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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met in Rescheduled Session on December 12, 2017, immediately following its Work Session at 6:31 pm, in The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse.

Chairman Chad Brown presided with Commissioners Ronnie Worley, Vice-Chairman; Allen R. Fraley, Don Grant, Bob Hovis, Tom Keigher and Tracy L. Philbeck in attendance.

Others present included Earl Mathers, County Manager; Charles L. Moore, County Attorney; and Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board.

Upon request of Chairman Brown, Commissioner Hovis led those assembled in the Invocation and Commissioner Fraley led in the Pledge of Allegiance during the preceding Work Session.

Public Hearing - City of Lowell - 1) Lowell Planning & Zoning Board; 2) Lowell Zoning Board of Adjustments ETJ

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

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

Chairman Brown reported that one position was available on subject boards; application was received from Mr. Bill F. Stegall as recommended by the Lowell City Council, to serve as an extraterritorial jurisdiction representative to both boards. The Chairman called for any additional applications or comments; hearing none, called for questions from the BOC.

Commissioner Philbeck explained his opposition to ETJs and noted his reason for voting against ETJ appointments.

In response to Commissioner Philbeck, Commissioner Keigher noted that the ETJ appointments do at least provide some representation on those boards.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC reappointed Mr. Bill F. Stegall to the **Lowell Planning and Zoning Board** and to the **Lowell Board of Adjustments** to terms ending November 30, 2020. The vote carried as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners, Brown, Fraley, Grant, Hovis, Keigher and Worley
Nay: Commissioner Philbeck

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Public Hearing – Authorization for a Standard Level Three Grant and to Convey Approximately 16+/- Acres in The Southridge Business Park - Project “Wonder Woman”

Chairman Brown introduced Mr. Steve Nye for comments.

Mr. Steve Nye, EDC Marketing Director, advised the request is to approve a standard Level Three Grant and to convey approximately 16+/- acres in the Southridge Business Park, depending on the final survey, at a total price of \$425,000 or \$26,562/AC. The project has made three visits since June 22nd and is a very fast-moving project. They plan to invest approximately \$30M through 2022; facility will house the North American corporate office and an advanced metal working facility; will build approximately 160,000 square feet - expandable; intend to create an estimated 150-200 new jobs paying an average annual wage \$46,100 (current Gaston county average annual wage is \$38,438). Bessemer City Council has approved the standard Level Three Grant plus a \$25,000 site development grant for this project; County Attorney is working to develop an economic development agreement.

2017-280 Commissioner Brown - EDC - To Authorize a Standard Level Three Grant and to Convey Approximately 16+/- Acres in The Southridge Business Park - Project “Wonder Woman”

On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved **2017-280**, as follows:

WHEREAS, Project WONDER WOMAN is considering an investment of \$30,000,000 to construct a an advanced manufacturing operation to Gaston County, including the installation of machinery and equipment and the establishment of a North American corporate office and the creation of at least two hundred new jobs (200) expecting to pay an average annual wage of \$46,100 which is above the 2017 average annual wage of Gaston County of \$38,438; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §158-7.1 authorizes a County to undertake an economic development project by providing grants and land conveyance for the location of industry in order to increase the local tax base and provide quality jobs; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners finds that it is in the best interests of the County to offer a standard level three grant for Project WONDER WOMAN; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners finds that it is in the best interests of the County to convey the 16+/- acres of property in the Southridge Business Park at a total price of \$425,000 or \$26,562.50 per acre for 16+/- acres, which is dependent upon the final survey, for the proposed investment of \$30,000,000 which will create at least 200 new jobs expecting to pay an average annual wage of \$46,100; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners has conducted a properly advertised public hearing to provide an economic development agreement for the standard level three grant and to convey the 16+/- acres of property in the Southridge Business Park at a total price of \$425,000 or \$26,562.50 per acre for 16+/- acres, which is dependent upon the final survey.

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

The Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners is authorized to:

1. Execute any documents necessary to complete the County's incentive proposal to convey approximately 16+/- acres in the Southridge Business Park and the standard level three grant for Project WONDER WOMAN.

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Public Hearing – Authorization for an Economic Development Agreement to Provide a Standard Level Two Local Incentive Grant - Project "KARMA"

Chairman Brown introduced Mr. Steve Nye for comments.

Mr. Steve Nye, EDC Marketing Director, advised that the request is to approve an economic development agreement to provide a standard Level Two Grant for Project Karma – a multiphase, international project looking at purchasing a building in Ranlo; the Town Commissioners will meet on Thursday night and the EDC will report the results of the meeting to the County Manager; the company manufactures high performance and advanced textiles for the composite industry; Seventy-seven year-old privately held company; estimate the investment at approximately \$11-18M depending on the market; will create approximately 150-200 new employment positions with an average annual wage of \$41,000; County Attorney is working to develop an economic development agreement.

