

**CANCELLED - DECEMBER 8TH Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting
Regular Meeting to be Rescheduled - Date, Time to be Determined**



**Gaston County
Board of Commissioners**

COURTHOUSE
325 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Gastonia, NC

*Commissioner Chad Brown
Commissioner Allen R. Fraley
Commissioner Bob Hovis
Commissioner Kim Johnson
Commissioner Tom Keigher
Commissioner Tracy L. Philbeck
Commissioner Ronnie Worley*

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Meeting Agenda

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

Attendees will undergo temperature screenings and a health questionnaire. Seating will be limited to allow for social distancing and attendees will be asked to wear face coverings.

CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

12/8/2020 WORK SESSION

I. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES

- A.** [Commissioner Worley - Finance - Commendation - Ms. Tiffany R. Murray & Finance Staff - GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award](#)
- B.** Certificates in Appreciation for Public Service
 - 1. Bryan Robinson and Earl Withers, III, Fire Advisory Board
 - 2. Jeff Beasley, Casey Bishop, Tim Gunn and James Towery, Fireman's Relief Fund Trustees

II. CITIZEN RECOGNITION

(Limited to One Hour; Sign up Prior to Start of Session; Comments Limited to 5 Minutes)

III. PRESENTATIONS (Limited to 15 Minutes)

- A.** PRESENTATION - COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE:
 - Mr. Doug Carter, Public Finance Advisor, DEC Associates
- B.** PRESENTATION - COVID UPDATE:
 - Mr. Steve Eaton, DHHS - Public Health Director

IV. ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION

12/8/2020 Rescheduled Regular Meeting to Follow Immediately

RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING (VOTING) - CALL TO ORDER**I. BUSINESS AGENDA****A. AGENDA REVISION/APPROVAL****B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. To Approve the Minutes of:
 - Closed Session of November 10, 2020 NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)
 - Regular Meeting of November 10, 2020

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commissioner Hovis - BOC - To Approve the Amended CaroMont Health/Gaston Memorial Hospital Board of Directors By-Laws
- B. Commissioner Philbeck - BOC - To Update the Provisions of the Gaston County Investment Grant Program to Extend the Small Business Investment Grant Program Through Calendar Year 2021
- C. Commissioner Worley - Budget & Management Services - To Appropriate Additional Funds for Second Year of Grant Awarded to the Gaston County Family Justice Center (FJC) (\$505,472)
- D. Commissioner Brown - County Attorney - To Restructure the Gaston County Board of Equalization and Review
- E. Board of Commissioners - County Attorney - To Approve Retaining Pope Aylward Sweeney & Stephenson, LLP to Provide Legal Representation to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners in Connection With Litigating an Action for Defamation (Libel) Against Gannett Co. Arising Out of a Recent Article Published by the Gaston Gazette (Fund Balance Appropriation - \$100,000)
- F. Commissioner Philbeck - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information
- G. Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Approve Northwoods Consulting Partners as a Sole Source Vendor of the Traverse Software for Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services Case Management System in the Amount of \$170,500
- H. Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Approve and Appropriate Additional Low Income Energy Assistance Program Funds for Program and Administration from COVID-19 CARES Grant Funds in the Amount of \$395,327 (100% Federal Funds)
- I. Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Approve the Award for Purchase of \$2,842,597.29 for Vehicles, and the Expenditure of \$239,718.34 for Equipment, Decals, Tag/Tax and Title Fees (Totaling \$3,082,315.63)

- J. Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Award Bid for Financing up to \$2,842,597.29 for Rolling Stock and Equipment to Bank of America Public Capital Corp and to Approve the Attached Budget Change Request (to appropriate funds) and Resolution Approving Financing Terms
- K. Commissioner Worley - Finance - Commendation - Ms. Tiffany R. Murray & Finance Staff - GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award
- L. Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Grant Funds Received from The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Atrium Health from NCOEMS (100% Federal Grant Funds - \$3,500)
- M. Commissioner Brown - Public Works - To Declare the Attached Vehicles Surplus and Approve the Sale of Said Vehicles to the Highest Bidder on GovDeals.com and Authorize Staff to Prepare the Necessary Documents in Accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-266 (No Additional County Funds)
- N. Commissioner Hovis - Public Works - To Accept an Offer to Purchase a County Owned Surplus Parcel (#155370 Located at 813 Freedom Mill Rd.) and Authorize Staff to Initiate the Upset Bid Process
- O. Commissioner Philbeck - Public Works - To Approve a Lease Agreement for Property Owned by Gaston County Located at 1305 Fire Ranger Way (No Additional County Funds)
- P. Commissioner Philbeck - Public Works - To Accept a Grant from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for COVID-19 Recycling Relief Funding to Assist Local Governments to Purchase Recycling Equipment in North Carolina During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Appropriate the Required Local Match Necessary to Complete the Project (State Grant - \$20,000; Local Match and Associated Fees - \$5,350)
- Q. Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$102,584.15; Overpayments - \$48,984.46; VTS Refunds - \$7,041.61; Grand Total - \$158,610.22)
- R. Commissioner Brown - Travel & Tourism - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Grant Funds from Visit North Carolina for the North Carolina Tourism Promotion Grant in the Amount of \$10,750 as a Part of the House Bill 1023 (Coronavirus Relief Fund/Additions & Revisions) from NCTIA (NC Travel Industry Association) and the EDPNC (Economic Development Partnership of NC)

III. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Commissioner Brown - County Attorney - To Amend the Gaston County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7 - Garbage and Trash, Section 7-3 - Storage and Disposal - to Create Subsection (s) - to Prohibit Anyone From Leaving Loose Yard Waste on Public Roads or any Other Public Places of Travel

IV. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

V. ITEMS ADDED BY MAJORITY VOTE FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

VI. APPOINTMENTS

- A. [Appointment List - Current Expiring Terms/Vacant Positions](#)
- B. [Commissioner Philbeck - BOC - To Designate a 2021 NCACC Legislative Goals Virtual Conference Voting Delegate and Alternate](#)

VII. REPORTS

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

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

IX. ADJOURNMENT OF RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING