05)
Interest Earnings - RGP	1000-NDP-000-00000-ROAPAc-0000000-0000-05-444001-	(150.06)
Transportation of Clients	1000-CSS-290-29001-000000-0000000-0000-05-560001-	525.11
Interest Earnings	1000-NDP-000-00000-UrgRpr-0000000-0000-07-444001-	(1,015.41)
Other Svcs: 2022 Urgent Rpr Prog	1000-BDS-233-00000-000000-0000000-0000-07-530015-G0042	1,015.41
Fund Balance Appropriated	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(48.52)
Interest Earnings - Police	1000-NDP-000-00000-NCOSBM-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(68.72)
F/E>5: NC OSBM PS Equip GCPD	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-540002-G0004	117.24
Fund Balance Appropriated	4005-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(78.47)
Interest Earnings - Sheriff	4005-NDP-000-00000-NCOSBM-0000000-0000-02-444001-	(771.54)
NC OSBM: Boss Building	4005-SHF-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-540005-22535	850.01

2023-066 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	4000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(14,257,480.00)
Transfer to Education Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfrTo-0000000-0000-98-584010-	14,257,480.00
Transfer from CIF	4010-NDP-000-00000-TrfrFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(14,257,480.00)
School Bond Advance	4010-000-000-00000-School-0000000-0000-03-540005-P2207	14,257,480.00

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**DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT
TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES**

I, Tiffany Murray, Director of Finance of the County of Gaston, North Carolina (the "County"), having been designated by the Board of Commissioners for the County pursuant to a resolution passed by said Board on April 13, 2006 as a person authorized to declare official intent on behalf of the County to reimburse certain expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be issued or incurred by the County, DO HEREBY DECLARE, on behalf of the County, as follows:

1. This declaration of official intent is made pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2, promulgated by the United States Department of Treasury, to declare expressly the intention of the County to reimburse itself with the proceeds of debt to be hereafter issued or incurred by the County for certain expenditures paid by the County on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof.
2. The expenditures for which the County reasonably expects to reimburse itself with the proceeds of debt to be hereafter issued or incurred by the County include costs to provide additional school facilities by erecting additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, enlarging, reconstructing, renovating, and replacing existing school buildings and other school plant facilities and acquiring any necessary land, furnishings, equipment, and appurtenant facilities therefore pursuant to an order authorizing \$250,000,000 School Bonds that was approved by the voters of the County at a referendum held on May 8, 2018 (the "Project").
3. \$19,257,480.00 is the maximum principal amount of debt reasonably expected to be hereafter issued or incurred for the purpose of paying costs of the Project. Such amount is a portion of the authorized and unissued School Bonds described above.

WITNESS my hand this ____ day of _____ 2023.

Tiffany Murray
Finance Director

Gaston County Schools Bond Projects Bid Prior to 4/30/2023

SCHOOL	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COST	BIDS DUE
North Gaston	Drainage Improvements	\$1,322,480	1/20/23
Forestview	Lighting	\$325,000	1/31/23
Bessemer City MS	Roofing	\$1,650,000	2/27/23
Cramerton MS	Roofing	\$1,200,000	2/27/23
Holbrook MS	Roofing	\$2,100,000	2/27/23
Springfield ES	Roofing	\$1,150,000	2/27/23
Ashbrook	Drainage Improvements	\$150,000	2/27/23
East Gaston	Mechanical – Boiler	\$775,000	2/28/23
W.B. Beam	Life Safety	\$675,000	3/31/23
Bessemer City Central	Life Safety	\$550,000	3/31/23
Bessemer City Primary	Life Safety	\$550,000	3/31/23
Ashbrook	Mechanical – Boiler	\$475,000	3/31/23
Hunter Huss	Lighting	\$325,000	3/31/23
Ida Rankin	Drainage Improvements	\$425,000	4/1/23
South Point	Paving	\$990,000	4/30/23
North Gaston	Paving	\$495,000	4/30/23
Southwest	Paving	\$525,000	4/30/23
Kiser	Paving	\$575,000	4/30/23
Total		\$14,257,480	

2023-067 Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Accept the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022, Gaston County Audit as Information

2023-068 Commissioner Hovis - Finance - To Approve the Conflict of Interest Policy Applicable to Contracts and Subawards of Gaston County Supported by Federal Financial Assistance as follows:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS AND SUBAWARDS OF GASTON COUNTY SUPPORTED BY
FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

I. Scope of Policy

- a. **Purpose of Policy.** This Conflict of Interest Policy ("*Policy*") establishes conflict of interest standards that (1) apply when Gaston County ("*Unit*") enters into a Contract (as defined in Section II hereof) or makes a Subaward (as defined in Section II hereof), and (2) meet or exceed the requirements of North Carolina law and 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c).
- b. **Application of Policy.** This Policy shall apply when the Unit (1) enters into a Contract to be funded, in part or in whole, by Federal Financial Assistance to which 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c) applies, or (2) makes any Subaward to be funded by Federal Financial Assistance to which 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c) applies. If a federal statute, regulation, or the terms of a financial assistance agreement applicable to a particular form of Federal Financial Assistance conflicts with any provision of this Policy, such federal statute, regulation, or terms of the financial assistance agreement shall govern.

II. Definitions

Capitalized terms used in this Policy shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in this Section II. Any capitalized term used in this Policy but not defined in this Section II shall have the meaning set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1.