Commissioner Grant thanked EDC staff for their efforts.

2017-281 Commissioner Brown - EDC - To Authorize an Economic Development Agreement to Provide a Standard Level Two Local Incentive Grant - Project "KARMA"

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously approved **2017-280**, as follows:

WHEREAS, Project KARMA is considering an investment of \$18,500,000 over a period of five calendar years to establish an advanced manufacturing operation to Gaston County, including the installation of machinery and equipment and to establish a North American corporate office and intends to create at least two hundred new jobs (200) expecting to pay an average annual wage of \$41,478 which is above the 2017 average annual wage of Gaston County of \$38,438; 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; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners finds that it is in the best interests of the County to provide a standard level two grant for Project KARMA for the investment years of 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 where the company's net new taxable investment would normally qualify for a standard level one grant; and,

WHEREAS, this proposed local incentive offering will be incorporated into a detailed economic development agreement, between Project KARMA, the County and the Town of Ranlo, so as to induce the company to provide good job opportunities and capital investment in Gaston County which will enhance the County's ability to attract additional business and industry.

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

The Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners is authorized to:

1. Execute any documents necessary to complete this economic development agreement for Project KARMA.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to close the Public Hearings.

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On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Grant, the BOC unanimously closed the Public Hearings.

Agenda Revision/Approval

- MOVED TO NON-CONSENT/ *Board of Commissioners - County Attorney - To Accept an Offer and Approve the Sale of Surplus Property - PID 137140 and 137134 (Former Rhyne Elementary School) Pursuant to Upset Bid Procedures Set Forth in G.S. 160A-269 - IV, Item D - Moved to Section V. Non-Consent, Item C*
- REVISED/BOND CALENDAR ADDED/ *Board of Commissioners - County Attorney - To Approve the Calendar for a School Bond Referendum to be held during the May 8, 2018 Primary Election - IV, Item E*
- ADDED/ *Commissioner Keigher - Finance - To Approve Budget Change Request to Recognize \$59,182,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017 Proceeds - IV, Item R*
- ADDED/ *Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Appropriate Funds from Medicaid Cost Settlement for Payment to the NC Division of Medical Assistance (\$593,635) - V, Item D*

On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Grant, the BOC unanimously approved the Agenda of December 12, 2017 with changes as noted above.

Approval of Minutes

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Worley, the BOC unanimously approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2017 and Closed Session of October 24, 2017 pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6).

Citizen Recognition

No requests.

Consent Agenda

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

2017-282 Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Commendation - To Recognize Ruth Patterson for her Dedicated Service to Gaston County

2017-283 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 2018 as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners that the Gaston County Investment Grant Program as adopted by Resolution No. 2006-065, dated February 9, 2006, is hereby amended to approve the one-year extension of the Gaston County Small Business Investment Grant for the 2018 calendar year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Investment Grant program shall sunset on December 31, 2018, and shall apply to investments made during the 2018 calendar year.

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2017-284 Commissioner Grant - Budget/Purchasing - To Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds from NCDHHS for the Child Advocacy Center (\$27,850) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
NC Human & Health Services(CACNC)	020-05-5585-0000-425139-	(27,850)
CAC NC Grant	020-05-5585-0000-560000-18521	27,850

2017-285 Board of Commissioners - County Attorney - To Approve the Calendar for a School Bond Referendum to be held during the May 8, 2018 Primary Election**2017-286 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Funds Received During Fiscal Year 2017 from the Area Health Education Center for the Public Health Clinics (\$315) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	011-99-9900-0000-490000-	(\$315)
CHS Preceptor Program	011-05-5115-0000-560000-15239	\$315

2017-387 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - Approval of the FY 2017-2018 Amended Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding Plan**2017-288 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Christmas Donations in the Amount of \$1,675 for the Children and Family Services Division per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Residential Child Care: Donations	020-05-5867-0000-415001-	(1,675)
Special Programs: Residential Child Care	020-05-5867-0000-560000-16194	1,675

2017-289 Commissioner Keigher - Finance - To Appropriate \$6,000,000 in G.O. School Bond Proceeds per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
School Bond Proceeds	040-03-5911-0000-416004-18137	(6,000,000)
Professional Services / Issuance Cost	040-03-5911-0000-530010-18137	65,000
9/22/17 GO School Bond Issue	040-03-5911-0000-540100-18137	5,935,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	040-99-9900-0000-490000-	4,000,000
South Point MS Land Acquisition	040-03-5911-0000-540004-17263	(4,000,000)
Fund Balance Appropriated	031-99-9900-0000-490000-	(45,215)
Bond Interest - Schools	031-09-5911-0000-550020-18137	45,215

