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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met in Regular Session at 6:39 pm on June 24, 2025, immediately following its Rescheduled Work Session, in The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse.

Chairman Chad Brown presided with Commissioners Cathy Cloninger, Vice-Chair; Jim Bailey, Allen R. Fraley, Bob Hovis, Tom Keigher and Scott Shehan in attendance.

Others present included Matthew Rhoten, County Manager; David Goldberg, County Attorney; and Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board.

During the Preceding Work Session, Commissioner Hovis requested a Moment of Silence for the Celebration of Life of Mrs. Lacey Blake Rhoten. He led those assembled in the Invocation and Commissioner Fraley led in the Pledge of Allegiance

## Adoption of the FY26 Gaston County Fire Protection Service District Budget and Tax Rate

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment; none heard.

*Note: Mr. Woody Thomas, Fire Chief, Crowders Mountain VFD spoke in favor of maintaining the 11.5¢ Fire District Tax rate during Citizen Recognition in the preceding Work Session.*

Chairman Brown called for comments from the BOC.

Commissioner Cloninger expressed sincere appreciation to the firefighters for their dedicated service. She raised concerns regarding the fire services contract process, noting that a 13-page draft was sent to the fire departments on June 17 with a short turnaround time for signatures by June 21. She pointed out that the accompanying letter from Emergency Management and Fire Services stated that this version would serve as the final draft and would be submitted to the County Commissioners for approval. However, a revised version was distributed on June 23.

Commissioner Cloninger read the June 17 letter aloud and emphasized her concern that a new version was introduced after departments had been told the earlier draft was final. She stressed that fire departments should be afforded sufficient time to review and provide input on such important agreements.

Commissioner Hovis, the BOC's representative on the Fire Commission, reported that he has been involved in the three-year effort to restructure and implement a countywide fire tax. The Commission has worked diligently to evaluate strengths and weaknesses within the current system. He noted that last year's approval of an 11.5-cent fire tax rate was based on a \$2.7 million increase intended to fund permanent full-time positions at each Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) in the County.

Commissioner Hovis provided historical context on VFDS's and the volunteer structure. He noted that prior to 2007, many local textile industries employed maintenance personnel who were certified firefighters and first responders. These individuals were permitted to leave work and still receive pay to respond to fires in their communities and this represented a large core of the firefighting workforce. Some municipalities (except Gastonia, which has a dedicated fire staff), allocated

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funding to train and pay staff for this role. That model no longer exists and this shift is not unique to Gaston County.

The Fire Commission has worked to define a more modern and efficient fire protection model. The County has supported departments by improving financial management tools, including implementing a new chart of accounts. This year marks the first budget cycle under the new system, and while there were some challenges, including the absence of a dedicated staff person to review budget applications, the Fire Commission worked countless hours to develop a comprehensive plan.

This year, the VFDs submitted funding requests totaling over \$15.7 million. However, due to the County's fiscal restraints, the Fire Commission recommended a balanced fire budget at the existing 11.5-cent tax rate, totaling \$13,014,656. Commissioner Hovis emphasized the significant effort involved in the Fire Commission's deliberations and its commitment to advancing fire protection into a 21st-century model. The proposal supports citizen safety, funds major equipment needs, and addresses rising operational costs such as turnout gear, fuel, insurance, and support services. He affirmed that the Fire Commission fully supports this recommendation and urged the Board to uphold the action it took last year. He expressed the desire to maintain the current rate while continuing to seek efficiencies, and he would make a motion to approve the budget as presented.

Commissioner Bailey thanked the firefighters and public safety staff in attendance. He noted that the Board had asked the County Manager to identify potential budget cuts, and he commended staff for their effort in identifying possible reductions. He shared that some citizens have expressed concerns about potentially having to sell their homes if property or fire taxes are not reduced and noted that lowering taxes was one of the things he was asked to address when he was elected to office. In his view, the Board could lower the current tax rate without impacting services. In conclusion, he emphasized the importance of prioritizing public safety while listening to all perspectives to make the best decision for the County.

Chairman Brown thanked the firefighters in attendance for their support and feedback. He stated that fire departments deserve the best and emphasized the County's commitment to improving the system. Since 2017, he noted that 87% of the County's revenue increase has been attributed to the fire tax. He asked fire chiefs to help identify and address weaknesses in the current process. He refuted claims that the County is attempting to take over fire departments. He explained that the request for signed contracts is simply to ensure full participation and buy-in. He also noted that staff has been directed to explore how to remove Lowell from the system if it chooses not to participate. He reiterated his commitment to ensuring the needs of both the fire departments and the County are met.

Chairman Brown called for additional questions, hearing none; called for a motion to approve.

**2025-190 Commissioner Hovis - To Adopt a Resolution to Approve the FY25-26 Order to Levy and Collect Ad Valorem Tax for the Gaston County Fire Protection Service District; Approve the FY25-26 Budget Allocations for Contracted Fire Departments; and Set the FY25-26 Rates for the Long Shoals and South Gastonia Fire Protection Districts to Zero**

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC approved **2025-190** as follows and set forth herewith:

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The vote carried as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Cloninger, Fraley, Hovis, Keigher

Nays: Commissioners Bailey, Shehan

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners created the Gaston County Fire Protection Service District, under Part I, Article 16 of Chapter 153A of the North Carolina General Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is authorized by the same law to levy and collect a tax in said district; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners find, based on the total valuation of taxable property in the Gaston County Fire Protection Service District, an estimated collection rate, and the total budgets submitted for contracting fire departments of the Gaston County Fire Protection Service District, that the tax rate for the Gaston County Fire Protection Service District should be levied at \$0.115 (11.5¢) per \$100 valuation of the assessed and taxable property for an estimated levy of \$13,359,825.

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

- 1) The FY 2025-2026 tax for the Gaston County Fire Protection Service District, established under Chapter 153A of the North Carolina General Statutes, is levied at the rate of \$0.115 per \$100.00 of assessed and taxable property.
- 2) The FY 2025-2026 tax for the South Gastonia and Long Shoals Fire Protection Districts, established under Chapter 69 of the North Carolina General Statutes, shall be set to a zero rate.
- 3) The FY 2025-2026 budget allocation for fire protection is approved in the amount of \$13,359,825.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds distributed to each District shall not exceed the actual tax receipts collected during the fiscal year. Any tax receipts collected more than the budgeted allocation shall be retained by the County in an account earmarked for the Gaston County Fire Protection Service District.

#### FY2025-2026 Gaston County Budget Ordinance Amendment

Following clarification from the County Attorney and staff that the amended budget ordinance before the Board included the approved Fire Tax Levy rate of 11.5¢, Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Hovis for a motion.

Commissioner Hovis stated he would propose a revision to the amendment. He recalled that new positions were proposed for the Sheriff's Office to fulfill the need for additional Courtrooms, and recalled that the State had recently appointed additional judges. He noted that the Courthouse isn't ready for those positions, and he introduced an amendment to the budget ordinance, to move the funds for the five proposed Sheriff's Office positions to the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for other projects. He pointed out that because it was a mid-year adjustment, it was not enough to change the tax rate (less than \$500k).

Chairman Brown clarified the Budget Ordinance amendment before the Board includes the revenues from the Fire Levy resolution and appropriates the funds. Commissioner Hovis' additional amendment is to reduce the number of proposed positions for the Sheriff's Office from 256 FTE to 251 FTE (five positions) and move the funds to the CIP.

The County Attorney concurred.

Commissioner Keigher clarified that the funds are not being removed from the project, but rather held until they are needed for allocation.

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Commissioner Hovis confirmed.

Commissioner Keigher stated he would second Commissioner Hovis' motion.

Chairman Brown called for discussion.

Commissioner Bailey stated that he had spoken with Judge Angela G. Hoyle. He explained that courtrooms had to be opened longer following the State's assignment of one or two new judges to the County. As a result, deputies are being pulled from the road and jail to keep the courtrooms operational.

Commissioner Keigher stated they weren't even built yet.

Commissioner Bailey referenced that is the "the new floor". He explained that the Courtrooms hours have been expanded to be open most of the day now and have to be staffed with additional deputies.

Commissioner Hovis advised that Commissioner Keigher had spoken with the District Attorney, Travis G. Page, who did not speak of the need currently in the courthouse.

Commissioner Bailey advised that Chief Judge Hoyle said there is an immediate need for them.

Commissioner Keigher noted this was the first he had heard.

Commissioner Bailey emphasized the issue is not more courtrooms, but the existing courtrooms are now open longer. He reiterated that deputies are being pulled from the road to keep them open.

Commissioner Keigher stated that when the matter was originally brought before the Board, it was based on the understanding that the positions would be needed once construction on the other floor was complete.

Commissioner Bailey responded they will need more than that when that floor is opened.

Chairman Brown recalled that the County requested assistance from the State, but their budget is not going to be adopted anytime soon.

Chairman Brown called for further discussion.

Commissioner Fraley stated more clarity is needed and asked if it had to be voted on tonight or if it could be moved to the next meeting.

Commissioner Keigher stated he would like to postpone the issue until the next meeting.

Commissioner Hovis stated he would withdraw his motion and requested that a report be provided to the BOC detailing the need for the funding, staffing levels and any relative staffing shortages.

Chairman Brown directed the County Manager and Mr. Ray Maxwell (Infrastructure & Asset Manager) to obtain the information.

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The County Attorney clarified the original item before the BOC is to amend the Budget to incorporate the fire tax revenue for appropriation without further amendments.

**2025-191 Commissioner Brown - To Amend the FY 2026 Budget Ordinance to Include the Unified Fire Protection Service District Fund**

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

Chairman Brown called for discussion; none was heard.

Chairman Brown called for the vote, and the BOC unanimously approved **2025-191** as follows and as set forth herewith:

**BUDGET ORDINANCE  
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026  
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**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina:

**SECTION I. BUDGET ADOPTION 2025-2026.** There is hereby adopted a budget for the County of Gaston for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, a summary of which is included as Exhibits I (funding sources by fund and revenue type) and II (appropriations by fund and function) herein on page 4. The budget is hereby adopted by fund on a functional basis. The County Manager is directed to finalize the line-item detailed budget, at which time that document shall be incorporated herein as if fully set out verbatim and referred to hereinafter as the "2025-2026 Gaston County Budget."

**SECTION II. TAX RATE LEVY 2025-2026.** There is hereby levied for fiscal year 2025-2026 a tax rate of 59.9 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

**SECTION III. SALARIES.** The 2025-2026 Gaston County Budget fully funds longevity for eligible employees.

**SECTION IV. BUDGET OFFICER AND FINANCE OFFICER.** In accordance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, the County Manager has prepared a budget which contains a General Fund, a Community Investment Fund, a Debt Service Fund, a Capital Improvements Fund, a Social Services Beneficiaries Fund, a Travel and Tourism Fund, a Property Revaluation Fund, an Emergency Telephone Fund, a Courthouse Parking Fund, a Deeds of Trust Fund, a Civil Process Fund, a Fines and Forfeitures Fund, a Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, and a Self-Insurance Fund.

The County Manager is designated as the Budget Officer of the County and the Finance Director is designated as Finance Officer. As provided by G. S. 159-25 (b), the Board is authorized to require two signatures on each check or draft that is made on County funds. The signature of the County Manager and the Finance Officer shall be the authorized signatures of the County. The Deputy County Manager shall have signatory authority in the absence of the County Manager and the Finance Officer shall designate signatory authority to a responsible individual on their staff in their absence.

**SECTION V. TRANSFERS OF FUNDS BETWEEN OBJECT ACCOUNTS.** Line item changes are authorized only with the approval of the Board of Commissioners as required by law, except as provided below. The Budget Officer is authorized to transfer monies from one line item appropriation to another within the same fund in accordance with provisions of G.S. 159- 15.

In compliance with Resolution 2003-321, upon making such transfers, the Manager shall accumulate them to be forwarded to the Clerk to the Board on or before the agenda deadline for the next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting so that said transfers may be placed in the agenda and recorded in the minutes of said meeting. Budget Change Requests included in the agenda are for information purposes and will not be discussed by the Board at the meeting unless a Budget Change Request pertains to a resolution that is on the Board's agenda for that meeting.

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Nothing in this resolution in any way affects the County Manager's authority to make budget transfers by the amount provided in the Budget Ordinance.

Movement of funds between expenditure categories (personnel, operating, capital and debt service) may be requested by departments, but require approval of the Budget Officer or their designee. No lapsed salary can be used to fund other operational expenditures without the Budget Officer or their designee approval. Movement of funds to purchase unbudgeted capital items requires approval of the Budget Officer or their designee.

**SECTION VI. OBLIGATIONS FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.** As provided by

G.S. 159-13 (b), any funds of a capital or operating nature for which bids have been received or contracts executed in previous fiscal years are hereby re-appropriated. All unpaid encumbrances, ongoing projects that are assigned a project number, capital improvement projects, and any other items which have been approved by the Board of Commissioners, such as grants, are hereby re-appropriated and are to be added to this approved budget.

**SECTION VII. SCHOOL BUDGET.** Current Expense - The Gaston County Board of Commissioners approves an operating allocation of \$54,001,704 for the Gaston County Board of Education. In addition, the Board approves \$2,302,623 for School Resource Officers assigned to schools, as well as \$65,000 for the Commissioners' School of Excellence.

Capital/Debt Service Funds - The Gaston County Board of Commissioners appropriates \$35,361,046 for the school system's FY 2025-2026 capital and debt service needs, to be allocated as follows: \$0 for capital needs and \$35,361,046 for debt service.

**SECTION VIII. GASTON COLLEGE BUDGET.** In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 115D, Gaston County shall provide, based upon the appropriations herein, funds to Gaston College as needed to meet current fund and capital fund expenditures. The FY 2025-2026 appropriation for Gaston College totals \$8,445,548 to be allocated as follows: \$6,271,775 for current operating expenses, \$797,219 for capital expenses, and \$1,376,554 for debt service expenditures.

Reserves for future capital projects shall remain with Gaston County to the credit of Gaston College until requested for payment of duly appropriated obligations. Payment of all capital expenditures shall be made upon presentation of the appropriate invoices to Gaston County.

**SECTION IX. APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS.** The Board of

County Commissioners does hereby approve the amended budget of each department by the County Manager or as amended by this Board on page 4 herein and as more fully detailed in the document to be finalized per Section I above.

**SECTION X. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.** The Board of the County Commissioners does hereby approve the Capital Improvement Fund as budgeted by the County Manager or as amended by this Board on page 4. Accordingly, the Finance Director is authorized to make the proper entries to the County's accounting records as of June 30, 2026 to cause the net balance of the appropriate projects to revert to the Community Investment Fund's fund balance.

**SECTION XI. DESIGNATION OF INSURANCE RESERVES AND AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURES.** The Board of Commissioners approves the designation of unspent funds, from "Insurance" line items (530024) and account 1000-NDP-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530025-. "Insurance Deductible" into fund balance titled "Designated for Insurance Reserves".

Amended this 24th day of June 2025, to become effective on July 1, 2025.