- a. "*COI Point of Contact*" means the individual identified in Section III(a) of this Policy.
- b. "*Contract*" means, for the purpose of Federal Financial Assistance, a legal instrument by which the Unit purchases property or services needed to carry out a program or project under a Federal award.
- c. "*Contractor*" means an entity or individual that receives a Contract.
- d. "*Covered Individual*" means a Public Officer, employee, or agent of the Unit.
- e. "*Covered Nonprofit Organization*" means a nonprofit corporation, organization, or association, incorporated or otherwise, that is organized or operating in the State of North Carolina primarily for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, public health and safety, or educational purposes, excluding any board, entity, or other organization created by the State of North Carolina or any political subdivision of the State (including the Unit).
- f. "*Direct Benefit*" means, with respect to a Public Officer or employee of the Unit, or the spouse of any such Public Officer or employee, (i) having a ten percent (10%) ownership interest or other interest in a Contract or Subaward; (ii) deriving any income or commission directly from a Contract or Subaward; or (iii) acquiring property under a Contract or Subaward.
- g. "*Federal Financial Assistance*" means Federal financial assistance that the Unit receives or administers in the form of grants, cooperative agreements, non-cash contributions or donations of property (including donated surplus property), direct appropriations, food commodities, and other Federal financial assistance (except that the term does not include loans, loan guarantees, interest subsidies, or insurance).
- h. "*Governing Board*" means the Board of Commissioners of the Unit.
- i. "*Immediate Family Member*" means, with respect to any Covered Individual, (i) a spouse, and parents thereof, (ii) a child, and parent thereof, (iii) a parent, and spouse thereof, (iv) a sibling, and spouse thereof, (v) a grandparent and grandchild, and spouses thereof, (vi) domestic partners and parents thereof, including domestic partners of any individual in (ii) through (v) of this definition; and (vii) any individual related by blood or affinity whose close association with the Covered Individual is the equivalent of a family relationship.
- j. "*Involved in Making or Administering*" means (i) with respect to a Public Official or employee, (a) overseeing the performance of a Contract or Subaward or having authority to make decisions regarding a Contract or Subaward or to interpret a Contract or Subaward, or (b) participating in the

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development of specifications or terms or in the preparation or award of a Contract or Subaward; (ii) only with respect to a Public Official, being a member of a board, commission, or other body of which the Public Official is a member, taking action on the Contract or Subaward, whether or not the Public Official actually participates in that action.

- k. "*Pass-Through Entity*" means a non-Federal entity that provides a Subaward to a Subrecipient to carry out part of a Federal program.
- l. "*Public Officer*" means an individual who is elected or appointed to serve or represent the Unit (including, without limitation, any member of the Governing Board), other than an employee or independent contractor of the Unit.
- m. "*Recipient*" means an entity, usually but not limited to a non-Federal entity, that receives a Federal award directly from a Federal awarding agency. The term does not include Subrecipients or individuals that are beneficiaries of the award.
- n. "*Related Party*" means (i) an Immediate Family Member of a Covered Individual, (ii) a partner of a Covered Individual, or (iii) a current or potential employer (other than the Unit) of a Covered Individual, of a partner of a Covered Individual, or of an Immediate Family Member of a Covered Individual.
- o. "*Subaward*" means an award provided by a Pass-Through Entity to carry out part of a Federal award received by the Pass-Through Entity. It does not include payments to a contractor or payments to an individual that is a beneficiary of a Federal program.
- p. "*Subcontract*" means any agreement entered into by a Subcontractor to furnish supplies or services for the performance of a Contract or a Subcontract. It includes, but is not limited to, purchase orders, and changes and modifications to purchase orders.
- q. "*Subcontractor*" means an entity that receives a Subcontract.
- r. "*Subrecipient*" means an entity, usually but not limited to a non-Federal entity, that receives a subaward from a Pass-Through Entity to carry out part of a Federal award; but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such award. A subrecipient may also be a recipient of other Federal awards directly from a Federal awarding agency.
- s. "*Unit*" has the meaning specified in Section I hereof.

III. COI Point of Contact

- a. Appointment of COI Point of Contact. The Gaston County employee assigned to manage the federal financial assistance award shall have primary responsibility for managing the disclosure and resolution of potential or actual conflicts of interest arising under this Policy. The individual with responsibility for managing the disclosure and resolution of potential or actual conflicts of interest under this Section III(a) shall be known as the "*COI Point of Contact*".
- b. Distribution of Policy. The COI Point of Contact shall ensure that each Covered Individual receives a copy of this Policy.

IV. Conflict of Interest Standards in Contracts and Subawards

- a. North Carolina Law. North Carolina law restricts the behavior of Public Officials and employees of the Unit involved in contracting on behalf of the Unit. The Unit shall conduct the selection, award, and administration of Contracts and Subawards in accordance with the prohibitions imposed by the North Carolina General Statutes and restated in this Section IV.
 - i. G.S. § 14-234(a)(1). A Public Officer or employee of the Unit Involved in Making or Administering a Contract or Subaward on behalf of the Unit shall not derive a Direct Benefit from such a Contract or Subaward.
 - ii. G.S. § 14-234(a)(3). No Public Officer or employee of the Unit may solicit or receive any gift, favor, reward, service, or promise of reward, including but not limited to a promise of future employment, in exchange for recommending, influencing, or attempting to influence the award of a Contract or Subaward by the Unit.