2017-290 Commissioner Hovis - Finance - To Accept as Information the Attached Property Tax Refunds Less than \$100. These Tax Refunds Should Be Recorded in the Board's Minutes (Real Property Tax Refunds - \$4,157.30; Total HB20 Refunds - \$526.92; Total NCVTs Refunds - \$7,483.82; Total Vehicle Refunds - \$8,010.74) as follows:

Gaston County, NC – Listing of Property Tax Refunds Less Than \$100.00 for Real Property
To be Reported at the December 12, 2017 Board Meeting

TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT	TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
425 Belmont Partners LLC	90.00	Judith Johnson Life Estate	17.92
Aaron Bradley Jr	45.33	Judith Johnson Life Estate	17.92
Aileen P Parker Trust	15.04	Judith Lowdermilk	20.00
Aileen Parker Trust	7.36	Judy Goode	2.40

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Alleen Parker Trust	15.32	Judy Ramsey	41.52
Angela Callahan	86.18	Katie Bailey	3.54
Angela Callahan	87.22	Laurence Crank	52.01
Angela Callahan	96.31	Laurence Crank	87.40
Ann Greenwood	11.79	Laurence Crank	92.69
Ann Kimsey	61.77	Lillie Canteen	2.00
Anthony's Tire & Auto Repair	95.82	Lindsay Black	5.42
Arnold Norman	36.17	Lynda Willard	1.25
Barbara Brooks	6.63	Marino Martinez	38.34
Billy Friday	6.65	Mark Bristol Jr	41.00
Calvin Arrington	29.55	Michael Anthony	58.42
Carl Hutchens	5.32	Michael Sigmon	54.18
Charles Crisp	24.32	Michal, Elting & Anders PLLC	39.00
Charles Fitz-William III	10.79	Nancy Harris	5.71
Charles Pearce	47.55	Neil Kauer	18.00
Charles Robinson	8.00	Nellie Floyd	5.58
Charlotte Isbill	2.01	Nolan Aldridge	20.00
Christain Painter	9.00	Oscar Doster	9.01
Christopher Dellinger	62.89	Paul Severt	41.93
Clinton Price	51.80	Paul Severt	50.00
David Scoggins	67.39	Peppi Mixon	70.48
Dwayne Givens	71.85	Phyllis Hammonds	64.45
Elaine Kennedy	22.26	Ramona Hill	36.41
Elvin Nichols	77.58	Ramona Hill	72.81
Eugenia Roberts	2.22	Realty Concept	24.42
Fanielle Robinson	54.73	Reginald McAlister	50.00
Frances Richardson	1.19	Robert Adcock	3.48
Garrison Auto Sales	23.69	Robinson and Lauterbach	22.65
Glen Eaves Jr	90.28	Romona Hill	95.73
Glenn Hester	63.00	Ronald Cherry	5.00
Gloria Adock	50.00	Ronnie Massey	84.93
GM Homes	7.17	Ross Nannini	48.60
Grady McCuen	55.44	Sain Properties LLC	24.05
Gulay Pamir	46.11	Sharon Tallent	73.86
Harold Lunsford	9.22	Shaunte Lang	69.71
Heather Wright	50.82	Sheila Willis	24.34
Homero Patino	70.00	Sheila Willis	88.29
Howard Hand	4.21	Sheldon Gibson	1.41
J T Woods	1.07	Sheldon Gibson	1.41
Jacquelyn Rogers	8.76	Sheldon Gibson	1.41
James Fowler	75.33	Stephanie Carpenter	40.40
James Grant	2.64	Steven Alexander	20.00
Jeff Padgett Painting LLC	44.39	Tommy Russell	13.00
Jenkins Realty Co	2.00	Veronica Phillips	11.17
Jennifer Loveland	97.81	Veronica Phillips	88.50
Jerry McLean	39.00	Wanda Dominy	10.00
Jessica Hope	1.98	Wanda Payne	52.81
Jo F Gabriel	40.48	Wanda Payne	74.00
John Doster	6.88	Warren Tadlock Chapter 13 Trustee	24.43
Joseph A Bledsoe III	50.58	Warren Tadlock Chapter 13 Trustee	32.98
Joseph Morgan	52.20	William Bowen	2.42
Joy Smith	94.76	Willie Harris	1.05
		TOTAL REAL PROPERTY REFUNDS	4,157.30