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BUDGET GASTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2025 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025																
FUNDING SOURCE	MAJOR FUNDS				NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS										ENTERPRISE FUND	INTERNAL SERVICE FUND
	GENERAL FUND	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	SOCIAL SERVICE RESOURCES FUND	TOURISM FUND	PROPERTY REVALUATION FUND	COURTHOUSE PARKING FUND	EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FUND	TRAFFIC FINE PROTECTION SERVICE DISTRICT FUND	DEBTS OF TRUST FUND	CIVIL PROCESS FUND	FINES & COMPLAINTS FUND	SOLID WASTE FUND		
ACTUAL 2024	\$ 211,488,587	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,338,423	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MAJOR & OTHER TRUSTS	\$ 4,632,234	\$ 28,786,752	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,324,473	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 435,933	\$ -
INVESTMENT & DEPOSITS	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 2,388,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 482,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,737,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PAID LICENSES & FEES	\$ 11,642,082	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MAJOR SERVICES & FEES	\$ 22,112,034	\$ 110,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,000,000	\$ -
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375,000
REVENUE CONTINGENCIES	\$ 4,877,814	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,877,814
REVENUE CONTINGENCIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,913,482
TRANSFERRED TO OTHER FUNDS	\$ -	\$ 16,866,000	\$ 48,200,152	\$ 2,318,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PLANNED APPROPRIATIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 853,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 540,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,327,400	\$ -
	\$ 346,348,209	\$ 45,749,209	\$ 48,200,152	\$ 2,318,000	\$ 853,000	\$ 2,153,473	\$ 275,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 540,000	\$ 12,338,423	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,737,300	\$ 13,040,000	\$ 36,966,333	\$ 81,875,296
RECONCILIATION OF BUDGET TO NET BUDGET:																
GRAND FUNDING RESOURCES ALL FUNDS	\$ 346,348,209	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LESS INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NET BUDGET, ALL FUNDS	\$ 346,348,209	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

BUDGET GASTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2025 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025																
FUNCTION	MAJOR FUNDS				NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS										ENTERPRISE FUND	INTERNAL SERVICE FUND
	GENERAL FUND	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	SOCIAL SERVICE RESOURCES FUND	TOURISM FUND	PROPERTY REVALUATION FUND	COURTHOUSE PARKING FUND	EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FUND	TRAFFIC FINE PROTECTION SERVICE DISTRICT FUND	DEBTS OF TRUST FUND	CIVIL PROCESS FUND	FINES & COMPLAINTS FUND	SOLID WASTE FUND		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 16,738,152	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 413,000	\$ 944,074	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 107,108,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 815,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,338,423	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EDUCATION	\$ 50,848,479	\$ -	\$ 18,253,475	\$ 737,219	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CULTURE & RECREATIONAL	\$ 8,946,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 482,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 63,642,340	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 853,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$ 164,704	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SCIENCE & PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT	\$ 6,168,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,142,473	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SOLID WASTE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,200,000	\$ -	\$ -
DEBT SERVICE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,200,152	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TRANSFERRED OUT TO OTHER FUNDS	\$ 17,214,000	\$ 48,749,209	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 346,348,209	\$ 45,749,209	\$ 48,200,152	\$ 2,318,000	\$ 853,000	\$ 2,153,473	\$ 275,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 540,000	\$ 12,338,423	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,737,300	\$ 13,040,000	\$ 36,966,333	\$ 81,875,296
RECONCILIATION OF BUDGET TO NET BUDGET:																
GRAND APPROPRIATIONS ALL FUNDS	\$ 346,348,209	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LESS INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NET BUDGET, ALL FUNDS	\$ 346,348,209	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Commissioner Hovis temporarily departed the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Cloninger - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: Conditional District REZ-25-01-28-00211, Michael Boyd (Applicant); Property Parcel: 168515, Located on Bingo Ln., Dallas, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay to the (CD/RS-12) Single Family 12,000 Square Feet Conditional District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay

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

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

Chairman Brown introduced Mrs. Peyton Wiggins, Planner II – Building and Development Services, for comments.

Mrs. Wiggins advised subject conditional rezoning request involves PID 168515 on Bingo Lane, Dallas, NC; the Applicant, Michael Boyd, and representing the owners of Duck A Duck Trust, is requesting to rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay to the (CD/RS-12) Single Family 12,000 Square Feet Conditional District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay; the property is located between High Shoals and Dallas city limits on Dallas High Shoals Highway (Hwy.).

She reviewed and advised the *orthophoto map* depicts the 2.3 acre parcel and five residential single-family dwellings on the site that were built in the 1930s and 1940s per tax records; it is considered a legal non-conforming site since the homes are on one parcel and have existed like this prior to adoption of the Zoning Ordinance; there was a single-wide manufactured home in top left corner of property that was demolished between 2010 and 2011 based on aerial photography;

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the surrounding area consists of single-family homes; adjacent property to south currently operates as a commercial service garage.

She reviewed the zoning and adjacent property owners' map and advised the *zoning map* depicts the surrounding zoning is primarily (R-1) with a commercial pocket of C-1 to the south side of parcel; *adjacent property owners' map and listing* depicts those notified about the Public Hearing.

Notices were mailed on June 9; a sign was placed on the site on June 10 in accordance with NCGS; staff did not receive any calls about the request.

She reviewed the proposed site plan and advised the current property owner would like to subdivide the lot into six individual lots, parceling out each home; with the current (R-1) zoning, understood as the default zoning of the County, the new lots would be unable to meet the minimum standards in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and Subdivision Ordinance for lots off of an easement; the Applicant is pursuing a conditional rezoning to accommodate the existing features onsite while balancing the requirements of the new zoning district lot dimension of (RS-12) Single Family 12,000SF; the site plan balances the watershed requirements being located within the South Fork Protected IV Watershed.

The (RS-12) zoning district requires a minimum 30' front, 7' side and 20' rear setback; Applicant is proposing to use the current 5' side setback of the homes closest to the property line as the district's side setback (shown on lot 4 of site plan); Applicant strategically placed the lot lines so the other required setbacks could be met for the existing homes.

She reviewed the table depicting the requested areas of relief and advised the (RS-12) zoning district does not allow manufactured housing; the Applicant is requesting to allow the manufactured home to be replaced on Lot 3 of the proposed site plan; relief from the required 8' side setback for a 5' setback. Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 are accessed off Bingo Lane (a private easement); the Ordinance requires a minimum of three acres per lot be accessed via a private easement; Applicant wants to subdivide the lots and staff supports the request to reduce to a lot size minimum of 14,555SF (smallest lot size on site plan).

All of the homes are served via a community well and individual septic systems; the parcels have road frontage along Dallas High Shoals Hwy., a NCDOT roadway; Bingo Lane is a private drive.

The G-C-L MPO (Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization) reviewed the project on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and advised there are no funded transportation improvement projects of any kind within immediate vicinity of site.

The TRC (Technical Review Committee) reviewed the project on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and advised the Office of Capital Improvements stated the owner has requested to connect each house to municipal water as part of the Dallas High Shoals Water Interconnect Project; these houses are included in bid documents and will be connected provided the owner establishes separate utility accounts with the Town of Dallas; the project has not been contracted for bid; there is not a timeline for this project.

The Environmental Health Department advised a licensed septic contractor should be hired to flag and locate all existing septic components to determine whether any part of the septic systems crosses the property line; a property survey will be required if there is an encroachment; a septic easement agreement would be recorded with the final plat as listed in the conditions of approval for this project.



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The Applicant advertised and held two Public Information Meetings as required by chapter 5 of the UDO on May 6th and 8th in the Administration Building, Conference Room 3A; one Planning Board member attended the May 6th meeting and had general inquiries about the request; one resident attended the May 8th meeting and had general inquiries but no major concerns.

Staff has provided a list of recommended conditions of approval; for the record, easement agreements must be recorded and shown on the final plat prior to final approval; any uses allowed in the (RS-12) Single Family 12,000SF would be permitted per standards and regulations adopted in the UDO; accessory structures are permitted in accordance with section 9.9 of the UDO; minor modifications are permitted in accordance with section 5.15 of UDO; a road maintenance agreement must be recorded with the final plat.

The property falls under *Area 2: North 321 Gaston/North Central Gaston* of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP); key issues for citizens in area include preservation of open space, road improvements and better connectivity to other areas of County and throughout the region, more transportation alternatives and preservation of agricultural and maintaining the rural "feel" of the community.

The future land use is Rural Center. Rural Centers are those in rural community areas that serve a specific purpose for the immediate area. These can be civic-oriented, anchored by a church, a community center, historic structures, etc. or these areas can serve a commercial purpose, anchored by a rural market.

Staff finds the application as presented is consistent with the goals of the CLUP because it brings the parcel into conformity with the UDO.

The Planning Board heard the request at its June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and recommended approval via a unanimous vote (9-0); this concludes the presentation; the Applicant is available to answer questions.

Chairman Brown called for comment from the Applicant.

Mr. Michael Boyd (Applicant), 2924 The Plaza, Charlotte, NC, and trustee for Duck A Duck Trust, advised he has been working with Mrs. Wiggins the past six months on this request; it was one parcel with five houses on the lot; there use to be a manufactured home that was demolished; he wants to rehab and sell the homes or put a manufactured home; wants to subdivide parcel into six lots; page 29 depicts the survey.

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

Chairman Brown requested clarification about the 5' setback on Columbia Lane since Bingo comes in off Dallas High Shoals and stops; is the driveway going to come off of Columbia or be considered Bingo.

Mrs. Wiggins responded it is a platted right-of-way; the lots in the back will be accessed off Bingo Lane for this project.

Commissioner Keigher requested clarification on the Planning Board's vote.

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Mrs. Wiggins responded 9-0 unanimously.

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

Chairman Brown recapped the Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously approved **2025-192**, 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 as it will keep the parcel residential in nature as envisioned by the rural center future land use designation.

The Commission considers this action to be reasonable and in the public interest, based on: Planning Board recommendation and compatibility with existing land uses in the immediate area. Therefore, the map change request for property parcel: 168515, is hereby approved as conditioned {Exhibit A}, effective with the passage of this Ordinance to be rezoned to the (CD/RS-12) Single Family 12,000 Square Feet Conditional District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay.

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

Exhibit A  
Conditions of Approval  
REZ-25-01-28-00211

1. Septic easement agreements must be recorded and shown on the final plat prior to final approval.
2. Any uses allowed in the (RS-12) Single Family 12,000 Square Feet would be permitted in accordance with the standards and regulations as adopted in the Gaston County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).
3. Accessory structures are permitted in accordance with Section 9.9 of the UDO.
4. Minor modifications are permitted in accordance with Section 5.15 of the UDO.
5. A road maintenance agreement must be recorded with the final plat.

*Commissioner Hovis failed to vote, therefore, his vote was cast with the majority.*

Chairman Brown directed the County Attorney to provide the Consistency Statement to the Clerk.

Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Fraley - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-25-03-06-00217, Mark Russell (Applicant); Property Parcel: 204936, Located at 348 Bess Rd., Kings Mountain, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District to the (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District

Chairman Brown introduced Mrs. Peyton Wiggins, Planner 2 – Building & Development Services, for comments.

Mrs. Wiggins advised subject request involves PID 204936 located at 348 Bess Rd. Bessemer City, NC; the Applicants and Property Owners, Mark and Christina Russell, are requesting to rezone the

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property from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District to the (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District.

She reviewed vicinity, orthophoto, zoning and adjacent property owners' maps and advised the *vicinity map* depicts the parcel is located between Bessemer City and Cherryville city limits in northwest quadrant of County; *orthophoto map* depicts the 10.21 acre parcel, a single-family dwelling on site, accessory structures and a barn; *zoning map* depicts (R-2) and (R-3) adjacent to subject property, (R-1) throughout and some (C-1) and (I-2) within the larger vicinity; *adjacent property owners' map* depicts those notified about tonight's Public Hearing.

Notices were mailed on June 9<sup>th</sup> and a sign was placed on the site on June 10<sup>th</sup> per NCGS; staff has not received any calls or inquiries about the request.

She referenced a slide depicting information for those that received the mailed notice.

The site is served by a private well and septic system; is accessed off of Bess Rd., an NCDOT road.

The G-C-L MPO (Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization) reviewed the request on May 7th and advised there are no transportation improvement projects within the immediate vicinity of site.

The projects falls within *Area 2: North 321 Gaston/North Central Gaston* small area plan of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP); key issues for citizens in area include preservation of open space, road improvements and better connectivity to other areas of County, preservation of agricultural and steering development towards existing infrastructure.

The future land use designation is Rural Center. Rural Centers are those in rural community areas that serve a specific purpose for the immediate area. These can be civic-oriented, anchored by a church, a community center, historic structures, etc. or these areas can serve a commercial purpose, anchored by a rural market, small store, gas station, community day care centers or related businesses.

Staff finds the application, as presented, is consistent with the goals and future land use designation found within the CLUP.

The Planning Board heard the request at its June 2nd meeting and recommended approval via a 9-0 vote.

Commissioner Hovis returned to the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Chairman Brown called for comments from the Applicants.

Mr. Mark Russell (Applicant), 348 Bess Rd., Kings Mountain, NC, advised he wants to put a second dwelling on property; it cannot be subdivided because of the farm issue; will keep it residential; is mindful of the County Park behind them.

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

Chairman Brown recapped the Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Shehan, the BOC unanimously approved **2025-193**, 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 as it will keep the parcel residential in nature and maintain the rural "feel" of the community, as envisioned by the Rural Gaston small area plan.

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: 204936, is hereby approved, effective with the passage of this Ordinance to be rezoned to the (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District.

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

Chairman Brown directed the County Attorney to provide the Consistency Statement to the Clerk.

Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-25-03-11-00218, Fred Seeley (Applicant); Property Parcel: 135660, Located at 340 White Jenkins Rd., Bessemer City, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay to the (C-3) General Commercial Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay

Chairman Brown introduced Mrs. Peyton Wiggins, Planner 2 – Building and Development Services, for comments.

Mrs. Wiggins advised subject request is for PID 135660 or 340 White Jenkins Rd., Bessemer City, NC; the Applicants/Property Owners, Fred and Laura Seeley, are requesting to rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay to the (C-3) General Commercial Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay; the property is located just outside of Bessemer City and Gastonia city limits along White Jenkins Rd. by an established industrial area.

The .49 acre site contains an office/garage structure that has existed since 1991 and is currently operating as a contractor's office and operations center; it is considered a legal non-conforming under current (R-1) zoning classification; the proposed (C-3) rezoning will bring the property into compliance with the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) by allowing its current use and a broader range of commercial activities subject to all applicable development standards; if approved, any uses allowed in the (C-3) would be permitted per standards and regulations adopted in UDO.

She reviewed zoning and adjacent property owners' maps and advised the *zoning map* depicts (I-2), (I-3), (C-3), (R-1) and (RS-12) zoning within the vicinity of property; *adjacent property owners' map* depicts who was notified about the public hearing.

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Notices were mailed out on June 9<sup>th</sup> and a sign was placed on the site on June 10<sup>th</sup> in accordance with NCGS; staff has not received any calls about the request.

She referenced a slide of those who received the notice of information.

The site is served by a private well and septic system; is accessed off of White Jenkins Rd., a NCDOT road.

The G-C-L MPO (Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization) reviewed the request on May 27<sup>th</sup> and advised there are no transportation improvement projects within the immediate vicinity of the site.

The property falls within *Area 5: Scenic Gaston/Southwest Gaston* of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP); key issues for citizens in area include preservation of open space, road improvements and better connectivity to other areas of County, preservation of existing conditions while allowing low to moderate growth, repurpose of vacant buildings and facilities for new economic opportunities.