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- iii. G.S. § 14-234.3. If a member of the Governing Board of the Unit serves as a director, officer, or governing board member of a Covered Nonprofit Organization, such member shall not (1) deliberate or vote on a Contract or Subaward between the Unit and the Covered Nonprofit Corporation, (2) attempt to influence any other person who deliberates or votes on a Contract or Subaward between the Unit and the Covered Nonprofit Corporation, or (3) solicit or receive any gift, favor, reward, service, or promise of future employment, in exchange for recommending or attempting to influence the award of a Contract or Subaward to the Covered Nonprofit Organization.
 - iv. G.S. § 14-234.1. A Public Officer or employee of the Unit shall not, in contemplation of official action by the Public Officer or employee, or in reliance on information which was made known to the public official or employee and which has not been made public, (1) acquire a pecuniary interest in any property, transaction, or enterprise or gain any pecuniary benefit which may be affected by such information or other information, or (2) intentionally aid another in violating the provisions of this section.
- b. Federal Standards.
- i. Prohibited Conflicts of Interest in Contracting. Without limiting any specific prohibition set forth in Section IV(a), a Covered Individual may not participate in the selection, award, or administration of a Contract or Subaward if such Covered Individual has a real or apparent conflict of interest.
 - 1. Real Conflict of Interest. A real conflict of interest shall exist when the Covered Individual or any Related Party has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a Contract or Subaward. Exhibit A attached hereto provides a non-exhaustive list of examples of (i) financial or other interests in a firm considered for a Contract or Subaward, and (ii) tangible personal benefits from a firm considered for a Contract or Subaward.
 - 2. Apparent Conflict of Interest. An apparent conflict of interest shall exist where a real conflict of interest may not exist under Section IV(b)(i)(1), but where a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts would find that an existing situation or relationship creates the appearance that a Covered Individual or any Related Party has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a Contract or Subaward.

V. Oversight of Subrecipient's Conflict of Interest Standards

- a. Subrecipients of Unit Must Adopt Conflict of Interest Policy. Prior to the Unit's execution of any Subaward for which the Unit serves as a Pass-Through Entity, the COI Point of Contact shall ensure that the proposed Subrecipient of Federal Financial Assistance has adopted a conflict of interest policy that satisfies the requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c)(1), 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c)(2), and all other applicable federal regulations.
- b. Obligation to Disclose Subrecipient Conflicts of Interest. The COI Point of Contact shall ensure that the legal agreement under which the Unit makes a Subaward to a Subrecipient shall require such Subrecipient to disclose to the COI Point of Contact any potential real or apparent conflicts of interest that the Subrecipient identifies. Upon receipt of such disclosure, the COI Point of Contact shall disclose such information to the Federal awarding agency that funded the Subaward in accordance with that agency's disclosure policy.

VI. Gift Standards

- a. Federal Standard. Subject to the exceptions set forth in Section VI(b), a Covered Individual may not solicit or accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from a Contractor or a Subcontractor that may influence the proper discharge of their duties.
- b. Exceptions. Notwithstanding Section VI(a), a Covered Individual may accept an unsolicited gift from a Contractor or Subcontractor of one or more types specified below:
 - i. honorariums for participating in meetings;
 - ii. advertising items or souvenirs of nominal value;

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- iii. meals furnished at banquets; or
- iv. gifts provided to the general benefit to, or available for consumption by, all employees of a department or division.
- c. Internal Reporting. A Covered Individual shall report any gift accepted under Section VI(b) to the COI Point of Contact. If required by regulation of a Federal awarding agency, the COI Point of Contact shall report such gifts to the Federal awarding agency or a Pass-Through Entity for which the Unit is a Subrecipient.

VII. Violations of Policy

- a. Disciplinary Actions for Covered Individuals. Any Covered Individual that fails to disclose a real, apparent, or potential real or apparent conflict of interest arising with respect to the Covered Individual or Related Party may be subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, an employee's termination or suspension of employment with or without pay, the consideration or adoption of a resolution of censure of a Public Official by the Governing Board, or termination of an agent's contract with the Unit.
- b. Disciplinary Actions for Contractors and Subcontractors. The Unit shall terminate any Contract with a Contractor or Subcontractor that violates any provision of this Policy.
- c. Protections for Whistleblowers. In accordance with 41 U.S.C. § 4712, the Unit shall not discharge, demote, or otherwise discriminate against an employee in reprisal for disclosing to any of the list of persons or entities provided below, information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a federal contract or grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant: (i) a member of Congress or a representative of a committee of Congress; (ii) an Inspector General; (iii) the Government Accountability Office; (iv) a Treasury or other federal agency employee responsible for grant oversight or management; (v) an authorized official of the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agency; (vi) a court or grand jury; of (vii) a management official or other employee of the Unit, a Contractor, or Subcontractor who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct.

Adopted this the 28th day of February, 2023.

