



- WHEREAS, born in Radford, Virginia, Mr. Charles L. "Chuck" Moore spent his teen years in Greensboro, NC, where he graduated from Grimsley High School in 1971. In 1975, he received a BA degree in Political Science from UNC-Chapel Hill where he also played varsity baseball. A member of the charter class of Campbell University School of Law, he received his Juris Doctor in 1979. He and his wife Lisa are residents of Belmont, NC, and have been married for 45 years. They are the proud parents of a son and a daughter and proud grandparents to five grandchildren; and,
- WHEREAS, Mr. Moore began his professional career working with a private law practice in Wallace, NC, but relocated to Gaston County when he accepted a position in July of 1981 as a staff attorney to supplement the work of a part-time, outside legal counsel who was designated as the County Attorney. As the complexity of legal issues facing counties became more prevalent, it became obvious that the County needed a full-time County Attorney, and the Board of Commissioners appointed Mr. Moore to the position in December of 1986; and,
- WHEREAS, during his 39 years of service, Mr. Moore has advised County Managers and Commissioners, shaped policy, and protected the county's interests along the way. Mr. Moore's leadership and knowledge have resulted in incalculable benefits to Gaston County. During the 1980s and 1990s as textile jobs were being outsourced overseas, Gaston County had one of the highest unemployment rates in North Carolina. Mr. Moore worked tirelessly to assist in recruiting more diverse industries and addressing the complex contractual negotiations that were needed. His diligence and expertise in economic development helped the County to transform from a textile-centric economy to one comprised of hundreds of quality, high paying jobs in advanced manufacturing, ensuring a strong economic base for the future; and,
- WHEREAS, Mr. Moore was also instrumental in assisting the Gaston County Police Department's efforts in the 1980s and 1990s to establish police standards and procedures which laid the foundation for the department to become the first in North Carolina to receive national accreditation. This accreditation resulted in substantial savings to the County with a huge decrease in the County's liability insurance premium; and,
- WHEREAS, Mr. Moore's expertise and collaboration with other municipalities on economic development projects in the County has resulted in substantial economic benefits to the citizens of Gaston County. During his 39 years as the County Attorney, Mr. Moore has provided legal expertise to Gaston County economic development projects that have resulted in 2,700 acres of development with more than 7,000,000 square feet of industrial, office and warehouse constructed. More than 1,500 people are currently employed through the Gastonia Technology Park and Bessemer City's SouthRidge Business Park. The most current County project, in which he has played a major role, is Apple Creek, a 325-acre business park that has already acquired a major project in its first phase; and,

WHEREAS, another testament to Mr. Moore's integrity and skill is the fact that he remained in the County Attorney position for almost forty years through a succession of different County Commissioners. His longevity in the position reflects the confidence that multiple elected officials have placed in him; and,

WHEREAS, he has also had the full confidence of County departments – including Economic Development, Human Resources, Public Safety, Building and Code Enforcement, and Health & Human Services – all requiring a diverse set of legal skills. He has advised the County on issues ranging from compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to civil rights bills, debt issuance for new construction, and capital improvements for County and school properties. He has worked collaboratively with municipalities on contracts to expand water and sewer systems, and infrastructure in order to recruit new business and assist existing commercial businesses; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore has also dedicated time and energy to his church and his community bringing the same fairness and compassion to his endeavors there. He has served in multiple leadership roles at First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia, is on the Board of Directors of his HOA, and has also served on the Gaston Red Cross Board of Directors; and,

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2020, Mr. Moore retired, capping a career of public service and dedication that has spanned almost four decades. Mr. Moore made a commitment long ago to public service, and that commitment has carried him through a professional career of unequalled integrity, honor and perseverance in serving the citizens of Gaston County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners expresses their sincere gratitude to

Charles L. (Chuck) Moore

for his dedicated service and wishes him the best in his retirement.

Tracy L. Philbeck, Chairman

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