The future land use designation is *Rural* (rural areas are areas characterized by green, rolling hills and plenty of open space, along with farmstead style housing, as well as agribusiness. This designation exemplifies the County and the existing natural resources that exist throughout the jurisdiction.)

Staff finds the application as presented is consistent with the goals and future land use designation found in the CLUP.

The Planning Board heard the request at its June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting; recommended approval by a 9-0 vote; this concludes the presentation.

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment.

Mr. Fred Seeley, Applicant, 511 E. Ohio Ave., Bessemer City, NC, advised he wanted to bring the property into compliance with the current commercial building use and use it for future commercial use.

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

Chairman Brown asked if there would be any issue with the property beside the structure using the same driveway.

Mr. Seeley advised it is their driveway; the neighbor's driveway is on the other side.

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

Chairman Brown recapped the Planning Board unanimously recommended its approval.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

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On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Shehan, the BOC unanimously approved **2025-194**, 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 as it will allow for low to moderate growth and repurpose buildings for new economic opportunities, as envisioned by the Area 5 Small Area Plan.

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: 135660, is hereby approved, effective with the passage of this Ordinance to be rezoned to the (C-3) General Commercial Zoning District with (US) Urban Standards Overlay.

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

Chairman Brown directed the County Attorney to provide the Consistency Statement to the Clerk.

\*Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Bailey - County Attorney - To Close a Portion of a Right-of-Way of Boat Club Road Located Near the Allen Plant Steam Station in the South Point Township

\*Due to technical difficulties, the BOC moved to the next item of business.

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 DOVE

Chairman Brown introduced Ms. Alisha Summey, Economic Development Assistant Director, for comments.

Ms. Summey advised that the BOC is requested to approve a Level Four Incentive Grant for Project DOVE. This is a 10-year grant. The project originated from the broker of The Oaks Logistics Center in Belmont. It involves a 471,000SF facility, with a planned investment of \$80M+, including \$12M to upfit the facility and \$68M in machinery and equipment. The company intends to create 386 new jobs with salaries above \$60k/year. Project DOVE is a pharmaceutical company based in India. The County is currently competing with another state for the project. The State has offered Project DOVE a JDIG (Job Development Investment Grant) and a One NC grant.

Chairman Brown called for questions from the BOC.

Chairman Brown thanked EDC staff for their hard work.

Chairman Brown declared the Public Hearing closed; called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously approved **2025-195** as follows:

WHEREAS, Project DOVE is considering a total investment of \$80,000,000 to establish a manufacturing facility in Gaston County. Project DOVE plans to invest over \$12 million to customize and upfit an existing building in Belmont and purchase over \$68 million in machinery and equipment.



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Project DOVE anticipates creating 386 new jobs with an average annual salary exceeding \$60,211 per year in Gaston County which is above the county average wage; 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; should any grants and incentives be offered by the State of North Carolina and a local match be required, the Local Investment Grant will be used as the match and no additional funds will be obligated by the County; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County developed an economic grant policy to provide global advanced manufacturing companies and distribution facilities with incentives to attract high quality industries and jobs; 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 DOVE, the County, and chosen municipality, 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 DOVE.

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 SELF

Chairman Brown introduced Ms. Alisha Summey, Economic Development Assistant Director, for comments.

Ms. Summey advised that this involves a Level Four Grant (ten-year grant) for Project SELF, which plans to invest over \$150M+ in the Kings Mountain Corporate Center Facility in Kings Mountain. Project SELF intends to occupy the entire 1.2M square feet facility, investing \$72M to upfit the building and \$80M in machinery and equipment. The company will distribute large household items, including furniture and appliances, and plans to create 345 new jobs with salaries above the County's annual wage. Staff is working with the State and the building owner. The State is currently determining what types of grants the project may be eligible for. This matter will go before the City of Kings Mountain in July.

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment and for questions from the BOC; hearing none, and no additional comments, declared the Public Hearing closed.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Shehan, the BOC unanimously approved **2025-196** as follows:

WHEREAS, Project SELF is considering a total investment of \$152,000,000 to establish a industrial distribution facility in Gaston County. Project SELF plans to invest over \$72 million to customize and upfit an existing building in Gaston County and purchase over \$80 million in machinery and

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equipment. Project SELF anticipates creating 345 new jobs with an average annual wage at or above the County's average wage; 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; should any grants and incentives be offered by the State of North Carolina and a local match be required, the Local Investment Grant will be used as the match and no additional funds will be obligated by the County; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County developed an economic grant policy to provide global advanced manufacturing companies and distribution facilities with incentives to attract high quality industries and jobs; 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 SELF, the County, and chosen municipality, 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 SELF.

Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Approve a Gaston County Level Three 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 WILLOW

Chairman Brown introduced Ms. Alisha Summey, Economic Development Assistant Director, for comments.

Ms. Summey reported that Project Willow previously requested a Level Three Grant but is now seeking approval to change the request to a Level Three or Level Four Grant; both are 10-year grants.

Since the publication of the Level Three Grant ad, the company's proposed investment increased from \$37.6M to \$71M. The number of new jobs increased from 50 to 60 to 117, and the average salary rose from \$72k/year to over \$100k/year. The County's average annual wage is \$52k.

Staff is requesting that a Level Three or Level Four Grant be approved. Project Willow is a U.S.-based company that contacted staff directly. Staff engaged the State, which may offer a JDIG (Job Development Investment Grant). The proposed site is approximately 72 acres located on US 321 South and is currently undeveloped. If the company locates there, it plans to grade the site and construct a rail spur. The property may need to be annexed into the City of Gastonia to access water and sewer services, and staff is coordinating with the City of Gastonia on that process.

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment and for questions from the BOC; hearing none and no additional comments, declared the Public Hearing closed.

After clarification from the County Attorney, Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve as amended to allow for a Level Three or Level Four Grant.

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On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously approved **2025-197** amended, as follows:

WHEREAS, Project WILLOW is considering a total investment of \$71,000,000 to establish an industrial manufacturing operation in Gaston County. Project WILLOW plans to invest over \$19 million to construct a manufacturing facility and purchase over \$52 million in machinery and equipment. Project WILLOW anticipates creating 117 new jobs with an average annual salary exceeding \$104,000 per year in Gaston County; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §158-7.1 authorizes a County to undertake an economic development project by providing grants for the location of industry; should any grants and incentives be offered by the State of North Carolina and a local match be required, the Local Investment Grant will be used as the match and no additional funds will be obligated by the County; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County developed an economic grant policy to provide global advanced manufacturing companies and distribution facilities with incentives to attract high quality industries and jobs; 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 Three or Four Incentive Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the County will prepare a detailed Economic Development Agreement (EDA), between Project WILLOW, the County, and chosen municipality, 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 Three or 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 WILLOW.

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 ARRIVAL

Chairman Brown introduced Ms. Alisha Summey, Economic Development Assistant Director, for comments.

Ms. Summey stated that Project ARRIVAL is requesting a Level Four Grant for the Hunter Douglas facility in the Southridge Business Park in Bessemer City. The building has been vacant since Hunter Douglas closed in 2023. Although staff has shown the property multiple times, it remains highly customized to the previous company. Project ARRIVAL intends to purchase the facility from the current owner, who contacted EDC staff, and plans to invest \$56M to upfit the facility and create 175 new jobs at salaries ranging from \$52k to \$54k/year.

Staff is working with the State, which has offered the company a JDIG (Job Development Investment Grant) and a One NC Grant. Project ARRIVAL is a Chinese company that manufactures capsules for vitamins and over-the-counter medicines. The NC Department of Commerce is aware of concerns regarding the uncertainty of Chinese investments in North Carolina and has thoroughly vetted the company. Staff has observed significant interest from Chinese companies in the U.S., particularly in North Carolina. This project will go before the Bessemer City Council in July.

Chairman Brown ordered a five-minute recess at 7:43 pm.

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Chairman Brown reconvened the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment and for questions from the BOC; hearing none and no additional comments, declared the Public Hearing closed.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC approved **2025-198**, as follows:

The vote carried as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Cloninger, Fraley, Hovis, Keigher and Shehan

Nay: Commissioner Bailey

WHEREAS, Project ARRIVAL is considering a total investment of \$56,000,000 to establish a manufacturing facility in Gaston County. Project ARRIVAL plans to invest \$56 million to customize and upfit an existing facility and purchase machinery and equipment. Project ARRIVAL anticipates creating 175 new jobs with an average annual salary exceeding \$52,354 per year in Gaston County which is above the County average wage; 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; should any grants and incentives be offered by the State of North Carolina and a local match be required, the Local Investment Grant will be used as the match and no additional funds will be obligated by the County; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County developed an economic grant policy to provide global advanced manufacturing companies and distribution facilities with incentives to attract high quality industries and jobs; 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 ARRIVAL, the County, and chosen municipality, 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 ARRIVAL.

\*Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Bailey - County Attorney - To Close a Portion of a Right-of-Way of Boat Club Road Located Near the Allen Plant Steam Station in the South Point Township

Chairman Brown introduced Ms. Melissa Huffman, Deputy County Attorney, for comments.

Ms. Huffman advised the subject Public Hearing is to consider the closure of the end portion of Boat Club Rd. in Belmont (South Point Township). The Applicant is Duke Energy Carolinas. The section proposed for closure is approximately 230 linear feet at the end of Boat Club Rd. and is entirely surrounded by property owned by Duke Energy. The purpose of the request is to allow Duke Energy to install a fence and gate to further secure the plant site. Ms. Huffman reviewed slides showing the property and the specific portion proposed for closure.

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The Public Hearing notice was published for three consecutive weeks in The Gaston Gazette, and signs were posted on the property advertising the hearing. Staff did not send letters to adjacent property owners, as all surrounding property is owned by Duke Energy.

The closure of this road segment will not create any hardship or inconvenience to property owners, as it is not used for ingress or egress by anyone other than Duke Energy for plant access. If approved, the closed portion would become Duke Energy property for maintenance purposes.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously approved **2025-199**, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners has received a request to close a portion of a right-of-way known as Boat Club Road; and,

WHEREAS, the subject area of the right-of-way is approximately 230 feet in length or 0.04 miles, surrounded by Gaston County Parcel Number 192109, and owned by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; and,

WHEREAS, only the part of Boat Club Road described herein is subject to closure; and,

WHEREAS, the Petitioners of the unimproved right-of-way closure own all the parcels of land surrounding the subject area subject to closure; and,

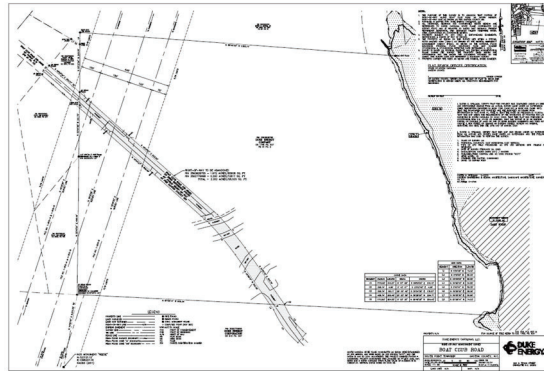
WHEREAS, the subject area to be closed is currently not open to vehicular traffic and is not subject to an easement, express or implied, for ingress or egress; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 153A-241, the Board of Commissioners may close whatever interest, if any, Gaston County had at one time on this right-of-way, subject to the results of a public hearing on the issue; and,

WHEREAS, said right-of-way is not controlled or maintained by the North Carolina Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2025, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on this matter after properly notifying the public per 153A-241 and approved to close the subject right-of-way on that date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the portion of the right-of-way bordered by Gaston County Parcel Identification Number 192109 be closed, approximately 230 feet or 0.04 miles, as reflected on a map attached as Exhibit "A." It is also resolved that any interest Gaston County may have had in the subject area be extinguished; and for ownership of the right-of-way to revert to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.



Chairman Brown announced that the Public Hearings had concluded.

### Agenda Revision/Approval

- Added/ Commissioners Brown & Fraley – *Tourism Development* – To Approve the Release of Tourism Strategic Reserve Funds Into the Tourism Advertising Account to Host FY2025 American Legion Junior and Senior State Baseball Tournaments (\$30,000) V., AG.
- Revised/ Commissioners Fraley, Hovis & Shehan – *Building and Development Services* – Resolution to Dissolve the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment and Establish a Unified Planning and Zoning Board, to be Effective July 1, 2025 - VI., B.
- Deleted/ Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) – Personnel Matters

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved the Agenda of June 24, 2025 with changes as noted above.

### Consent Agenda

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

**2025-200 Commissioner Brown - BOC - To Revise the Gaston County Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting Schedule for July 2025 to Reschedule the July**



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**8th Work Session to Precede the July 22nd Regular Meeting - 6:00 P.M. as follows:**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with N.C.G.S §143-318.12(a), hereby revises the 2025 BOC Meeting Schedule to RESCHEDULE the July 8th Work Session to precede the July 22nd Regular Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

- 2025-201 Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Commendation - Governor's Volunteer Service Award** Recipients: Latonya Blakeney, Alvin Ellison, Megan Kieffer, Lindsay Stowe and Andrew Taylor  
*\* Recipients were recognized during the preceding Work Session.*

- 2025-202 Commissioner Brown - Building and Development Services - To Support the Creation of the South Fork Passage State Trail and Its Inclusion in the North Carolina State Parks System Award** as follows:

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2025, Senate Bill 329 was filed with the North Carolina General Assembly to authorize the creation of the South Fork Passage State Trail and add it to the State Parks System; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina's State Trails program offers abundant opportunities to experience some of the state's most magnificent landscapes; and,

WHEREAS, the South Fork Corridor, which runs from Catawba County through Lincoln County to Gaston County, uniquely ties our communities together; and,

WHEREAS, the South Fork of the Catawba River flows through Gaston County and is recognized for its significant historical, ecological, and recreational value, including its role in regional industrial history and proximity to landmarks such as Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, Goat Island Park, and George Poston Park; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed South Fork Passage State Trail would span approximately 60 miles of interconnected paddle, hiking, and biking trails, including sections already established within Gaston County; and,

WHEREAS, the creation of the South Fork Passage State Trail would improve the quality of life for current residents and attract new economic opportunities to our community; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed trail project aligns with ongoing efforts in Gaston County to expand and improve outdoor recreation options for residents and visitors and supports the broader goals of the Carolina Thread Trail and local park initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners supports the creation and inclusion of the South Fork Passage State Trail in the North Carolina State Parks System, as it is intended to provide better connectivity and outdoor recreation opportunities for Gaston County residents and visitors.