EXHIBIT A

Examples

<i>Potential Examples of a "Financial or Other Interest" in a Firm or Organization Considered for a Contract or Subaward</i>	<i>Potential Examples of a "Tangible Personal Benefit" From a Firm or Organization Considered for a Contract or Subaward</i>
<p>Direct or indirect equity interest in a firm or organization considered for a Contract or Subaward, which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stock in a corporation. - Membership interest in a limited liability company. - Partnership interest in a general or limited partnership. - Any right to control the firm or organization's affairs. For example, a controlling equity interest in an entity that controls or has the right to control a firm considered for a contract. 	<p>Opportunity to be employed by the firm considered for a contract, an affiliate of that firm, or any other firm with a relationship with the firm considered for a Contract.</p> <p>A position as a director or officer of the firm or organization, even if uncompensated.</p>

- Option to purchase any equity interest in a firm or organization.	
Holder of any debt owed by a firm considered for a Contract or Subaward, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secured debt (e.g., debt backed by an asset of the firm (like a firm's building or equipment)) - Unsecured debt (e.g., a promissory note evidencing a promise to repay a loan). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Holder of a judgment against the firm. 	A referral of business from a firm considered for a Contract or Subaward.
Supplier or contractor to a firm or organization considered for a Contract or Subaward.	Political or social influence (e.g., a promise of appointment to a local office or position on a public board or private board).

2023-069 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(3,074.12)
Donations & Gifts / Shelter	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-0000000-0000-05-445004-	(28,879.89)
Donations: Shelter	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-0000000-0000-05-520019-01862	31,954.01
CAC Donations Revenue	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-0000000-0000-05-445004	(1,047.31)
Donations (CAC)	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-0000000-0000-05-520019-16282	1,047.31
HUSN Donations Revenue	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-445004	(40,203.13)
Donations (HUSN Expense)	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520019-22218	40,203.13

2023-070 Commissioner Hovis - Hope United Survivor Network - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of February 2023 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

2023-071 Commissioner Brown - Hope United Survivor Network - Administrative Correction - To Correct Budget Change Request for Resolution 2022-377 Adopted at 12/13/2022 BOC Meeting per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fed Grnt Rev: GCC2022 GCDA Vic/W	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-410000-G0055	(88,970.32)
Salaries: GCC2022 GCDA Vic/W	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-510001-G0055	65,000.00
FICA: GCC2022 GCDA Vic/W	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-510100-G0055	4,972.50
Ret: GCC2022 GCDA Vic/W	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-510101-G0055	7,403.50
401k: GCC2022 GCDA Vic/W	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-510102-G0055	2,103.54
Health: GCC2022 GCDA Vic/W	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-510103-G0055	9,173.32
Dental: GCC2022 GCDA Vic/W	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-510104-G0055	241.80
Life: GCC2022 GCDA Vic/W	1000-CSS-291-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-510105-G0055	75.66

2023-072 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 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Donations and Gifts	1000-PRK-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-04-445004	(\$1,161)
Furniture & Equipment < 5k	1000-PRK-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-04-520020	\$1,161

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2023-073 Commissioner Cloninger - Parks and Recreation - To Accept and Appropriate Sponsorships in the Amount of \$6,450 for Senior Games per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Sponsorships	1000-CSS-292-00000-SRGAME-0000000-0000-04-445005	(\$6,450)
Senior Games Program Supplies	1000-CSS-292-00000-SRGAME-0000000-0000-04-520002	\$6,450

2023-074 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) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
StGrtrRev:2022-23 Sr.Ctr Gene	1000-CSS-292-00000-GenPur-0000000-0000-04-410001-G0070	(\$10,901)
Senior Programs	1000-CSS-292-00000-SrPrgm-0000000-0000-04-560000	(\$3,634)
ProgSupp 2022-23 Sr.Ctr Gen	1000-CSS-292-00000-GenPur-0000000-0000-04-520002-G0070	\$14,535

2023-075 Commissioner Hovis - Police Department (Animal Care and Enforcement) - To Accept and Appropriate Donation Received from Bissell Pet Foundation for an "Empty the Shelters" Event (\$1,760) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Donations and Gifts	1000-GPD-200-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-02-445004	(1,760.00)
Miscellaneous Supplies	1000-GPD-200-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-02-520007	1,760.00

2023-076 Commissioner Hovis - Police Department - To Approve Surplus and Disposition of Nine (9) Year Old German Shepherd K9 Named Mack

2023-077 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

2023-078 Commissioner Keigher - Public Works - To Declare Unused Equipment as Surplus and Authorize a Surplus Auction as follows:

Surplus Equipment List FY23

Item	Quantity	Item	Quantity
Pressure Washer	1	Metal Rolling Cart	5
Floor Scrubber	1	Wire Shelf	1
Desk (Metal)	19	Lamp	2
Desk (Wood)	11	Wood Credenza	4
Misc. Exercise Equipment	4	Pallet Misc. Computer Parts	4
Cubicle Credenza	27	Motorized Scooter	1
Cubicle Desk With Drawer (Short)	16	Misc. Books (Box)	2
Cubicle Desk With Drawer (Long)	14	Fridge	1
Folding Table	2	Oven	2
Filing Cabinet	45	Bicycle	1
Metal Cabinet	4	Small Metal Cabinet	1
Short Wood Shelf	1	Small Wood Shelf	1
Short Metal Shelf	1	Dresser	3
Miscellaneous Computer Parts	1	Treadmill	2
Plotter	1	Projector Screen	3
Pallet Cubicle Wall Parts	15	Tripod	2
Plot Digitizer	2	Exam Lights	3
Small Round Table	2	Food Warming table	1
Rolling Chair	17	Misc. radio Parts	1
Arm Chair	5	Misc. Sheriff Uniform Surplus	1
Stationary Chair	51	Boots	1
Xerox Stand	2	EDC Shirts	1

