



Gaston County

Board of Commissioners

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

Chairman Tom Keigher
Vice-Chairman Allen Fraley
Chad Brown
Bob Hovis
Kim Johnson
Tracy L. Philbeck
Ronnie Worley

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Meeting Agenda

REVISED - Regular Meeting 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES

- A. [ADDED/ Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - Proclamation - To Proclaim September 15 - October 15, 2021 as National Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. [Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - Building & Development Services - Zoning Text Amendments: To Repeal and Replace the Gaston County Unified Development Ordinance in its Entirety, to Incorporate All Necessary Modifications in Order to: 1\) Bring the Ordinance into Compliance with North Carolina General Statute 160D; 2\) Make Minor Modifications to Existing Chapters and Text; 3\) Make Modifications to Chapter 14 \(Manufactured Home Park\) in Order to Update Standards; and, 4\) to Incorporate Mining Operations as a Use with Supplemental Regulations](#)
- [1. Receive Citizen Comment](#)
 - [2. Close Public Hearing](#)
 - [3. Accept Motion to Approve](#)
- B. [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 Trinity Capital Partners](#)
- [1. Receive Citizen Comment](#)
 - [2. Close Public Hearing](#)
 - [3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution](#)
- C. [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 Keith Corporation](#)
- [1. Receive Citizen Comment](#)
 - [2. Close Public Hearing](#)
 - [3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution](#)

- D. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Approve the Application for a NCDOT Rural Economic Development Division Building Reuse Grant in Support of Project REPEL and to Provide the Required 5% Local Match in an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,250
 - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 - 2. Close Public Hearing
 - 3. Accept Motion to Approve Resolution
- E. Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Brown - DHHS (ACCESS) - To Request Permission to Apply for NCDOT/PTD FY23 Community Transportation Program (5311) Grant to Provide Rural Public Transportation Services; Enter into an Agreement with the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and Provide the Necessary Assurances and Required Local Match
 - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 - 2. Close Public Hearing
 - 3. Accept Motion to Approve

II. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. AGENDA REVISION/APPROVAL

- 1. *ADDED: Section IV, Item AG.*

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. To Approve the Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting of August 24, 2021
 - Closed Session of September 14, 2021 - Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)
- (3)

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

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commissioner Worley - BOC - Proclamation - To Commemorate the Events of September 11, 2001
- B. Commissioner Brown - BOC - Proclamation - To Proclaim September 17-23, 2021 as Constitution Week
- C. Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Commendation - Governor's Volunteer Service Award
- D. Commissioner Keigher - BOC - To Set Forth the Names of the 2021 Students of the Senator James S. Forrester Commissioners' School of Excellence in the Board of Commissioners' Minutes
- E. Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy - To Accept and Appropriate State Grant Funds from the NC Council for Women for the Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center (Domestic Violence Funds - \$48,121; Marriage License Fees - \$17,500; Divorce Filing Fees - \$19,000)

- F. Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy - To Accept and Appropriate a 21st Century Community Learning Center Award for an Afterschool Program at Woodhill Elementary School (\$400,000/Yr.). The Award Provides Continuation Funding for Years 2 and 3 for a Total of \$1.2M.
- G. Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy - To Accept and Appropriate a Family Violence Prevention Services Act Grant to Support the Partial Salary and Benefits for the Domestic Violence Public Outreach Specialist (\$45,000 with a \$9,000 Match)
- H. Commissioner Worley - Budget & Strategy - To Approve the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Interlocal Agreement Between Gaston County and the City of Gastonia and to Appropriate the County's Portion of the Funding (\$30,168)
- I. Commissioner Hovis - Building & Development Services - To Adopt an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Bessemer City for County Administration of Inspections and Enforcement Responsibility for State Building Codes and for Portions of Bessemer City's Land Use Ordinances
- J. Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Fraley - County Attorney - To Submit a Request for a Public Hearing to the North Carolina Mining Commission for the Purpose of Openly Discussing Piedmont Lithium's Proposed Mining Activities in Gaston County as Detailed in the Company's State Mining Application
- K. Commissioner Philbeck - County Attorney - To Decline the County's Right to Purchase Property Located at 425 South Ridge Street in Dallas, North Carolina in Accordance with North Carolina Gen. Stat. 115C-518
- L. Commissioner Philbeck - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information
- M. Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds Received from the NC Division of Public Health for the School Health Liaison (100% Grant Funds - \$115,000)
- N. Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Accept and Appropriate State Grant Funds Received from the NC Division of Public Health for Advancing Equity (100% Grant Funds - \$39,900)
- O. Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate First Quarter Donations for Various Programs within Social Services in the Amount of \$19,829
- P. Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate the Health Promotion Disease Prevention Grant from Centralina Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging (Grant Funds \$4,500 - Required County Match Funds \$500)
- Q. Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Emergency Rental Assistance Funds from the US Department of Treasury in the Amount of \$2,143,378 (100% Federal Funds, No County Match Required)

- R. Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Federal Funds from the Consolidated Appropriations Act for One-Time Supplemental Funds for the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood in the Amount of \$264,592
- S. Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Authorize Bid Award for Temporary Staffing Services to 22nd Century Technologies
- T. Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - Proclamation - To Recognize September 19-25, 2021 as National Adult Day Services Week in Gaston County
- U. Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Authorize an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Gastonia, City of Lowell, Gaston County and Northpoint Development for the City of Gastonia to be the Lead Agency for Inspection Services for the Gateway85 Project
- V. Commissioner Brown - EDC - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of October 4-8, 2021 as Gaston County Manufacturing Week
- W. Commissioner Brown - Emergency Management/Fire Services - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of October 3-9, 2021 as Fire Prevention Week and Adopt the Theme: "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!"
- X. Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Establish a Budget for a Project to be Funded by the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for H.R.1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
- Y. Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Accept as Information the Attached Property Tax Refunds Less than \$100. These Tax Refunds Should Be Recorded in the Board's Minutes (Total NCVTS Refunds - \$2,546.13)
- Z. Commissioner Fraley - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Recognize the Retirement of Police Records Specialist Lynette R. Nixon
- AA. Commissioner Brown - Police Department - Appropriation of Funds from the Federal (Treasury/Justice) Drug Asset Forfeiture and Equitable Sharing Program for the Purpose of Purchasing Department Equipment (\$96,000)
- AB. Commissioner Philbeck - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Police Captain Ronald S. Dover
- AC. Commissioner Johnson - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Recognize the Retirement of Police E-911 Telecommunicator Karen M. Foster
- AD. Commissioner Johnson - Public Works - To Award a Construction Contract for ADA Renovations at the Main Library to Hostetter & Sons Construction, Inc. Totaling \$669,890 and Authorize the County Manager or Her Designee to Execute Any Necessary Contract Documents
- AE. Commissioner Johnson - Sheriff's Office - To Accept a K-9 Ballistic Vest Donation from Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. (100% Donation)

AF. Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$5,284.72; Overpayments - \$102,795.77; VTS Refunds - \$11,298.78; Grand Total - \$119,379.27)

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V. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

VI. ITEMS ADDED BY MAJORITY VOTE FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

VII. APPOINTMENTS

- A. [Appointment List - Current Expiring Terms/Vacant Positions](#)

VIII. REPORTS

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

IX. OTHER MATTERS

X. ADJOURNMENT