- 2025-203 Commissioner Keigher - Cooperative Extension - To Accept, Appropriate and Carry Forward Donated Funds for \$8,815 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Donations Expense - Clients	1000-CES-000-00000-Donatn-0000000-0000-07-520019-	8,815
Donations & Gifts	1000-CES-000-00000-000000-00000000-0000-07-445004-	(8,815)

- 2025-204 Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information** as follows:

ENTRY DATE	DEPT NAME	ACCOUNT	DR/CR	AMOUNT
05/01/2025	Information Technology	1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520007-	C	200
05/01/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-HESummt-0000-05-530010-L0014	C	200

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05/01/2025	Information Technology	1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530021-	D	200
05/01/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-HESummt-0000-05-520002-L0014	D	200
05/02/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-HESummt-0000-05-530010-L0014	C	200
05/02/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-191-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520006-	C	17,000
05/02/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-HESummt-0000-05-520002-L0014	D	100
05/02/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-HESummt-0000-05-520015-L0014	D	100
05/02/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-191-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530029-	D	4,000
05/02/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-191-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520020-	D	6,000
05/02/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-191-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530023-	D	7,000
05/05/2025	Police Dept.	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530053-G0045	C	7,320
05/05/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-191-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520014-	C	100
05/05/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-Year002-0000-05-520020-G0109	C	50
05/05/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-HESummt-0000-05-530010-L0014	C	100
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOYuth-0000-05-510104-	C	100
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOYuth-0000-05-510105-	C	100
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOAdlt-0000-05-510003-	C	237
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIODWkr-0000-05-510003-	C	237
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOYuth-0000-05-510003-	C	267
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOYuth-0000-05-510102-	C	1,200
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOYuth-0000-05-510100-	C	2,000
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOYuth-0000-05-510101-	C	3,800
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtNut-0000000-0000-05-530029-	C	4,000
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOYuth-0000-05-510103-	C	6,000
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOYuth-0000-05-510001-	C	23,000
05/05/2025	Emerg Mgt & Fire Services	1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520020-	C	2,240
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-271-00000-VstCtr-0000000-0000-05-530053-G0132	C	1,314
05/05/2025	Police Dept.	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520011-G0045	D	7,320
05/05/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-191-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520013-	D	100
05/05/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-Year002-0000-05-520013-G0109	D	50
05/05/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-HESummt-0000-05-520002-L0014	D	100
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOAdlt-0000-05-510104-	D	100
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIODWkr-0000-05-510104-	D	100
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIODWkr-0000-05-510100-	D	300
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIODWkr-0000-05-510102-	D	500
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-0000000-0000-05-510003-	D	688
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOAdlt-0000-05-510100-	D	750
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOAdlt-0000-05-510102-	D	750
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIODWkr-0000-05-510101-	D	1,000
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOAdlt-0000-05-510101-	D	2,500
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIODWkr-0000-05-510103-	D	3,153
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtNut-0000000-0000-05-530020-	D	4,000
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOAdlt-0000-05-510103-	D	5,100
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIODWkr-0000-05-510001-	D	8,000
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-270-00000-WIOA00-WIOAdlt-0000-05-510001-	D	14,000
05/05/2025	Emerg Mgt & Fire Services	1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530020-	D	2,240
05/05/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-271-00000-VstCtr-0000000-0000-05-530002-G0132	D	1,314
05/06/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-190-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520011-	C	500
05/06/2025	Solid Waste	6000-SWS-380-00000-000000-0000000-0000-08-530030-	C	25,000
05/06/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-190-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530023-	D	100
05/06/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-190-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520007-	D	400
05/06/2025	Solid Waste	6000-SWS-380-00000-000000-0000000-0000-08-530010-	D	25,000

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05/07/2025	Police Dept.	1000-GPD-201-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530023-	C	10,893
05/07/2025	Library	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-04-520020-G0119	C	17,875
05/07/2025	GEMS	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520001-	C	1,000
05/07/2025	GEMS	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520020-	C	1,750
05/07/2025	GEMS	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520015-	C	3,000
05/07/2025	GEMS	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520011-	C	6,000
05/07/2025	Police Dept.	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530023-	D	10,893
05/07/2025	Library	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-04-530015-G0119	D	6,000
05/07/2025	Library	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-04-530029-G0119	D	11,875
05/07/2025	GEMS	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-02-520004-	D	11,750
05/09/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-Year002-0000-05-520013-G0109	C	50
05/09/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-HESummt-0000-05-530010-L0014	C	495
05/09/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-Year002-0000-05-520020-G0109	C	1,430
05/09/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-Year002-0000-05-530015-G0109	C	1,800
05/09/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-Year002-0000-05-530010-G0109	C	4,882
05/09/2025	Health	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530010-18130	C	2,000
05/09/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-HESummt-0000-05-520015-L0014	D	495
05/09/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-Year002-0000-05-520005-G0109	D	600
05/09/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-Year002-0000-05-520002-G0109	D	7,562
05/09/2025	Health	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-520002-18130	D	2,000
05/12/2025	Emerg Mgt & Fire Services	1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520005-G0111	C	749
05/12/2025	Emerg Mgt & Fire Services	1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-520001-G0111	D	749
05/13/2025	Emerg Mgt & Fire Services	4005-EMG-000-00000-Annual-PayAsGo-0000-02-540002-	C	38,165
05/13/2025	Emerg Mgt & Fire Services	4005-EMG-000-00000-Annual-PayAsGo-0000-02-540003-	D	38,165
05/15/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdltDC-0000000-0000-05-520002-	C	1,500
05/15/2025	Solid Waste	6000-SWS-380-00000-000000-0000000-0000-08-540012-	C	15,000
05/15/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdltDC-0000000-0000-05-530005-	D	1,500
05/15/2025	Solid Waste	6000-SWS-380-00000-000000-0000000-0000-08-530052-	D	15,000
05/20/2025	Finance	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520012-AR003	C	26
05/20/2025	Finance	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520011-AR003	C	30
05/20/2025	Finance	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-510104-AR003	C	176
05/20/2025	Finance	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-510105-AR003	C	200
05/20/2025	Finance	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520020-AR003	C	206
05/20/2025	Finance	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520013-AR003	C	366
05/20/2025	Finance	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530002-AR003	C	379
05/20/2025	Finance	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-510106-AR003	C	443
05/20/2025	Finance	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520010-AR003	C	625
05/20/2025	Finance	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530024-AR003	C	1,167
05/20/2025	Finance	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520015-AR003	C	3,198
05/20/2025	Finance	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-510100-AR003	C	3,354
05/20/2025	Finance	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-510102-AR003	C	3,409
05/20/2025	Finance	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-510103-AR003	C	6,646
05/20/2025	Finance	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-510101-AR003	C	6,707
05/20/2025	Finance	1000-FIN-140-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-510001-AR003	C	41,060
05/20/2025	Emerg Mgt & Fire Services	4005-EMG-000-00000-Annual-PayAsGo-0000-02-540002-	C	1,500
05/20/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520012-AR003	D	26
05/20/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520011-AR003	D	30
05/20/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-510104-AR003	D	176
05/20/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-510105-AR003	D	200
05/20/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520020-AR003	D	206

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05/20/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520013-AR003	D	366
05/20/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530002-AR003	D	379
05/20/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-510106-AR003	D	443
05/20/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520010-AR003	D	625
05/20/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530024-AR003	D	1,167
05/20/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-520015-AR003	D	3,198
05/20/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-510100-AR003	D	3,354
05/20/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-510102-AR003	D	3,409
05/20/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-510103-AR003	D	6,646
05/20/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-510101-AR003	D	6,707
05/20/2025	Grants	1000-GRT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-510001-AR003	D	41,060
05/20/2025	Emerg Mgt & Fire Services	4005-EMG-000-00000-Annual-PayAsGo-0000-02-540003-	D	1,500
05/21/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-290-29001-000000-000000-0000-05-560001-	C	6,000
05/21/2025	Solid Waste	6000-SWS-380-00000-000000-000000-0000-08-540012-	C	450,747
05/21/2025	Health	1000-HLT-253-00000-ComDis-000000-0000-05-530002-	C	200
05/21/2025	Health	1000-HLT-253-00000-Immuni-000000-0000-05-530002-	C	1,000
05/21/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-000000-0000-05-510100-AG026	C	13
05/21/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-290-29001-000000-000000-0000-05-530052-	D	6,000
05/21/2025	Solid Waste	6000-SWS-380-00000-000000-000000-0000-08-540003-	D	450,747
05/21/2025	Health	1000-HLT-253-00000-FamPln-000000-0000-05-530002-	D	1,200
05/21/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-000000-0000-05-510001-AG026	D	13
05/22/2025	Police Dept.	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530053-G0045	C	8,000
05/22/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-Year002-0000-05-520002-G0109	C	4,000
05/22/2025	Tourism	2005-TRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-520013-	C	600
05/22/2025	Police Dept.	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520020-G0045	D	8,000
05/22/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-Year002-0000-05-520015-G0109	D	4,000
05/22/2025	Tourism	2005-TRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-07-530002-	D	600
05/23/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-410000-G0109	C	25,896
05/23/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-291-29102-Donatn-000000-0000-05-530015-	C	18
05/23/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-291-29102-Donatn-000000-0000-05-520007-	C	31
05/23/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-291-00000-Hope4H-000000-0000-05-520007-	C	483
05/23/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-291-29103-Donatn-000000-0000-05-530010-	C	1,750
05/23/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-291-29103-KaraCI-000000-0000-05-520007-	C	2,891
05/23/2025	Library	4005-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-540006-P2502	C	51,475
05/23/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-Year002-0000-05-410000-G0109	D	25,896
05/23/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-291-29102-Donatn-000000-0000-05-520019-	D	49
05/23/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-291-00000-Hope4H-000000-0000-05-520019-	D	483
05/23/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-291-29103-Donatn-000000-0000-05-520019-	D	1,750
05/23/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-291-29103-KaraCI-000000-0000-05-520019-	D	2,891
05/23/2025	Library	4005-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-540002-G0119	D	51,475
05/27/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530023-18084	C	110
05/27/2025	Public Works	1000-PWK-192-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530030-	D	110
05/28/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-000000-0000-05-530013-	C	5,000
05/28/2025	Solid Waste	6000-SWS-380-00000-000000-000000-0000-08-540012-	C	150
05/28/2025	Community Services	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-000000-0000-05-520015-	D	5,000
05/28/2025	Solid Waste	6000-SWS-380-00000-000000-000000-0000-08-530052-	D	150
05/29/2025	GEMS	4005-EMS-000-00000-Annual-PayAsGo-0000-02-540002-P2501	C	56,991
05/29/2025	GEMS	4005-EMS-000-00000-Annual-PayAsGo-0000-02-540006-	D	56,991
05/30/2025	Solid Waste	6000-SWS-380-00000-000000-000000-0000-08-530015-	C	40,000
05/30/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-HESummt-0000-05-520002-L0014	C	265
05/30/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-HESummt-0000-05-520013-L0014	C	400

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05/30/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-HESummt-0000-05-520015-L0014	C	2,540
05/30/2025	Solid Waste	6000-SWS-380-00000-000000-0000000-0000-08-530000-	D	10,000
05/30/2025	Solid Waste	6000-SWS-380-00000-000000-0000000-0000-08-530013-	D	30,000
05/30/2025	Health	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-HESummt-0000-05-530027-L0014	D	3,205

**2025-205 Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Accept and Appropriate Donation Received from CaroMont Health (\$10,000) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Donations & Gifts	1000-HLT-255-00000-000000-CaroMnt-0000-05-445004-	(10,000)
Program Supplies	1000-HLT-255-00000-000000-CaroMnt-0000-05-520002-	1,500
Food and Provisions	1000-HLT-255-00000-000000-CaroMnt-0000-05-520005-	2,550
Employee Training	1000-HLT-255-00000-000000-CaroMnt-0000-05-520011-	5,250
Software Rental	1000-HLT-255-00000-000000-CaroMnt-0000-05-530029-	700

**2025-206 Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Implement Changes to the Child Fatality Prevention Local Team per Session Law 2023-134, Effective July 1, 2025**

**2025-207 Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Amend Budgets for NCDHHS Disaster Rental Assistance Grant Funds Accepted and Appropriated in Resolution 2025-010 (\$14,446 Reduction) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
State Grant Rev-Disaster Rental	1000-DSS-270-00000-DtrRnt-PAPayts-0000-05-410001-G0139	14,446.00
Disaster Rental Asst: Public Assistance Payments	1000-DSS-270-00000-DtrRnt-PAPayts-0000-05-560008-G0139	(14,446.00)

**2025-208 Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Authorize Proposal Awards for Temporary Staffing Services, and In-Home Aide Services**

**2025-209 Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Donations Received in April and May 2025 Totaling \$2,916.80 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Donations: Adult Nutrition Program	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtNut-HmDelMI-0000-05-445004-	(293.73)
Donations: Adult Nutrition	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdtNut-0000000-0000-05-520019-15259	293.73
Donations: Adult DayCare	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdltDC-0000000-0000-05-445004-	(505.06)
Donations: Adult DayCare	1000-CSS-272-00000-AdltDC-0000000-0000-05-520019-	505.06
Donations:Adult Services	1000-DSS-272-00000-AdtSvc-0000000-0000-05-445004-	(500.00)
Donations:Adult Services Donations	1000-DSS-272-00000-Adtsvc-0000000-0000-05-520019-	500.00
Donations & Gifts - Shelter	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-0000000-0000-05-445004-	(1,618.01)
Donations: Shelter	1000-CSS-291-29102-Donatn-0000000-0000-05-520019-	1,618.01

**2025-210 Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Authorize an Application to the NC Department of Commerce One NC Grant Program on Behalf of Project DOVE as follows:**

WHEREAS, Project DOVE is considering a total investment of \$80,000,000 to establish a manufacturing facility in Gaston County; Project DOVE plans to invest over \$12 million to customize and upfit an existing building in Belmont and purchase over \$68 million in machinery and equipment. Project DOVE anticipates creating 386 new jobs with an average annual salary exceeding \$60,211 per year in Gaston County which is above the County average wage; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners finds that it is in the best interests of the County to assist Project DOVE in completing a NCDOT One NC Grant Application. Shall any local match be required, the Local Investment Grant will be used as the match and no additional funds will be obligated by the County; and,

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Economic Development Commission to execute any documents necessary to complete this NCDOT One NC Grant Application.

**2025-211 Commissioner Brown - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Approve Adoption of Revised Cleveland Gaston Lincoln County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan as follows:**

WHEREAS, the citizens and property within Gaston County are subject to the effects of natural hazards that pose threats to lives and cause damage to property, and with the knowledge and experience that certain areas of the county are particularly vulnerable to drought, extreme heat, hailstorm, hurricane and tropical storm, lightning, thunderstorm wind/high wind, tornado, winter storm and freeze, flood, hazardous material incident, and wildfire; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County desires to seek ways to mitigate the impact of identified hazard risks; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Article 5, Section 160D-501 of Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes, delegated to local governmental units the responsibility to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has enacted General Statute Section 166A-19.41 (*State emergency assistance funds*) which provides that for a state of emergency declared pursuant to G.S. 166A-19.20(a) after the deadline established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2002, P.L. 106-390, the eligible entity shall have a hazard mitigation plan approved pursuant to the Stafford Act; and,

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 states that local governments must develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and other disaster-related assistance funding and that said Plan must be updated and adopted within a five-year cycle; and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County has performed a comprehensive review and evaluation of each section of the previously approved Hazard Mitigation Plan and has updated the said plan as required under regulations at 44 CFR Part 201 and according to guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners of Gaston County to fulfill this obligation in order that the County will be eligible for federal and state assistance in the event that a state of disaster is declared for a hazard event affecting the County.

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

1. Adopts the Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
2. Vests Gaston County Emergency Management and Fire Services with the responsibility, authority, and the means to:
  - (a) Inform all concerned parties of this action.
  - (b) Cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map and identify floodplain areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with



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respect to management of adjoining floodplain areas in order to prevent exacerbation of existing hazard impacts.