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Sun Drop Cooler	1	Ice Machine	1
Spreader	1	Shopping Cart	1
Glass Showcase	2	Fetal Monitor	1
Misc. Tile	1	Conference Table	6
Table	21	Whiteboard	2
Washing machine	1	Emergency Light	1
Dryer	1	Floor Buffer	1
Wood Cabinet	1	Twin Bed	1
Misc. Cooking Equipment	1	Chalkboard	1
Round Table	3	Sheetrock Cart	1
Plastic Chairs	8		

2023-079 Commissioner Worley - Public Works - To Finalize and Formally Accept an Offer to Purchase a County-Owned Surplus Parcel (PID #203783 Located on Beauhaven Lane)

2023-080 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 as follows:

- WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation's ("USDOT") Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity ("RAISE") provides funding for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure; and,
- WHEREAS, the Catawba Crossings Feasibility Study was completed in August 2022 and evaluates a 6.5-mile new location alignment between NC 279 (S. New Hope Road) in southeastern Gaston County to NC 160 (Steele Creek Road) in western Mecklenburg County; and,
- WHEREAS, the Catawba Crossings ("the Project") would include new bridges over the South Fork Catawba River and Catawba River (collectively impounded in Lake Wylie) and a new, or expanded, interchange with I-485 south of the existing West Boulevard interchange; and,
- WHEREAS, the Catawba River creates a natural barrier between western Mecklenburg County (NC), southeastern Gaston County (NC), and northeastern York County (SC) and considering the existing transportation deficiencies and the amount of future development planned in the region, there is a significant need to address congestion, increase mobility options, improve the vitality and resiliency of the regional transportation network, and enhance quality of life (e.g., reduced travel time, travel time reliability); and,
- WHEREAS, the purpose of the Project is to improve mobility for all roadway users, including inter- and intrastate trips, within and between Gaston, Mecklenburg, and York counties by providing an additional connection over the Catawba River in an environmentally sensitive manner and establishing direct access to other regional transportation facilities, including the Charlotte Douglas International Airport; and,
- WHEREAS, according to the Gaston County CLT Airport Connected Economic Positioning Strategy (2018), by virtue of providing a direct connection to CLT South, the Catawba Crossings Project would dramatically improve economic development and employment opportunities in Gaston County in addition to providing a secondary relief route for vehicle congestion on I-85 and US 29/74; and,
- WHEREAS, the Project is included in both the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (GCLMPO) and Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) Comprehensive Transportation Plans (CTPs); and,
- WHEREAS, while funding has not yet been identified for this Project, the utilization of federal funding, federal permits, and/or federal authorizations are likely; and,
- WHEREAS, it is highly reasonable to assume that this Project will be advanced through a rigorous planning and design process that meets the statutory requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations; and,

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WHEREAS, a comprehensive alternatives analysis will likely be required as part of the NEPA process and will include a No-Build Alternative, Mass Transit and Multimodal Alternatives, Traffic Management of Existing Roadways Alternatives, Improvement of Existing Roadways Alternatives, and New Alignment Alternatives; and,

WHEREAS, the completion of an environmental document for the Project will ensure that potential impacts to the social and natural environment are considered as well as the transportation needs of the public in reaching a decision that is in the best overall public interest (23 USC 109(h)).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby declares support for the Catawba Crossings Project and the RAISE Grant application for funding to complete an environmental document for the Project.

2023-081 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 Fund Balance Transfers for the Total Purchase Price (\$835,000.00), and the Estimated Closing, Design and Upfit Costs (\$1,007,000) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	4000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(1,832,000.00)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	1,832,000.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(1,832,000.00)
Bldng & Imp: Carriage House	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-540005-P2305	675,000.00
Prof Svc:Carriage Hse Ste 100	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-540016-P2305	5,740.00
Bldng & Imp: Admin Annex Bldg	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-540005-P2306	1,150,000.00
Prof Svcs: Admin Annex Bldg	4005-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-540016-P2306	1,260.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(10,000.00)
Furn/Equip<\$5K	1000-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520020-	10,000.00

2023-082 Commissioner Brown - Tax Collections - Uncollected Real Estate Taxes and Lien Advertisement (\$11,698,746.37) as follows:

District	Description	Taxes Uncollected
00	COUNTY FUNDS	8,129,703.57
001	BELMONT CITY	291,701.59
002	BESSEMER CITY	162,786.90
004	CHERRYVILLE CITY	126,014.15
005	CRAMERTON CITY	67,960.14
006	TOWN OF DALLAS	99,186.05
008	GASTONIA CITY	1,701,996.95
009	HIGH SHOALS CITY	12,597.53
010	KINGS MTN CITY	66,065.80
011	LOWELL CITY	68,507.32
012	MCADENVILLE CITY	8,977.04
013	MOUNT HOLLY CITY	339,415.21
014	RANLO CITY	75,051.95
016	STANLEY CITY	81,451.56
021	GAST DOWNTOWN SD	18,397.82
040	AG CENTER FD - GCF	38,030.91
041	ALEXIS FD - GCF	21,992.94
042	CHAPEL GROVE FD - GCF	27,720.87
043	CHEST RIDGE FD - GCF	8,250.37
044	COMMUNITY FD - GCF	41,010.70
045	CROUSE FD - GCF	11,166.03
046	EAST GASTON FD - GCF	30,075.65
047	HIGH SHOALS FD - GCF	14,449.77
048	HUGHS POND FD - GCF	9,816.04
049	LONG SHOALS FD - GCF	7,313.57
050	LUCIA-RIVERBEND FD - GCF	18,658.37
051	NEW HOPE FD - GCF	33,047.15
052	RANLO FD - GCF	22,489.56
054	S. GASTONIA FD - GCF	33,899.13

