



Gaston County

Board of Commissioners

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

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

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Meeting Summary Minutes

Work Session (Non-Voting)

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 7 - Chairman Chad Brown, Commissioner Cathy Cloninger, Commissioner Jim Bailey, Commissioner Allen R. Fraley, Vice Chairman Bob Hovis, Commissioner Tom Keigher, and Commissioner Scott Shehan

I. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES

- A. [Commissioner Keigher - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month](#)

The Resolution (Proclamation/Commendation) was Presented.

- B. [Commissioner Keigher - Commendation - To Commend Mrs. Erin Dunaway Upon Being Crowned Mrs. North Carolina America 2026](#)

The Resolution (Proclamation/Commendation) was Presented.

- C. [Commissioners Bailey & Keigher - Commendations - North Carolina America 250 Initiative - 4th Grade Flag Challenge Winner Jase Joyner and Runner-up Sterling Elliott](#)

The Resolution (Proclamation/Commendation) was Presented.

- D. Commissioner Cloninger - Commendation - To Commemorate the Centennial Celebration of the William Chronicle DAR Chapter Upon its 100th Anniversary
The Resolution (Proclamation/Commendation) was Presented.
- E. Commissioner Cloninger - Commendation - To Recognize the Gaston County Museum of Art and History Upon Receiving National Reaccreditation
The Resolution (Proclamation/Commendation) was Presented.
- F. Commissioner Hovis - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of April 12-18, 2026 as Animal Care and Enforcement Appreciation Week
The Resolution (Proclamation/Commendation) was Presented.
- G. Commissioner Brown - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of April 12-18, 2026 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
The Resolution (Proclamation/Commendation) was Presented.
- H. Certificates in Appreciation for Public Service
 - 1. William Downey, Child Fatality Local Review Team
 - 2. Jamie Ramsey, Gaston County Fire Commission
 - 3. Robin Chavis, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)The Certificates were read into the record.

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

Speaker Sign-up Sheet on file with the Clerk to the Board

III. PRESENTATIONS (Limited to 15 Minutes)

- A. PRESENTATION - DALLAS RESCUE SQUAD UPDATE:
 - Chief Hoyle Withers
- B. The Presentation was received and filed.

PRESENTATION - GASTON COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) UPDATE:
 - Erin Musiol, Senior Planner and Project Manager from RS&HThe Presentation was received and filed.

IV. OTHER MATTERS

- 1. Commissioner Hovis - Discussion of Proposed Sales Tax Referendum to Support Teacher Supplements

V. ADJOURNMENT - 7:35pm