3. Appoints Gaston County Emergency Management and Fire Services to assure that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is reviewed annually and every five years as specified in the Plan to assure that the Plan is in compliance with all State and Federal regulations and that any needed revisions or amendments to the Plan are developed and presented to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners for consideration.

4. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

## 2025-212 Commissioner Brown - Financial and Management Services - To Approve the Carry Forward of an Estimated \$5,739,946.17 from FY 2025 into FY 2026 as follows:

FY2025 - FY2026 Carry Forwards

Amounts are estimates based on a 6/13/25 Munis report.

Type	Amount Type	Account Number	Munis Account Desc	Justification	Amount
Other - Donation	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-000-00000-Donatns-000000-0000-07-520019-	Donations Expense - Clients	Donations needed for programs in future years	\$ -
Other - Donation	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-272-00000-ADLTDC-000000-0000-05-520019-	Donations	Donations needed for programs in future years	\$ 2,893.56
Other - Donation	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-272-00000-ADLTDC-000000-0000-05-520019-15259	Donations	Donations needed for programs in future years	\$ 40,108.48
Other - Donation	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-291-00000-Donatns-000000-0000-05-520019-	Donations Expense	Dollars needed to provide for survivors in the community	\$ 56,183.84
Other - Donation	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-291-00000-Tenrptg-000000-0000-05-520019-	Donations Expense	Dollars needed to begin contract processes for fundraising event	\$ 50,000.00
Other - Donation	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-000000-0000-05-540005-08321	Shelter Building Fund	Donations needed for programs in future years	\$ 2,346.89
Other - Donation	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-291-29102-Donatns-000000-0000-05-520019-	Donations Expense	Donations needed for programs in future years	\$ 319,491.19
Other - Donation	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-291-29103-Donatns-000000-0000-05-520019-	Donations Expense	Donations needed for programs in future years	\$ 20,263.12
Other - Donation	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-291-29103-KaracA-000000-0000-05-520019-	Donations Expense - Clients	Donations needed for programs in future years	\$ 5,103.12
Other - Donation	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-292-00000-SRGHFE-000000-0000-04-520002-	Program Supplies	Remaining Funds that have been fundraised and appropriated by the board.	\$ 22,137.68
Other - Donation	Entire Balance	1000-DSS-271-00000-Adoptn-000000-0000-05-520019-19072	Donations: Adoption	Donations needed for programs in future years	\$ 857.19
Other - Donation	Entire Balance	1000-DSS-271-00000-FostCt-Lnkx01-0000-05-520019-13263	Donations: Links	Donations needed for programs in future years	\$ -
Other - Donation	Entire Balance	1000-DSS-272-00000-Active-000000-0000-05-520019-	Donations	Donations needed for programs in future years	\$ 14,185.25
Other - Donation	Entire Balance	1000-GPD-200-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520019-	Donations Expense	Donations needed for programs in future years	\$ 19,495.85
Other - Donation	Entire Balance	1000-GPD-200-00000-Hvccar-000000-0000-02-520015-	Medical Care	Donations needed for programs in future years	\$ 10,392.71
Other - Excess Fees	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520002-15252	Prog Sup: Carolina Access Exce	Medicaid Excess Fee Revenues required by State to be carried forward	\$ 49,823.05
Other - Excess Fees	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520007-15252	Hsc: Supp/Exp: Excess GA Fees	Medicaid Excess Fee Revenues required by State to be carried forward	\$ 7,714.85
Other - Excess Fees	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-250-00000-CHENLA-000000-0000-05-520002-20053	ProgSup: FY23 Excess Nutr Fees	Excess Fee Revenue required by the State to be carried forward	\$ 8,597.35
Other - Excess Fees	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-250-00000-CHENLA-000000-0000-05-520007-20053	Hsc: Supp/Exp: Excess GA Fees	Excess Fee Revenue required by the State to be carried forward	\$ 2,000.00
Other - Excess Fees	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-250-00000-CHENLA-000000-0000-05-520012-20053	EE Train FY23 Excess Nutr Fee	Excess Fee Revenue required by the State to be carried forward	\$ 9.90
Other - Excess Fees	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-253-00000-FamPa-000000-0000-05-520002-17255	Prog Sup: Excess Fee Revenue	Excess Fee Revenue required by the State to be carried forward	\$ 152,900.56
Other - Excess Fees	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-253-00000-FamPa-000000-0000-05-520005-17255	Food and Prov FY23ExcessGYFF	Excess Fee Revenue required by the State to be carried forward	\$ 2,335.54
Other - Excess Fees	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-253-00000-FamPa-000000-0000-05-520007-17255	Hsc: Supp/Exp: Excess GYFF Fees	Excess Fee Revenue required by the State to be carried forward	\$ 10,000.00
Other - Excess Fees	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-253-00000-FamPa-000000-0000-05-520009-17255	Furn/Equip-SSK FY23 Excess GY	Excess Fee Revenue required by the State to be carried forward	\$ 28,324.00
Other - Excess Fees	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-253-00000-STDHW-000000-0000-05-520002-14236	Prog Sup: STD/IB/CD Excess Fee	Excess Fee Revenue required by the State to be carried forward	\$ 83,622.42
Other - Excess Fees	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-253-00000-STDHW-000000-0000-05-520005-14236	Fund: STD/IB/CD Excess Fees	Excess Fee Revenue required by the State to be carried forward	\$ 23,317.88
Other - Excess Fees	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-253-00000-STDHW-000000-0000-05-520007-14236	Hsc: Supp/Exp: Excess Fees STD/IB	Excess Fee Revenue required by the State to be carried forward	\$ 5,000.00
Other - Operating	Encumbrance	1000-R05-232-00000-DEBRIS-000000-0000-07-530015-	Prof Svc/Debit/Trash Removal	Remaining fees budgeted for code case abatement.	\$ 89,234.85
Other - Operating	Encumbrance	1000-EHS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520020-	Furn/Equip-SSK	May not arrive before 6/30/2025	\$ 56,444.64
Other - Operating	Encumbrance	1000-EHS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530003-	Other/Communications	May not arrive before 6/30/2025	\$ 1,142.50
Other - Operating	Encumbrance	1000-EHS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530010-	Professional Services	Pending Invoice	\$ 66,000.00
Other - Operating	Encumbrance	1000-EHS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530015-	Other Services	Pending Invoice	\$ 64,250.76
Other - Operating	Encumbrance	1000-EHS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530023-	Repairs and Maint.	Work may not be finished before 6/30/2025	\$ 42,149.95
Other - Operating	Encumbrance	1000-EHS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530052-	Vehicle Prep	May not arrive before 6/30/2025	\$ 11,851.28
Other - Operating	Encumbrance	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520007-	Miscellaneous Supplies/Expense	Items will not be delivered in time.	\$ 50,796.00
Other - Operating	Encumbrance	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-520026-	Software Rental	Services will not be completed in time.	\$ 13,941.34
Other - Operating	Encumbrance	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-530002-530052	Vehicle Prep	Items will not be delivered in time.	\$ 5,532.00
Other - Operating	Encumbrance	1000-LIB-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520020-	Furn/Equip-SSK	Panels may not be installed by June 30, 2025	\$ 5,762.66
Other - Operating	Encumbrance	1000-LIB-350-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-520020-	Furn/Equip-SSK	Panels may not be installed by June 30, 2025	\$ 5,762.66

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Type	Amount Type	Account Number	Munis Account Desc	Justification	Amount
Other - Operating	Encumbrance	1000-PBK-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-04-530023-	Repairs and Maint.	We will need to add funds to the contract due to us still having an extensive amount of damage at our parks that need clean-up from Hurricane Helene.	\$ 146,100.00
Other - Operating	Encumbrance	1000-PBK-360-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530023-	Repairs and Maint.	We will need to add funds to the contract due to us still having an extensive amount of damage at our parks that need clean-up from Hurricane Helene.	\$ 54,155.00
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-B0C-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530010-22049	Prof Svc: Piedmont Lithium	Due Diligence account for Piedmont Lithium Mining	\$ 104,146.68
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-272-00000-ADNus-MealsWh-0000-05-520002-L0002	Prog Supplies: Mobile Food Pan	Multi-year grant	\$ 2,000.00
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-272-00000-ADNus-MealsWh-0000-05-520005-L0002	Food & Prov: Mobile Food Pantr	Multi-year grant	\$ 5,000.00
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-272-00000-ADNus-MealsWh-0000-05-520014-L0002	Advertising: Mobile Food Pantr	Multi-year grant	\$ 500.00
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-272-00000-ADNus-MealsWh-0000-05-520020-21585	Furn/Equip-SSK: HOWNC/SECU Gmt	Multi-year grant	\$ 1,443.21
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-272-00000-ADNus-MealsWh-0000-05-530002-21602	Phone Service	Multi-year grant	\$ 10,975.98
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-000000-0000-05-520002-L0004	Prog Supp: CACNC: FY21 Duke En	Local grant	\$ 12,416.45
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-000000-0000-05-520002-L0006	ProgSupp: CACNC: FY22 Duke Endo	Local grant	\$ 7,600.00
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-000000-0000-05-520005-L0004	Food/Prov: CACNC: FY21DukeEndow	Local grant	\$ 2,217.87
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-000000-0000-05-520007-L0004	Hsc: Supp/Exp: CACNC: FY21Duke	Local grant	\$ 3,842.91
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-000000-0000-05-520011-L0004	Empl Train: CACNC: FY21 Duke E	Local grant	\$ 10,000.00
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-000000-0000-05-520020-L0004	F/E-SSK: CACNC: FY21 Duke Endo	Local grant	\$ 15,000.00
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-000000-0000-05-520020-L0006	F/E-SSK: CACNC: FY22 Duke Endow	Local grant	\$ 6,000.00
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-CSS-291-29103-000000-000000-0000-05-530010-L0004	ProfSvc: CACNC: FY21 Duke End	Local grant	\$ 4,643.85
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520020-	Furn/Equip-SSK	PO for Child Welfare: Pads	\$ 323,582.84
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-DSS-000-00000-Fleet1-000000-0000-05-530052-	Vehicle Prep	The vehicles that go with these accounts are not yet completed and issued out	\$ 6,097.30
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-GPD-000-00000-Fleet1-000000-0000-02-530052-	Vehicle Prep	FY25 vehicle purchases not yet completed	\$ 121,556.79
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520002-18130	Program Supp: FY23 CarolFont CHA	Ongoing Community Health Assessment funds required to be carried forward for use	\$ 2,000.00
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520005-18130	Food/Prov: FY21 CarolFont CHA	Ongoing Community Health Assessment funds required to be carried forward for use	\$ 3,057.81
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520005-19565	Food: NCPHA HR Dept Award	Ongoing Grant/Award Funds required to be carried forward	\$ 691.72
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520011-18130	EmplTrn: FY23 CarolFont CHA	Ongoing Community Health Assessment funds required to be carried forward for use	\$ 845.40
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520002-15277	F/E-SSK: HER Incentives 44	Medicaid Incentives required to be carried forward for use	\$ 206,495.91
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-000-00000-MedMax-000000-0000-05-530005-220C23	Juvenile Services	Ongoing Medicaid Cost Settlement funds required to be carried forward	\$ 0.71
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-000-00000-MedMax-000000-0000-05-530010-21003	Professional Services	Ongoing Medicaid Cost Settlement funds required to be carried forward	\$ 779,900.23
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-000-00000-MedMax-000000-0000-05-530010-220C23	Professional Services	Ongoing Medicaid Cost Settlement funds required to be carried forward	\$ 386,680.80
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-000-00000-MedMax-000000-0000-05-560009-22011	Hudson Roof Replacement	Ongoing Medicaid Cost Settlement funds required to be carried forward - will trf to capital fund when additional funds are appropriated	\$ 1,025,000.00
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520002-36285	ProgSup: FY23 NFP-RSE	Ongoing State Grant Funds required to be carried forward	\$ 90.82
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-520005-12083	Prog Svc: CDC-YR Survey	Ongoing APHNC-CDC Grant required to be carried forward for use	\$ 3,493.90
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-250-00000-Tenrptg-000000-0000-05-520002-36241	Program Supp: SHFTNG Funds	Ongoing SHFTNG Grant	\$ 336.22
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-250-00000-Tenrptg-000000-0000-05-520005-36241	Food: SHFTNG Funds	Ongoing SHFTNG Grant	\$ 710.00

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Type	Amount Type	Account Number	Munis Account Desc	Justification	Amount
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-250-00000-TecrPhy-00000000-0000-05-530002-36241	Phone Svc: SHFT NC Funds	Ongoing SHFT Grant	\$ 334.05
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-250-00000-TecrPhy-00000000-0000-05-530015-36241	Other Services- SHFT NC Funds	Ongoing SHFT Grant	\$ 1,579.76
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-252-00000-000000-00000000-0000-05-530015-38347	Prof Svc Env Hlt Excess Fees	Excess Fee Revenue required by the State to be carried forward	\$ 324,235.38
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-253-00000-000000-00000000-0000-05-520005-11241	Food: Quality Improv Course	Ongoing Grant Funds required to be carried forward	\$ 1,124.34
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-253-00000-000000-00000000-0000-05-520005-15233	Food: GSK Recog Award	Ongoing Grant Funds required to be carried forward	\$ 2,741.31
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-253-00000-000000-00000000-0000-05-520005-15239	Food: CHS Preceptor Project	Ongoing Grant Funds required to be carried forward	\$ 16,124.21
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-253-00000-000000-00000000-0000-05-520010-15239	Fam/Equip: GSK CHS Preceptor	Ongoing Grant Funds required to be carried forward	\$ 986.04
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-253-00000-FamPin-00000000-0000-05-520011-21025	Training: Upstream FP	Ongoing State Grant Funds required to be carried forward	\$ 36,000.00
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-MGR-000-00000-000000-00000000-0000-01-530010-	Professional Services	Polymorphic contract	\$ 65,000.00
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-PWK-192-00000-000000-00000000-0000-01-530023-38084	Various Repairs	For ongoing maintenance and repairs	\$ 121,813.85
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-SHF-000-00000-Fleet1-00000000-0000-02-530052-	Vehicle Prep	FY25 vehicle purchases not yet completed	\$ 104,933.59
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-00000000-0000-02-530043-4FPD	Asset Forfeitures	Special Revenue Fund	\$ 94,421.54
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-00000000-0000-02-530043-4FPD	Asset Forfeitures	Special Revenue Fund	\$ 211,164.87
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-00000000-0000-02-530046-	Drug Lab Supplies	Special Revenue Fund	\$ 269.48
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	2025-GPD-000-00000-000000-00000000-0000-02-530045-CSTPD	Controlled Substance Tax	Special Revenue Fund	\$ 53,685.92
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-BOS-230-00000-Fleet1-00000000-0000-02-530052-	Vehicle Prep	FY25 vehicle purchases not yet completed	\$ 5,538.40
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-BOS-232-00000-Fleet1-00000000-0000-07-530053-	Vehicle Prep	FY25 vehicle purchases not yet completed	\$ 170.00
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-EHS-000-00000-Fleet1-00000000-0000-02-530052-	Vehicle Prep	FY25 vehicle purchases not yet completed	\$ 69,173.43
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-GPD-200-00000-Fleet1-00000000-0000-02-530052-	Vehicle Prep	FY25 vehicle purchases not yet completed	\$ 10,809.23
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-GPD-201-00000-Fleet1-00000000-0000-02-530052-	Vehicle Prep	FY25 vehicle purchases not yet completed	\$ 548.77
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-HLT-252-00000-Fleet1-00000000-0000-06-530052-	Vehicle Prep	FY25 vehicle purchases not yet completed	\$ 2,941.41
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-NAT-000-00000-Fleet1-00000000-0000-07-530052-	Vehicle Prep	FY25 vehicle purchases not yet completed	\$ 846.60
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-PWK-000-00000-Fleet1-00000000-0000-01-530052-	Vehicle Prep	FY25 vehicle purchases not yet completed	\$ 1,224.64
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-PWK-360-00000-Fleet1-00000000-0000-01-530052-	Vehicle Prep	FY25 vehicle purchases not yet completed	\$ 6,043.57
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-PWK-000-00000-Fleet1-00000000-0000-01-530052-	Vehicle Prep	FY25 vehicle purchases not yet completed	\$ 44.66
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-PWK-191-00000-Fleet1-00000000-0000-01-530052-	Vehicle Prep	FY25 vehicle purchases not yet completed	\$ 21.40
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	1000-PWK-192-00000-Fleet1-00000000-0000-01-530052-	Vehicle Prep	FY25 vehicle purchases not yet completed	\$ 274.38
Other - Operating	Entire Balance	2005-TRH-000-00000-Fleet1-00000000-0000-07-530052-	Vehicle Prep	FY25 vehicle purchases not yet completed	\$ 22.33
Grand Total					\$ 5,759,946.17