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055	SOUTH POINT FD - GCF	20,611.10
056	SPENCER MTN FD - GCF	31,071.58
057	TRYONOTA FD - GCF	30,289.86
058	UNION ROAD FD - GCF	31,727.97
059	WACO FD - GCF	2,937.55
061	LOWELL FD - GCF	14,373.67
Total Taxes		11,698,746.37

2023-083 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) as follows:

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
DECEMBER 2022 RELEASES AND REFUNDS	
24 Hour Title	\$3,918.31
Corelogic	\$582.75
TOTAL	\$4,501.06
DECEMBER 2022 OVERPAYMENTS	
American Postal Infrastructure SRV I LLC	\$155.96
Anderson_Booker, Marian	\$108.87
Barrow, W E	\$2,406.40
Barrow, W E	\$100.44
Belmont Land and Investment Company LLC	\$585.48
Belmont Land and Investment Company LLC	\$624.00
Belmont Land and Investment Company LLC	\$624.00
Belmont Land and Investment Company LLC	\$624.00
Belmont Savings Bank	\$2,505.21
Belmont Savings Bank	\$322.00
Belmont Savings Bank	\$1,053.53
Black, Loyde E	\$3,860.19
Brookshire, Shirley T	\$110.40
Brown, Betty H	\$400.00
Burns, Douglas D	\$549.86
Carter, Clyde D Jr	\$1,386.38
Cashion, Heather	\$109.27
Cassell, Timothy E	\$433.60
Cherry Auto Paint & Body Inc	\$200.00
Cherry Auto Paint & Body Inc	\$1,545.19
Corelogic	\$1,360.13
Corelogic	\$202.31
Curtis, Joseph Michael	\$471.22
Deja Vu Consignments Inc	\$129.53
Farris Fab & Machine Inc	\$1,520.67
First Care Medical Clinic Inc	\$389.32
Fuller, Charles T	\$250.00
Gibbs, Curtis	\$100.00
Hance, Eddie Dean	\$360.15
Hendrick, Thomas	\$106.55
Hendrick, Thomas	\$156.28
Holbert, Raleigh Howard	\$471.69
Hovis, Geraldine Eaker	\$139.49
Hovis, Geraldine Eaker	\$1,055.01
Jones, Hollis Lee	\$5,443.39
Kennedy, Elaine	\$539.55

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Kolman, Gloria Chester	\$187.40
Lewis, David M	\$362.30
Mac Gun Worx LLC	\$108.40
Manufacturing Services Inc	\$883.50
Marley Homes Construction	\$358.80
Marsh, Patricia F	\$3,601.59
Matthews, Mary	\$159.51
Mercer, Jack A	\$175.00
Montgomery, David B	\$1,599.11
Morgan Law	\$300.00
Murphy, Tony Joe	\$101.00
Offnick, Callan J	\$450.00
ORIX Real Estate Capital LLC	\$797.27
Penner, Terry E	\$308.75
Pervine, Julian H Jr	\$898.75
Pettis, Blair	\$110.22
Pineda, Abraham Heber	\$285.00
Poteat, Ella G	\$126.91
Poteat, Ella G	\$135.33
Raja, Sofia	\$100.00
Reynolds, Stanley G	\$4,206.67
Rhinehart, B W	\$202.00
SAS Enterprises llc	\$1,708.44
Seagle, John F	\$136.27
Sifford, Milton	\$100.00
Simonds, Larry SR	\$170.61
Smith Revocable Living Trust	\$150.00
Southern Benedictine Society Inc	\$571.98
Sparrow, David Franklin	\$500.00
Sprott, Onwia L	\$220.00
Stewart, Frank A	\$4,212.22
Strishak, Jon	\$1,645.48
Tate, Carie Diane	\$170.12
Treece Heating & Air Condition	\$634.54
Treece Heating & Air Condition	\$334.38
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Treece Heating & Air Condition	\$392.35
Waltz, Andrew	\$107.10
Water Service Corporation	\$326.05
Welch, Jeremy Dwayne	\$138.44
Welch, Jeremy Dwayne	\$100.68
Wesolek, Catherine	\$1,496.71
Yazan Enterprises Inc	\$140.00
TOTAL	\$59,447.33
DECEMBER 2022 VTS REFUNDS	
Albarran Rivera, Jacqueline	\$204.51
Bingham, Chad Dennis	\$101.25
Blankenship, Harry Benton	\$128.84
Brophy, David Newell	\$114.24
Fair, Johnny Lewis	\$322.99
Gibson, Dan Kenneth Jr	\$161.66
Goodrich, Kenneth Allen	\$374.05
Goodrich, Kerry Knight	\$906.47
Granger, Casey Wayne	\$491.39
Gorss, Terry Dean	\$108.77