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Approved to carry forward by FY 2026 Budget Ordinance

Type	Amount Type	Account Number	Munis Account Desc	Justification	Amount
Capital - Approved by Budget Ordinance					\$ 13,760,070.58
Grant - Approved by Budget Ordinance					\$ 5,557,624.37
Grand Total					\$ 19,317,694.95

**2025-213 Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Accept as Information the May 2025 Property Tax Refunds Less than \$100. These Tax Refunds Should Be Recorded in the Board's Minutes. (Total NCVTS Refunds - \$2,085.38) as follows:**

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT	TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
<b>MAY 2025 REFUNDS</b>			
AGUILERA MARTINEZ, JONATHAN ENRIQUE	\$ 20.89	MAPLES, CHARLES GARY	\$ 10.05
AQ6 PROPERTIES LLC	\$ 7.63	MCBRIDE, AUSTIN TODD	\$ 32.84
BECKER, TYREE STAVAN	\$ 39.14	MCKOY, BRANDON KEITH	\$ 89.09
BENSON, JUDY B	\$ 21.04	NELLI, GRETCHEN RITA	\$ 50.67
BOSZA, PAULA ANN	\$ 20.82	NORRIS, DAVID ALLEN	\$ 83.45
BRENES, CARLOS ALBERTO	\$ 14.15	PARTLOW, TONY LAMAR	\$ 66.53
CARNES, JAMES WESLEY JR	\$ 25.03	PAWLIKOWSKI, BARBARA JEAN	\$ 20.57
CARPENTER, JOHN CARROLL	\$ 61.03	PILTZECKER, MELANIE LYNNE	\$ 51.93
COLEMAN, JAMES SCOTT	\$ 12.54	POWELL, JOHNATHAN EUGENE	\$ 4.62
COLON, MARZETTE ELIZABETH	\$ 60.75	QUEEN, RICHARD STEVEN	\$ 27.17
ELLIS, SHAD EVERETTE	\$ 47.94	RODRIGUEZ, WENDY ALEXANDRA	\$ 67.35
FARNSWORTH, JENNIFER BOYLES	\$ 73.97	RUMNEY, CHADWICK VAUGHN	\$ 83.67
FLOWE, KECHA LOWERY	\$ 54.40	SHERMAN, SHAWN LEE	\$ 96.30
FOWLER, JAMES CHRISTOPHER JR	\$ 2.27	SICELOFF, DAVID MARVIN	\$ 55.19
GLADD, RAYMOND EDWARD	\$ 24.61	SIMS, REBECKAH SAMANTHA	\$ 25.61
GUNNELLS, JUDY POOLE	\$ 5.88	STONE, ASHLY RENEE	\$ 42.69
HAAS, MARK DOUGLAS	\$ 33.16	TALLENT, TRACY WARREN	\$ 24.14
HALL, RODRICUS EUGENE	\$ 99.44	TON, YEN THI	\$ 48.33
HAMRICK, DANIEL JOHN	\$ 45.33	WASHINGTON, DEANDRA CAMM	\$ 70.36
HERNANDEZ, ARGELIA	\$ 19.10	WASHINGTON, DEANDRA CAMM	\$ 44.36
HMELJAK, SONYA-ATHENA SUSAN DIANE	\$ 16.98	WEBB, DANIELLE RENEE	\$ 6.91
HMELJAK, SONYA-ATHENA SUSAN DIANE	\$ 19.67	WHITE, JAMES FRANKLIN JR	\$ 14.98
HOLT, HEATHER CRAWLEY	\$ 36.40	WILLIAMS, KIMBERLY CAUTHEN	\$ 87.41
HOYLE, NATASHA JEANATTA	\$ 34.47	WILSON, DANNY LEE	\$ 47.11
HUTCHINS, MARTIN SCOTT	\$ 7.93	WRIGHT, THOMAS LEE	\$ 42.91
JARRETT, JON MICHAEL	\$ 16.56	WRIGHT, THOMAS LEE	\$ 31.59
JOHNSON, VIRGIL LESTER	\$ 38.42		
			<b>TOTAL \$ 2,085.38</b>

**2025-214 Commissioner Hovis - To Appropriate Fund Balance from the General Fund for the Self Insurance Fund (\$3,000,000) for FY2025 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	1000-NDP-000-00000-FBapro-00000000-0000-99-490000-	(3,000,000.00)
Transfer to Self Insurance Fund	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-00000000-0000-98-588000-	3,000,000.00
Transfer from General Fund	8000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-00000000-0000-98-481000-	(3,000,000.00)
Admin Fees	8000-000-000-00000-Health-ActEmpl-0000-01-510202-	352,226.00
Claims	8000-000-000-00000-Health-ActEmpl-0000-01-510201-	586,889.00
Claims	8000-000-000-00000-Phmrcy-ActEmpl-0000-01-510201-	1,099,957.00

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Claims	8000-000-000-00000-Phmrcy-Retiree-0000-01-510201-	642,949.00
Premiums	8000-000-000-00000-Lfelns-ActEmpl-0000-01-510203-	49,301.00
Premiums	8000-000-000-00000-Lfelns-Retiree-0000-01-510203-	268,678.00

**2025-215 Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Appropriate \$2,843,549.42 for the Year-End Entries Associated with GASB 87 Lease Agreements and GASB 96 Subscription Agreements (General Fund \$2,521,241.43; Tourism Fund \$8,746.44; Property Revaluation Fund \$81,386.55; Emergency Telephone Fund \$88,430.00; Drug Forfeiture Fund \$30,000.00; Debt Service Fund \$113,745.00) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-HRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550003-	132,927.48
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-HRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550103-	9,654.91
GASB Adjustments	1000-HRM-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-5300056-	(142,582.39)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-GPD-201-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550003-	12,502.17
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-GPD-201-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550103-	796.71
GASB Adjustments	1000-GPD-201-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-5300056-	(13,298.88)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550003-	10,001.71
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550103-	637.37
GASB Adjustments	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-5300056-	(10,639.08)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550003-	41,006.89
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550103-	2,613.20
GASB Adjustments	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-5300056-	(43,620.09)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550003-	5,300.88
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550103-	337.80
GASB Adjustments	1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-5300056-	(5,638.68)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550003-	51,895.92
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550103-	3,307.12
GASB Adjustments	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-5300056-	(55,203.04)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550003-	160,972.13
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550103-	3,662.12
GASB Adjustments	1000-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-5300056-	(164,634.25)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550003-	4,104.48
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550103-	283.02
GASB Adjustments	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-5300056-	(4,387.50)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550003-	13,853.06
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550103-	1,591.01
GASB Adjustments	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-5300056-	(15,444.07)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-550003-	72,499.59
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-550103-	5,300.41
GASB Adjustments	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-5300056-	(77,800.00)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550003-	286,367.12
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550103-	20,936.16
GASB Adjustments	1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-5300056-	(307,303.28)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-550003-	68,026.39
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-550103-	4,973.38
GASB Adjustments	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-5300056-	(72,999.77)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-550003-	165,872.90
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-550103-	12,126.89
GASB Adjustments	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-5300056-	(177,999.79)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-SHF-210-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550003-	30,252.29
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-SHF-210-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550103-	1,747.71
GASB Adjustments	1000-SHF-210-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-5300056-	(32,000.00)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-550003-	11,887.70
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-550103-	687.50
GASB Adjustments	1000-HLT-250-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-5300056-	(12,575.20)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550003-	20,089.46
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550103-	518.91
GASB Adjustments	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-5300056-	(20,608.37)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550003-	12,217.31
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550103-	720.55
GASB Adjustments	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-5300056-	(12,937.86)

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Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-BOE-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550003-	14,438.46
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-BOE-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550103-	556.54
GASB Adjustments	1000-BOE-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530056-	(14,995.00)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550003-	31,987.58
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550103-	28.66
GASB Adjustments	1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530056-	(32,016.24)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-550003-	12,795.06
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-550103-	11.46
GASB Adjustments	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-530056-	(12,806.52)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-550003-	8,225.34
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-550103-	7.38
GASB Adjustments	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-530056-	(8,232.72)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550003-	9,710.40
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550103-	561.58
GASB Adjustments	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530056-	(10,271.98)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550003-	40,929.34
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550103-	2,367.06
GASB Adjustments	1000-SHF-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530056-	(43,296.40)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550003-	5,195.06
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550103-	300.45
GASB Adjustments	1000-EMG-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530056-	(5,495.51)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550003-	65,545.21
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550103-	3,790.66
GASB Adjustments	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530056-	(69,335.87)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550003-	14,061.39
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550103-	38.61
GASB Adjustments	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530056-	(14,100.00)
Capital Outlay: Subscription	1000-BDS-230-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-540018-	84,552.93
GASB Adjustments	1000-BDS-230-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530056-	(27,600.00)
Othr Financing Source: Subscriptions	1000-BDS-230-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-470004-	(84,552.93)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-BDS-230-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550003-	27,600.00
Capital Outlay: Subscription	1000-DSS-272-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-540018-	78,000.86
GASB Adjustments	1000-DSS-272-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-530056-	(15,616.00)
Othr Financing Source: Subscriptions	1000-DSS-272-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-470004-	(78,000.86)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-DSS-272-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-550003-	15,616.00
Capital Outlay: Subscription	1000-FIN-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540018-	73,451.05
GASB Adjustments	1000-FIN-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530056-	(22,400.00)
Othr Financing Source: Subscriptions	1000-FIN-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-470004-	(73,451.05)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-FIN-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550003-	22,400.00
Capital Outlay: Subscription	1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-540018-	334,790.30
GASB Adjustments	1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530056-	(114,984.46)
Othr Financing Source: Subscriptions	1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-470004-	(334,790.30)
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550003-	114,984.46
Expenditure: Subscription Financing Principal	2010-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550003-	77,338.45
Expenditure Interest: Subscriptions	2010-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550103-	4,048.10
GASB Adjustments	2010-TAX-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530056-	(81,386.55)
Financing Principal: Leases	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550002-	2,996.36
GASB Adjustments	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-530056-	(3,000.00)
Interest: Leases	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-02-550102-	3.64
Interest: Leases	1000-ROD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550102-	2,759.92
Financing Principal: Leases	1000-ROD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550002-	58,380.08
GASB Adjustments	1000-ROD-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530056-	(61,140.00)
Interest: Leases	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-000000-0000-05-550102-	1,691.86
Financing Principal: Leases	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-000000-0000-05-550002-	22,308.14
GASB Adjustments	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-000000-0000-05-530056-	(24,000.00)
Financing Principal: Leases	1000-PWK-190-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550002-	7,400.74
GASB Adjustments	1000-PWK-190-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-530056-	(7,509.12)
Interest: Leases	1000-PWK-190-00000-000000-000000-0000-01-550102-	108.38
Financing Principal: Leases	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-550002-	9,198.14
Interest: Leases	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-550102-	184.18
GASB Adjustments	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-530056-	(9,382.32)
Financing Principal: Leases	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-550002-	6,633.99
GASB Adjustments	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-530056-	(6,729.08)
Interest: Leases	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-000000-0000-05-550102-	95.09

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Interest: Leases	1000-PWK-190-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-550102-	2,645.91
Financing Principal: Leases	1000-PWK-190-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-550002-	40,038.09
GASB Adjustments	1000-PWK-190-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530056-	(42,684.00)
GASB Adjustments	1000-CSS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530056-	(35,000.00)
Interest: Leases	1000-CSS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-550102-	6,984.73
Financing Principal: Leases	1000-CSS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-550002-	28,643.77
Financing Principal: Leases	1000-CSS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-550002-	(628.50)
Interest: Leases	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-550102-	21.26
Financing Principal: Leases	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-550002-	23,165.62
GASB Adjustments	1000-HLT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530056-	(23,186.88)
Financing Principal: Leases	1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-550002-	94,192.38
GASB Adjustments	1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530056-	(94,278.84)
Interest: Leases	1000-ITS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-550102-	86.46
Financing Principal: Leases	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-550002-	49,488.06
GASB Adjustments	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-530056-	(49,533.48)
Interest: Leases	1000-DSS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-550102-	45.42
GASB Adjustments	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530056-	(4,551.12)
Financing Principal: Leases	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-550002-	3,949.84
Interest: Leases	1000-EMS-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-550102-	601.28
Interest: Leases	1000-SHF-210-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-550102-	1,529.24
Financing Principal: Leases	1000-SHF-210-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-550002-	26,470.76
GASB Adjustments	1000-SHF-210-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530056-	(28,000.00)
Financing Principal: Leases	2005-TRM-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-07-550002-	3,235.52
GASB Adjustments	2005-TRM-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-07-530056-	(7,870.56)
Interest: Leases	2005-TRM-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-07-550102-	4,635.04
Capital Outlay: Leases	2005-TRM-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-07-540011-	875.88
GASB Adjustments	2005-TRM-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-07-530056-	(875.88)
Interest: Leases	2015-GPD-201-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-550102-	1,461.93
Financing Principal: Leases	2015-GPD-201-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-550002-	86,968.07
GASB Adjustments	2015-GPD-201-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530056-	(88,430.00)
Interest: Leases	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-550102-	1,073.74
Financing Principal: Leases	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-550002-	28,926.26
GASB Adjustments	2020-GPD-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-02-530056-	(30,000.00)
Financing Principal: Leases	3000-000-000-00000-Leases-PSSANEq-0000-09-550002-22020	110,835.56
GASB Adjustments	3000-000-000-00000-Leases-PSSANEq-0000-09-530056-22020	(113,745.00)
Interest: Leases	3000-000-000-00000-Leases-PSSANEq-0000-09-550102-22020	2,909.44

**2025-216 Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Approve Transfer of Remaining 2023 School Bond Anticipation Notes Professional Services Budget from Education Debt Service Fund to Education Capital Fund (\$47,234.38) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
ProfilServ-GO SchBAN-Series23	3005-000-000-00000-GOBANs-Sch2023-0000-03-530010-P2409	(47,234.38)
Transfer to Education Capital	3005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-09-584010-	47,234.38
Transfer from Debt Service Education	4010-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-483005-	(47,234.38)
Educ Bonds: GO BAN Series 2023	4010-000-000-00000-GOBANs-Sch2023-0000-03-540100-P2409	47,234.38

**2025-217 Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Appropriate the Reimbursement to the General Fund for Parking Lot Attendant from Courthouse Parking Fund for \$14,000 for FY25 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Reimbursement to GF	2030-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530059-	14,000.00
Courthouse Parking Fees	2030-PWK-192-00000-Crthse-PermitP-0000-01-420007-	(14,000.00)
Reimb From Courthouse Prk Fund	1000-PWK-192-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-530057-	(14,000.00)
Miscellaneous Revenue	1000-NDP-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-445001-	14,000.00



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- 2025-218 Commissioner Brown - Financial and Management Services - Grants (Hope United Survivor Network) - Transfer Funds from the General Fund, North Carolina Council for Women & Youth Involvement Sexual Assault Furniture & Equipment Account, to Reimburse the General Government Capital Fund for the Purchase of the Cortexflo Photographic Examination System for The Family Justice Center (\$10,590) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Furn/Equip<\$5K-FY25 NCCFW SA	1000-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-520020-G0124	(10,590.00)
Furn/Equip>\$5,000-FY25 HUSN SA	4005-CSS-291-29101-000000-0000000-0000-05-540002-G0145	10,590.00
Transfer to CIF Fund	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584000-	10,590.00
Transfers from General Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	(10,590.00)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	10,590.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(10,590.00)

- 2025-219 Commissioner Brown - Financial and Management Services - Grants - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds from the NC Council for Women & Youth Involvement for The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center for FY 2025 (\$1,871.48) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
State Grant Rev-FY25 NCCFW MLF	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-0000000-0000-05-410001-G0123	(1,736.91)
PT>1,000 hrs-FY25 NCCFW MLF	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-0000000-0000-05-510006-G0123	1,736.91
State Grant Rev-FY25 NCCFW DFF	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-0000000-0000-05-410001-G0122	(134.57)
Food&Provision-FY25 NCCFW DFF	1000-CSS-291-29102-000000-0000000-0000-05-520005-G0122	137.57

- 2025-220 Commissioner Bailey - GEMS - To Declare Surplus and Sell One Strike Team Task Trailer to the City of Belmont Police Department**

- 2025-221 Commissioner Cloninger - Human Resources - To Approve Revisions to the Gaston County Pay Plan Narrative as follows:**

WHEREAS, Gaston County believes it is important to have a Pay Plan Narrative for employees and supervisors; and,

WHEREAS, it is prudent to review and revise the Pay Plan Narrative periodically to make sure it is understandable, consistent, equitable, and up to date with current law, regulations and philosophy; and,

WHEREAS, the current Pay Plan Narrative is reviewed and approved by the Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions to the Pay Plan Narrative are outlined in Exhibit A (attached); and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners must adopt all changes to the Gaston County Pay Plan Narrative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners adopts revisions to the Gaston County Pay Plan Narrative to be effective July 1, 2025, as outlined in Exhibit A.

- 2025-222 Commissioner Keigher - Library - To Approve the Transfer of \$51,475 from the General Fund to the Capital Fund for Security Camera Purchase per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Furn/Equip<\$5K-FY25 State Aid	1000-LIB-000-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-04-520020-G0119	(51,475.00)
Transfer to CIF Fund	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584000-	51,475.00
Transfers from General Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	(51,475.00)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	51,475.00
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(51,475.00)
F/E>\$5k: FY25 State Aid to Lib	4005-LIB-000-00000-0000000-0000000-0000-04-540002-G0119	51,475.00



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**2025-223 Commissioner Hovis - Natural Resources - Resolution to Approve an Interlocal Agreement for Enforcement Services of the Gaston County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance for the Town of Dallas**

**2025-224 Commissioner Hovis - Natural Resources - Resolution to Approve an Interlocal Agreement for Enforcement Services of the Gaston County Stormwater Ordinance for the Town of Dallas**

**2025-225 Commissioner Hovis - Natural Resources - Resolution to Approve an Interlocal Agreement for Enforcement Services of the Gaston County Stormwater Ordinance for the City of Bessemer City**

**2025-226 Commissioner Hovis - Natural Resources - Resolution to Approve an Interlocal Agreement for Enforcement Services of the Gaston County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance for the City of Bessemer City**

**2025-227 Commissioner Brown - Police Department - To Authorize the Transfer of \$99,520 from General Fund to the General Government Capital Fund, via the Community Investment Fund (CIF) for the Sole Source Purchase of Forensic Download Towers from Sumuri for \$99,520 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Misc. Supplies/Expense	1000-GPD-000-00000-000000-000000-02-520007	(\$49,520)
Repairs and Maint.	1000-GPD-201-00000-000000-000000-02-530023	(\$50,000)
Transfer to CIF Fund	1000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584000-	\$99,520
Transfer from General Fund	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-481000-	(\$99,520)
Transfer to Gen Govt Capital	4000-NDP-000-00000-TrfxTo-0000000-0000-98-584005-	\$99,520
Transfer from CIF	4005-NDP-000-00000-TrfxFr-0000000-0000-98-484000-	(99,520)
Furn/Equip>\$5,000	4005-GPD-000-00000-Annual-PayAsGo-0000-02-540002-	99,520

**2025-228 Commissioner Brown - Public Works - To Approve the Gaston County Driving Policy as follows:**

WHEREAS, Gaston County believes it is important to have a Driving Policy for employees and supervisors to follow; and,

WHEREAS, it is prudent to review and revise the policy manual periodically to make sure it is understandable, consistent, and up-to-date with current law, regulations and philosophy; and,

WHEREAS, the new Driving Policy addresses driver authorization, usage guidelines, take home vehicles, and accident reporting; and,

WHEREAS, the policy is proposed in "Gaston County Driving Policy" Exhibit A (attached); and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners must adopt the Gaston County Driving Policy in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners adopts the Gaston County Driving Policy to be effective July 1, 2025, as outlined in Exhibit A.

**2025-229 Commissioner Cloninger - Public Works - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of June 16 - 24, 2025 as Waste and Recycling Workers Week in Gaston County**

**2025-230 Commissioner Brown - Tax - To Approve the Interlocal Agreement for Collection of Taxes for Municipalities in Gaston County**

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**2025-231 Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$3,428.95; Overpayments - \$4,070.65; VTS Refunds - \$752.12; Grand Total - \$8,251.72) as follows:**

<b>TAXPAYER NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>May 2025 RELEASES AND REFUNDS</b>	
CORELOGIC	\$632.60
STATE EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION	\$2,796.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,428.95</b>
<b>May 2025 OVERPAYMENTS</b>	
ARMSTRONG, TANGERIE	\$114.14
BISHOP, CLARENCE WATSON JR	\$109.13
BISHOP, EDWARD	\$289.98
BISHOP, EDWARD KENT	\$386.66
FRIPP, TYRICE	\$105.93
GRAY, JAMES	\$113.44
HANEY, GRADY	\$278.83
HOLMAN, JENNY P.	\$913.92
JONES, CRYSTAL	\$133.00
LEGGINS, WILLARD JEFFREY	\$139.50
MCGINNIS, JOHN	\$461.54
NELSON, KEVIN JAMES	\$137.24
NELSON, LINDA KAYE	\$109.12
NOVOTNY, KIMBERLY ANNE	\$210.55
POWE, TANYA	\$188.63
WELLS, ROBERT G JR	\$379.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,070.65</b>
<b>May 2025 VTS REFUNDS</b>	
AGUILAR RAPALO, ISAAC JOSUE	\$162.12
LARSON, CARL WHITMAN	\$119.99
SMITH, TIMOTHY DUANE	\$255.70
WILSON, ROGER DAVID	\$214.31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$752.12</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,251.72</b>

**2025-232 Commissioners Brown & Fraley - Tourism Development - To Approve the Appropriation and Carry Forward of Tourism Strategic Reserve Funds Into the Tourism Advertising Account to Host FY2025 American Legion Junior and Senior State Baseball Tournaments (\$30,000) per Budget Change Request:**

<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Fund Balance Appropriated	2005-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(\$30,000)
Advertising	2005-TRM-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-07-520015-	\$30,000

### **Non-Consent Agenda**

**FAILED Commissioner Keigher - County Manager - To Approve Gaston County Schools Property Purchase and to Provide \$1.5 Million for a Site Located at 3372 Robinwood Road, Gastonia, NC**

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

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

Chairman Brown called for discussion.

Commissioner Hovis expressed disappointment that the Board of Education (BOE) had not prioritized land banking or completing the decades-old consolidated high school plan. He noted there has been no public discussion on either issue, despite his repeated advocacy – particularly to combine Bessemer City and Cherryville high schools into a consolidated northwest facility.

He emphasized that during joint meetings with the BOE, he clearly communicated his support for this long-term vision and encouraged the BOE to secure suitable property. He noted that other Commissioners supported using school bond funds for this purpose, and the most recent \$110 million bond could have funded land acquisition.

Commissioner Hovis stated the west side of the County has been overlooked and stressed that all students deserve equitable, comprehensive education. He concluded that he will not support releasing additional school funds until there is meaningful progress and engagement on these issues.

Commissioner Fraley advised that Commissioner Hovis said it very well and he concurred with his comments.

Commissioner Shehan stated the Board of Commissioners (BOC) learned after last month's meeting and vote on this request, that it did not have all relevant information regarding repairs to the current Teacher Resource Center. He and the BOE Chairman agreed this information should have been provided beforehand. Commissioner Shehan expressed concern over keeping a building in disrepair, with estimated repairs between \$3.5M and \$5M, compared to acquiring a newer facility for \$1.5M. He emphasized the importance of both Boards making fiscally responsible decisions as stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Chairman Brown thanked the School Superintendent for reaching out following the BOC's recent vote, emphasizing that open communication is essential to informed decision-making.

Chairman Brown called for the vote which failed to carry as follows:

Ayes:	Commissioners Bailey, Keigher and Shehan
Nays:	Commissioners Brown, Cloninger, Fraley and Hovis

**2025-233 Commissioners Fraley, Hovis & Shehan - Building and Development Services - Resolution to Dissolve the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment and Establish a Unified Planning and Zoning Board, to be Effective July 1, 2025**

Chairman Brown introduced Mr. Brian Sciba, Assistant County Manager, for comments.

Mr. Sciba stated that the proposal aims to eliminate the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment, combining them into a single board. This consolidation would allow staff to be more nimble, proactive, and efficient in managing ongoing development.

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Chairman Brown reviewed the slate of proposed appointments and noted that some positions appear to remain unfilled. He asked whether applications will continue to be accepted for those vacancies.

Mr. Sciba explained that current Board members were invited to reapply, but a few seats remain open, and we are actively working to recruit additional applicants.

Chairman Brown read the listing of requested appointments and remaining vacancies and entertained a motion for approval of the members as presented.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Shehan, the BOC unanimously approved the slate of applicants a presented by Chairman Brown.

**Clerks Note:** See "Appointments" for appointment details.

Chairman Brown entertained a motion to approve the Resolution to Dissolve the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment and Establish a Unified Planning and Zoning Board, to be Effective July 1, 2025.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Shehan, the BOC unanimously approved **2025-233** as follows:

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners established the Gaston County Planning Board on December 15, 1977, through an ordinance recorded at book 2, page 115 with the County Register of Deeds; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Adjustment, originally established in 1992, was codified on April 24, 2008 with the adoption of the County's Unified Development Ordinance via Resolution 2008-155 on April 24, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, NCGS 160D-301, 160D-302, and 160D-306 provide for the appointment and compensation of a Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, and other advisory boards as deemed appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, staff and the Board of Commissioners believe that consolidating the functions of the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment will promote efficiency in processes, fiscal responsibility, and streamline land use processes to better serve the community; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to dissolve the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment and create a unified Planning and Zoning Board designated to perform the duties of a planning board and board of adjustment and to handle all land use cases including, but not limited to, rezonings, subdivisions, variances, special use permits, amendments to long range plans and ordinances, and appeals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby dissolves the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment, and pursuant to NCGS 160D-301 and 302, establishes the unified Planning and Zoning Board and designates it to perform any of the duties of a planning board and a board of adjustment, as set forth herein, in addition to its other duties, effective July 1, 2025:

- 1) The County Manager, County Clerk, County Attorney, and Planning and Zoning Director are hereby authorized to make any necessary changes to the County Code of Ordinances and the Unified Development Ordinance to ensure that the intent and provisions of this Resolution are accurately implemented and enforceable.
- 2) Powers and Duties of the Planning and Zoning Board:
  - a. Interpret the official Zoning Map and Unified Development Ordinance
  - b. Propose and review changes to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and other plans as deemed appropriate

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- c. Facilitate and coordinate citizen engagement and participation in planning processes
  - d. Develop and recommend policies, ordinances, development regulations, and other means for carrying out plans in a coordinated and efficient manner
  - e. Advise the Board of Commissioners in the implementation and amendments of plans, including but not limited to, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the Unified Development Ordinance, and amendments to the official Zoning Map
  - f. Hear and decide appeals and other quasi-judicial matters, including, but not limited to, appeals from the decisions of staff and of the Zoning Administrator, special use permits, and variances
  - g. Exercise any powers granted to planning boards and boards of adjustment through state statutes regulating land use in North Carolina
  - h. Exercise any powers granted to the Housing Board and the Watershed Review Board as outlined in the County Code of Ordinances and the Unified Development Ordinance.
- 3) Membership Composition
- a. Members shall be appointed by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.
  - b. Appointments shall be for three-year terms. In appointing the original members, or in filling vacancies caused by the expiration or resignation of the terms of existing members, the Board of Commissioners may appoint certain members for less than three years so that the terms of all members shall not expire at the same time.
  - c. No member may serve more than two complete and consecutive terms at a time. At the end of serving two complete terms, a member will be eligible to reapply after three years from the end date of their last term.
  - d. The unified Planning and Zoning Board shall be comprised of eleven members and one alternate member.
  - e. The alternate member shall be appointed in the same manner as regular members and serve in place of any absent regular member and have all the power and duties of a regular member. The alternate member does not have to represent a specific category below, but should still have a strong background in development fields.
  - f. Compensation shall be provided in the form of \$25.00 per meeting attended. At no point shall there be more than eleven members seated at each meeting. Regular members will be notified first, and if they are unable to attend, the alternate member will be contacted.
  - g. Membership on the Board shall have representation from the following:
    - i. Cherryville Township
    - ii. Crowders Mountain Township
    - iii. Dallas Township
    - iv. Gastonia Township – two representatives
    - v. Riverbend Township
    - vi. South Point Township
    - vii. Board of Education/Designee
    - viii. Home Builders Association - President/Designee
    - ix. Soil & Water Conservation Board/Designee
    - x. At Large Member
- 4) Appointment Process
- a. All sitting members of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment shall be invited to apply for appointment to the unified Planning and Zoning Board.
  - b. The Board of Commissioners shall appoint eleven regular members and one alternate member to the unified Planning and Zoning Board at the same meeting this Resolution is adopted.
  - c. Initial appointments shall be made to staggered terms, as outlined herein in Exhibit A. Any staggered or partial term of less than three years shall not count as a full term. Members appointed to a staggered or partial term, including those filling a vacancy, may be reappointed for up to two additional full terms thereafter.
  - d. Staggered terms shall not apply to the representatives of the Home Builders Association, the Soil & Water Conservation Board, or the Board of Education. These representatives must be active members of the boards/organizations they represent, and the terms shall be coterminous with the respective boards/organizations. These boards/organizations must recommend potential members to the Board of Commissioners, and the Board of Commissioners shall make the appointments as outlined herein in Exhibit A.