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Grover, Nicholas Tyler	\$181.28
Jamerson, Keith Allen Jr	\$121.49
King, Chris Allen	\$120.51
Krauss, Kelby Chadwick	\$286.92
Massey, Ricky Stephen	\$111.37
Mooris, Marquell Deante	\$262.35
Hguyen Nhan	\$154.22
Palmer, Dennis Clyde	\$127.58
Parent, Melvin Oscar Jr	\$235.66
Payne, Jeffery Todd	\$183.08
Risha, Joseph Edward	\$105.94
Stewart, Kathryn Bernice	\$112.71
Simoncic, Linda Carver	\$103.44
Trejo, Yuridia Martinez	\$154.11
Winkles, Barbara Hamilton	\$110.33
Woody, Eddie Blair	\$101.51
TOTAL	\$5,386.67
GRAND TOTAL	\$69,335.06

2023-084 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) as follows:

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
JANUARY 2023 RELEASES AND REFUNDS	
Caldwell, Jean L	\$953.68
Campbell, David D Jr	\$599.15
Carroll, Vernie	\$489.53
Corelogic	\$414.00
Corelogic	\$598.50
Corelogic	\$598.50
Desiato, Regina	\$394.15
Elliott, Roberta	\$482.32
Ewing, Doug	\$867.23
Howard, Charles J Jr	\$769.43
Jackson, Elaine K	\$749.42
Lereta Property Tax Services	\$1,376.91
Lineberger, Ronald C	\$230.00
Mason, Dorothy	\$383.71
Mcauley, Janice	\$1,320.33
NW Lake Wylie LLC	\$1,652.52
Reagan, Jane M	\$669.12
Reynolds, Ali	\$1,137.44
Scott, Robert	\$365.25
Smith, Tomoko	\$483.32
Stuckey, Wendi D	\$598.50
Tilson, Stephen C	\$598.50
Wright, Buddy	\$414.00
Young, J Lyndon	\$577.89
TOTAL	\$16,723.40
JANUARY 2023 OVERPAYMENTS	
24 Hour Closing	\$802.52
A G Koutsoupas INC	\$100.00

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Ajao, Olufolarin	\$122.37
Barkley, Julius F Jr	\$2,477.39
Barr, Debra Hawley	\$472.36
Beam, Jason K	\$811.83
Beam, Jason K	\$133.00
Beam, Michael N	\$172.90
Bohanan, Melesa	\$1,099.03
Browne, James Martin	\$724.53
Clayton, Tina R	\$300.00
Clemmer, Eric G	\$626.27
Cloninger & Neisler Attorney	\$100.00
Corelogic	\$1,259.11
Corelogic	\$1,078.88
Corelogic	\$4,488.12
Corelogic	\$2,118.10
Corelogic	\$828.67
Corelogic	\$522.42
Corelogic	\$2,948.34
Corelogic	\$1,819.71
Corelogic	\$2,087.57
Corelogic	\$789.73
Corelogic	\$1,516.80
Corelogic Commercial	\$653.56
Corelogic Commercial	\$867.93
Corelogic Commercial	\$3,962.50
DuCharme, McMillen, & Associates	\$2,900.00
Flo Foods Inc	\$9,948.27
Foster, Maurice Jan II	\$1,778.74
Gilbert, Anthony C	\$112.37
Glenn, William G JR	\$300.14
Glover, Michael	\$227.77
GMT Alray Operations	\$1,374.02
GMT Alray Operations	\$3,281.56
Goin Family Company LLC	\$245.57
Goin Family Company LLC	\$236.63
Guy, James Darryl	\$2,784.97
Hastings, Lisa	\$270.20
Helmsman Holdings LLC	\$106.40
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Home Partners of America Inc	\$2,839.42
Horsley Holdings LLC	\$285.20
Horsley Holdings LLC	\$139.51
Hoyle Construction Co Inc	\$163.50
Ivester, S G	\$151.80
Ivester, S G	\$1,335.20
Jenks, Jeremy Hugh	\$1,040.97
Jenny P Holman Chapter 13 Trustee	\$379.94
JR Ford Rentals	\$1,176.03
Koch, Lynn	\$3,842.11
Love, Kenneth	\$252.00
Lovelace, Charles H	\$6,438.21
Manning, Nancy Murphy	\$248.72
Maultsby, Stephen	\$200.00
Melton, Kevin Scott	\$1,059.93
Meritage Homes	\$498.38
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Meritage Homes	\$498.75
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Millennium Automotive Logistics Inc	\$104.39
Miller Estate LLC	\$676.75
Murphy, Luther M	\$115.46
NC Homeowner Assistance Fund	\$3,451.88
Nie, Y Puk	\$689.17
Nisbet Oil Company	\$525.50
NW Lake Wylie LLC	\$24,911.96
Papamanuel, Francene	\$147.25
Patterson, Sharon	\$2,339.32
Price, Richi L	\$1,030.58
R P R Rentals LLC	\$3,966.11
Rainwater Coastal Construction	\$682.62
Rhyne, Grady W	\$1,534.10
Roberts, Michael Neil	\$314.56
Ryan Tax Compliance	\$1,303.02
SFR JV-HD Property LLC	\$270.00
SFR-JV-2 Property LLC	\$2,497.87
SFR-JV-2 Property LLC	\$1,530.03
SFR-JV-2 Property LLC	\$2,579.31
SFR-JV-2 Property LLC	\$2,517.96
SFR-JV-2 Property LLC	\$2,668.75
Shanna M Eaves 0621	\$299.03
Shumate Builders, INC	\$117.13
Shutler, Eric R	\$1,080.88
Solis, Carlos Jimenez	\$529.39
Stiles, Linda L	\$486.36
Strickland's Enterprises LLC	\$2,515.56
Stroupe, Anita	\$260.82
Suggs, Daniel L	\$102.58
The Armstrong on 2nd LLC	\$20,437.43
The Ivy at Gastonia LLC	\$417.35
Tri Pointe Homes Holdings Inc	\$1,305.00
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TRW2020 LLC	\$188.57
TRW2020 LLC	\$4,572.25