- 5) Quorum
  - a. No meeting of the unified Planning and Zoning Board shall be called to order without a simple majority of members present.
- 6) Voting
  - a. A simple majority vote shall be required to pass or recommend approval on text amendments, rezonings, appeals, and special use permits.
  - b. A four-fifths super majority vote of the unified Planning and Zoning Board shall be required for variances. Vacancies or members who are disqualified from voting on quasi-judicial matters under 160D-109(d) (Conflicts of interest) shall not be considered members of the Board for the calculation of the required majority if there are no qualified alternatives to take the place of regular members.
- 7) Decisions and Recommendations
  - a. The unified Planning and Zoning Board shall provide a formal recommendation on amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance and Zoning Map to the Board of Commissioners, who will make the final determination on the request.
  - b. The unified Planning and Zoning Board shall be the deciding board on special use permits, appeals on decisions of the Zoning Administrator, and variances unless otherwise specified for specific uses in the Unified Development Ordinance.
  - c. Rehearing for Quasi-Judicial Cases – An application for rehearing shall be made in the same manner as provided for in the original hearing within a period of fifteen (15) days after the unified Planning and Zoning Board has rendered a decision. The unified Planning and Zoning Board shall deny a rehearing if, in its judgment, a major change in facts, evidence, or conditions has not been presented in the rehearing application. If the Planning and Zoning Board finds that a new hearing is warranted, it shall proceed as it did in the original hearing.
  - d. Appeals of quasi-judicial decisions – an appeal in the nature of certiorari shall be initiated by filing a petition for writ of certiorari with the Superior Court.
  - e. Appeals of Special Use Permit decisions shall be made to the Board of Commissioners.
- 8) Transition, Pending Cases, Meeting Schedule
  - a. All applications, matters, and cases in review and pending hearings before the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment as of July 1, 2025, shall be assumed by the unified Planning and Zoning Board.
  - b. The Planning and Zoning Department staff shall act as the staff liaisons to the unified Planning and Zoning board. Staff shall appoint a secretary to maintain all records of meetings, appointments, hearings, and correspondence between appointed board members.
  - c. The first official meeting of the unified Planning and Zoning Board shall be August 4, 2025.
  - d. The regular meeting schedule will follow the already adopted "2025 Meeting Schedule and Submission Deadline Calendar" of the current Planning Board.
  - e. Regular meeting calendars shall be adopted no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous calendar year.
  - f. The unified Planning and Zoning Board shall hear no more than six cases per regular meeting.
  - g. The Chairperson may call special meetings with at least 48 hours' notice to all members.
- 9) Application Procedure
  - a. All applications for cases to be heard by the unified Planning and Zoning Board shall be submitted online along with any applicable fees in accordance with the adopted fee schedule.
  - b. Cases will be reviewed and presented in the order they were received. Completeness and readiness of an application and case overall will be taken into consideration when assigning hearing dates.
  - c. The filing of any application stays all proceedings unless the Zoning Administrator certifies that a stay in his/her opinion will cause imminent peril to life or property, or that because the violation charged would seriously interfere with the enforcement of the ordinance. In that event, proceedings shall not be stayed except by an order granted by the Board of Commissioners.
- 10) Public Hearing Notification – this shall be in accordance with NCGS 160D and supersede any processes currently outlined in the current Unified Development Ordinance



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- a. Rezoning – the owners of the subject property and the owners of all parcels of land abutting the subject parcel that is the subject of the hearing shall receive a mailed notice of the hearing date with the Board of Commissioners. The notice must be deposited in the mail at least ten (10) days, but no more than 25 days, before the date of the hearing with the Board of Commissioners. Within the same period, the County shall also prominently post a notice of hearing sign on the site or on an adjacent street right-of-way. A notice of the hearing with the Board of Commissioners shall be given once a week for two successive calendar weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the area. The notice shall be published for the first time, not less than ten days and no more than 25 days before the date scheduled for the hearing with the decision-making body, the Board of Commissioners.
    - i. If the zoning map amendment is in conjunction with the acceptance of extraterritorial jurisdiction, a single hearing on the map amendment may be held. The initial notice of the amendment may be combined with the boundary hearing notice, and the combined hearing notice shall be mailed at least 30 days prior to the hearing.
    - ii. Public information meetings as outlined in the Unified Development Ordinance shall no longer be required for Conditional Rezoning cases. They will be highly encouraged; however, applicants will be solely responsible for coordinating public information meetings and sharing all information with Planning and Zoning staff. Should the applicant request staff to coordinate public information meetings, the fees in the adopted fee schedule shall be implemented.
  - b. Quasi-judicial hearings – the owners of the subject property and the owners of all parcels of land abutting the subject parcel that is the subject of the hearing shall receive a mailed notice of the hearing. The notice must be deposited in the mail at least ten (10) days, but no more than 25 days, prior to the date of the hearing. Within the same time period, the local government shall also prominently post a notice of hearing sign on the site or on an adjacent street right-of-way. A legal notice shall not be required as it is not required by general statutes.
  - c. Adopting, amending, or repealing development regulations – A notice of the hearing with the Board of Commissioners shall be given once a week for two successive calendar weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the area. The notice shall be published for the first time not less than ten days and no more than 25 days before the date scheduled for the hearing with the decision-making body, the Board of Commissioners.
  - d. All cases shall be noticed online in a manner that allows the public to comment and provide feedback on proposed changes. Planning and Zoning Staff shall be responsible for making this available once a complete application and all applicable fees have been submitted and received.
- 11) Effective Date
- a. The Resolution shall take effect upon adoption, except that the unified Planning and Zoning Board shall not begin hearing cases until July 1, 2025.

**EXHIBIT A****STAGGERED TERMS FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENTS**

Staggered terms are assigned based on numerical and alphabetical order of the townships represented.

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Position	Initial Term	Appointment
Cherryville Township	2026	CH Twp.
Crowders Mountain Township	2026	CM Twp.
Dallas Township	2026	Dallas Twp.
Gastonia Township	2027	G Twp./ #1
Gastonia Township	2027	G Twp./ #2
Riverbend Township	2027	RB Twp.
South Point Township	2028	SP Twp.
Board of Education Designee	Coterminous with respective Board's Term	Full Board
Home Builders Association President / Designee		
Soil & Water Conservation Board Designee		
At Large Member	2028	
Alternate	2028	

**Legislative Request****2025-234 Board of Commissioners - Legislative Request: Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 205 and the Limitation of Local Zoning Authority**

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

Chairman Brown called for discussion.

Commissioner Hovis expressed concern that Senate Bill 205 would strip the Board of Commissioners of its authority over County land use decisions – an issue he added is not a State responsibility. He noted that the NC Association of County Commissioners and legislative lobbyists strongly oppose the Bill. Several Commissioners voiced their disapproval directly to the local Delegation during County Advocacy Days, emphasizing the Bill is not in the best interest of anyone in North Carolina.

Chairman Brown agreed, emphasizing that many land transactions are local matters requiring direct, hands-on involvement by the County Commissioners – not distant arm's-length involvement.

Chairman Brown called for the vote, and the BOC unanimously approved **2025-234** as follows:

WHEREAS, Gaston County has a responsibility to plan and manage growth in a way that protects infrastructure, public safety, property values, and community character; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 205 (2025 Session) proposes sweeping changes to Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes that significantly reduce local government authority over land use regulation; and,

WHEREAS, the Bill would:

- Limit zoning powers only to those explicitly authorized by state law, removing all implied local authority;
- Prohibit design standards for homes governed by the NC Residential Code (e.g., façade materials, architectural features, garage placement);
- Ban local regulations on minimum home sizes, parking dimensions, and road or driveway standards that exceed state code;
- Require zoning districts to be based solely on density (units per acre), eliminating the ability to use minimum lot sizes;
- Impose strict timelines for application reviews with automatic approval if deadlines are missed;
- Prohibit waiting periods for refiling denied or withdrawn development applications;

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- Extend vested rights protections and permit choice rules, limiting the county's ability to apply updated ordinances to long-term projects;
- Mandate attorneys' fees be awarded against counties found to have exceeded their narrowed legal authority; and,

WHEREAS, these changes would erode the County's ability to address local conditions, enforce community-driven planning policies, and protect residents from the adverse impacts of poorly coordinated growth; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners believes that decisions affecting local development are best made by local officials, accountable to the communities they serve; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners opposes Senate Bill 205, which imposes severe restrictions on local zoning authority and grants excessive deference to state-level mandates and private development interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners strongly opposes Senate Bill 205 and urges the North Carolina General Assembly to reject any legislation that strips local governments of meaningful planning and zoning authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to all members of the North Carolina General Assembly representing Gaston County, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

**Appointments**

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed to the ***Gaston County Planning and Zoning Board***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Shehan	Mr. Shawn A. Wray	June 30, 2026
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Shehan	Mr. Michael N. Magee	June 30, 2026
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Shehan	Mr. Mark Williams	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Shehan	Ms. Stephanie C. Franks	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Shehan	Mr. Lucas A. Shires	June 30, 2028
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Shehan	Mr. Stephen A. Crane	June 30, 2028
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Shehan	Mr. Roger D. Hurst	
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Shehan	Ms. Bessie L. Harvey	
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Shehan	Mr. Zack K. Horne	

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the ***Gaston County Fire Commission***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Richard L. Albaugh	June 30, 2028
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Fraley	Mr. Jamie Ramsey	June 30, 2028
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Robert W. Smith	June 30, 2028
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Joshua Brown	June 30, 2026
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Scott Hunter	June 30, 2026
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Bob Hovis	June 30, 2026

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the ***Historic Preservation Commission***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Robert C. Carpenter	June 30, 2029
Commissioner Shehan	Commissioner Fraley	Mr. Keith E. Camburn	June 30, 2029
Commissioner Cloninger	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Frances C. High	June 30, 2029
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Fraley	Mr. Michael N. Peters	June 30, 2029

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

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<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Vincent Wong	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Billy Walkowiak	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Jamie Piercy	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Shehan	Commissioner Fraley	Dr. Rebekka H. Powers	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Bailey	Commissioner Hovis	Chief Stephen M. Zill	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Bailey	Commissioner Hovis	Mrs. Cathy H. Hart	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Cloninger	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Robin Chavis	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Cloninger	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Sara Brunner	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Cloninger	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Andrea Stephens	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Cloninger	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Christina Rodite	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Fraley	Mr. Travis G. Page	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Bryan Denton	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Gerald Mack	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Sheriff Chad Hawkins	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Hovis	Judge Edgar Bogle	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Shannon Myers	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Judy M. Leahy	June 30, 2027
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Tom Keigher	June 30, 2027

On motion introduced by Commissioner Shehan and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Shannel Woodruff to the **Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee** to terms ending June 30, 2026.

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the **Health and Human Services Board**:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Shehan	Commissioner Fraley	Dr. Crystal Maddox	June 30, 2029
Commissioner Bailey	Commissioner Hovis	Dr. Karen L. Melendez	June 30, 2029
Commissioner Bailey	Commissioner Hovis	Dr. Jeffrey H. Ellison	June 30, 2029
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Fraley	Ms. Anita D. Sanders	June 30, 2029
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Fraley	Ms. Kerri Massey	June 30, 2029

On motion introduced by Commissioner Cloninger and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Cathy Kenzig, as Delegate, to the **Council on Aging & Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee** to a term ending May 31, 2027.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Cloninger and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Dr. Scott Centers to the **Emergency Medical Services Committee** to a term ending June 30, 2026.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Cloninger and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Cathy Kenzig, as Delegate, to the **Region F Aging Advisory Committee** to a term ending May 31, 2027.

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed/reappointed to the **Economic Development Commission**:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Philip L. Hinely	December 31, 2027 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Heather Britton	June 30, 2028

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Howard J. Collmar, Jr. to the **Jury Commission** to a term ending June 30, 2027.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously reappointed Ms. Charlene Hill to the **Bessemer City Planning Board/Board of Adjustment** to a term ending June 30, 2028.

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On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously reappointed Mr. Bill P. Carstarphen to the ***Gaston College Board of Trustees*** to a term ending June 30, 2029.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously reappointed Commissioner Cathy Cloninger to the ***Museum of Art and History Board*** to a term ending June 30, 2026.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously reappointed Mr. Justin Amos to the ***Partners Health Management*** to a term ending June 30, 2028.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously appointed Commissioner Tom Keigher to serve as a BOC representative to the ***Montcross Area Chamber***.

**Commissioners' Committee Reports**

Commissioner Keigher reported receiving concerns from residents about perceived inequities in the fire tax. He noted that a home on a lake, river, or golf course might be valued at \$800K, while a larger home across the street without those features may be valued at \$450K–\$500K. As a result, the owner of the higher-valued property may pay \$700–\$800 in fire tax – roughly 68% more, despite having a smaller home. He stated the numbers don't play out.

Commissioner Hovis clarified that the fire tax formula was established by the North Carolina Legislature based on property valuations, and the Board of Commissioners does not have authority to set or change these rules. If you want to change those rules, it would have to be taken up with the Legislature. He asked the County Attorney to confirm this.

The County Attorney responded that is one approach.

Chairman Brown interjected that a fuller discussion could occur at another time.

**County Manager's Report**

Chairman Brown recognized County Manager Rhoten's 12 years of service, noting he began as an intern and has risen to his current role - leading his first budget process in his first year as County Manager – all while enduring the loss of his spouse. He assured Mr. Rhoten that the Board stands fully behind him and will support him in any way needed during this difficult time. He asked that citizens direct any inquiries to him for the time being, rather than the County Manager. He expressed deep pride in Mr. Rhoten's leadership, stating the Board is prepared to offer him time and emotional support as needed. He concluded by saying, "We love and care about you," and acknowledged the challenges of this trying time.

County Manager Rhoten stated he didn't have a report but wanted to express his deepest appreciation to the Board, County staff, and the community as a whole for the outpouring of love,

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support, and prayers during his wife's fight with cancer and after her passing. He shared that it meant more to him than anyone would ever know.

## **County Attorney's Report**

The County Attorney requested a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) and (a)(3).

Chairman Brown called for a motion to enter into Closed Session.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously entered into Closed Session at 8:19 pm.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to reenter Open Session.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Bailey, the BOC unanimously reentered Open Session at 8:23 pm.

The County Attorney reported that the Board took action to approve a settlement related to Personnel.

## **Other Matters**

None.

## **Adjournment**

By unanimous consent, Chairman Brown adjourned the Regular Meeting of June 24, 2025 at 8:24 pm.

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

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Chad Brown, Chairman  
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

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Donna S. Buff  
Clerk to the Board

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