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Vargas, Juan C	\$10,165.82
Welch, Jeremy Dwayne	\$100.68
Welch, Jeremy Dwayne	\$100.68
Welch, Jeremy Dwayne	\$100.68
Wheeler, Kevin C	\$185.00
William Alvin Rogers Jr Estate	\$250.00
Williston, Thomas H	\$202.70
Wilsox Management LLC	\$171.18
TOTAL	\$189,928.79

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Aguilar, Jeamel Isabel	\$146.66
Arn, Anthony Raymond	\$142.31
Barr, Kenneth Ray	\$114.81
Brainy Pete	\$146.29
Brooks, Mark Lynn Jr	\$168.99
Dunaway's Inc	\$421.28
Farmer, Dana Roberts	\$689.28
Faust, Robert Richard	\$886.93
Fraley, Crystal Dellinger	\$278.68
Gonzalez, Sky Rea	\$262.93
Griffin, Danita Marie	\$307.49
Holl, Charles J	\$281.78
Jackson, Melissa Antoinette	\$276.02
Keener, Stephen Robert	\$332.37
Kendall, Brandon Wolfe	\$119.75
Kwiatkowski, Andrea Leigh	\$138.38
Logic Logistics LLC	\$296.81
Maynard, Catherine Bondurant	\$123.45
Morris, Robert Lee Jr	\$243.33
Phoenix counseling Center	\$119.64
Ramon, Ulises	\$312.64
Roberts, Donteveus Cherade	\$381.37
Robinson, Matthew Allen	\$123.50
Rykar Homes LLC	\$179.86
Singh Surgical Associates PC	\$338.34
Smith, Gene Kent	\$179.74
Stanley, Catisha Latray	\$168.02
Stamey, Deanna Hunt	\$182.87
Taylor, Hoyt Lester Jr	\$261.90
Turner, Glenda Ann	\$191.52
Verrochi, Steven Francis	\$518.00
Weathers, Abigail Barry	\$176.55
Willard, Kamera Shea	\$290.95
TOTAL	\$8,802.44
GRAND TOTAL	\$215,454.63

Appointments

On motion introduced by Commissioner Cloninger and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the BOC unanimously appointed Dr. Mark Lassiter to the **Health and Human Services Board** to an unexpired term ending June 30, 2026.

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On motion introduced by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Matthew Young to the **SARA Local Planning Committee (LEPC)** to a term ending February 28, 2026.

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed to the **Tourism Development Advisory Board** as follows:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Johnson	Commissioner Keigher	Ms. Vivianette Ortiz	April 30, 2026
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Keigher	Ms. Andrea Stephens	April 30, 2026

Commissioners Committee Reports

No reports.

County Manager's Report

The County Manager presented:

- **Re - Gaston County, NC 2022 Annual Report Card – A Year in Review:** The BOC was provided an advance copy of the County's Annual Report Card; it will be online later this week; staff will print and distribute about 500 copies countywide in key areas; this is the fourth year that staff has put this together
- Last year the County won some national awards from two different organizations; this year's Report Card is better
- Asked the BOC to provide any feedback regarding the information.

She advised that what the County has accomplished and what is to come regarding the homelessness work is included in the report and the Strategic Plan.

She thanked the Budget and Communications staff for putting the Annual Report Card information together.

County Attorney's Report

No report.

Other Matters

Chairman Brown invited the Tax Director and Deputy County Manager to the podium to provide a presentation on Revenue Neutral.

Ms. Chelsea Tarbush, Tax Director, explained that *Revenue Neutral* includes real and personal property; the collection rate, appeal loss and exclusion and exemption loss are also taken into account; all properties in the County are assessed fair and equitable; revenue received via a revenue neutral rate brings in the same amount of money as last year; some properties may still

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increase on a revenue neutral rate; citizens may still pay more taxes if the County lowers its tax rate from \$0.81 to the \$0.60s and the municipalities do not (lower their tax rates).

The County collects those taxes which are then distributed to the municipalities; the County, municipalities and fire departments that set tax rates have to be taken into account which depends on what jurisdiction you live in.

Chairman Brown thanked Ms. Tarbush for the explanation and suggested that staff put a video on the County's website as well.

Adjournment

Chairman Brown called for a motion to adjourn.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously adjourned the Regular Meeting of February 28, 2023 at 7:21 pm.

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

Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

Donna S. Buff
Clerk to the Board

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