Gaston County, NC – Listing of Property Tax Refunds Less Than \$100.00 for Vehicles
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TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT	TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
HB20 Refunds			
Angela Lail	3.03	Kelly Reeves	16.79
Carolyn Bryson	21.88	Kisha Taylor	13.64
Douglas Lawson	5.00	Kisha Taylor	25.00
Gaston County Tax Dept	81.54	Natasha Killian	4.94
Gaston County Tax Dept	52.54	Terry Wright	19.22
Gaston County Tax Dept	48.36	Twanda Blair	2.24
Jaime Angel	97.77	Warren Tadlock Chapter 13 Trustee	54.54
Justin Frady	80.43	TOTAL HB20 REFUNDS	526.92

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VTS Refunds

ALEXANDER, ELIZABETH JOHNSTON	3.11	MCGUGAN, MICHAEL DALE	99.87
ALCOM SERVICES INC	39.90	MCMANUS, JEFFERY STEVEN	88.20
ANTLEY, JAMES HOWARD	51.11	MCMULLAN, SUSAN WARREN	14.74
ARMSTRONG, ZENA BROWN	43.85	MEDLIN, JOSHUA SCOTT	57.76
AUTEN, TERRY REVON	43.07	MEZEY, JOSE LUIS	42.10
AVILA, HERNANDEZ, REYES ANGEL	26.95	MILLARD, RICHARD	53.67
BAILEY, MARY LOUISE	83.95	MILLER, JOHN CHANDLER	81.84
BARNES, PERRY DEAN	19.16	MILLER, PATRICIA GIBSON	23.71
BENTLEY, JAACK SHERRILL JR	21.59	MONTGOMERY, GARY ROGER	44.25
BLACK, ERIN TAYLOR	86.51	MORGAN, JAMES VERNON JR	2.73
BRACKETT, ROBIN CUNNINGHAM	24.34	MULLIGAN, ANDREA PAIGE	74.40
BRADHAM, LARRY KENT	72.52	NEELY, HAROLD KUTRAY	74.43
BRIGGS, GREGORY LYNN	35.29	NEKOOASL, JANET BURRIS	19.68
BROWN, ANDREW JAMES	44.48	NENCETTI, THOMAS JAMES	42.34
BURGESS, CHRISTINA LUCK	29.93	NIX, DAVID TIMOTHY	38.01
BURLESON, FRANK STEPHEN	53.66	NIX, DAVID TIMOTHY	30.03
BUTLER, JEROME MACK JR	22.67	PARTLOW, JAMES RICHARD	62.80
CALHOUN, DAVID KEITH	15.18	PENEGAR, THOMAS DEWITTE III	31.09
CARPENTER, STACEY MICHELLE	79.97	PORTER, BRANDON LEE	94.85
CARRIKER, SYLVIA WAISNER	76.94	PRECISION MACHINE PRODUCTS	38.37
CARROLL, CAROLYN MARIE	31.70	PRICE, DAVID LAWRENCE	10.28
CHAMPION, ERNEST LARRY	25.87	PRIVETT, PAUL WESLEY	16.12
CHAVERS, BILLY GERALD JR	40.06	RAILEY, KENNETH DAVID	13.13
CLARK, CLYNE PAUL	82.52	REEVES, DORENDA SUSANNE	9.30
CLARK, DONNA QUEEN	25.85	REID, KAREN JENKINS	7.03
CLARY, JERRY SHANE	91.41	REID, VIDELLA TRAVIS	40.74
CLARY, SUSAN PRICE	10.48	REYNOLDS, MALCOM WILLIAM	33.60
CLEMMER, VERNON AUGUSTUS III	44.52	RHYNE, ROBERT CALVIN	23.16
CLINE, ROBERT LEE	30.44	RICHARD, RICKY EUGENE	95.75
COLLETT, ANN PASOUR	43.30	RICHARD, RICKY EUGENE	47.09
COX, DEBORAH CONNER	10.71	ROBERTS, TIMOTHY FOREST	53.46
CVS PHARMACY INC	80.91	ROBERTSON, ELISA MARIE	67.24
DAVIS, ALISHA NICHOLE	56.17	RODRIGUEZ, MARK STEVEN	48.52
DEESE, BRENDA TUCKER	67.62	ROWELL, SYLVIA PRISCILLA MAXINE	56.42
DEESE, BRENDA TUCKER	14.42	SADLER, JAMES WILLIAM JR	49.14
DODD, GLORIA MICHELLE	88.01	SADLER, JAY DAVID	28.44
DOVER, WILLIAM JACKSON JR	65.94	SADLER, JERRY LEE	50.31
DUBUCLET, HEATH BRANDON	4.89	SAMROUT, DIA JABER	91.69
DUFFY, LINDA SOWERS	88.20	SANDERS, ANITA LUCAS	7.11
EDWARDS, DARRIN EUGENE	25.15	SANDERS, MELVIN DOUGLAS	38.52
EDWARDS, HARRY ANDREW	71.35	SCHIER, KAY COX	39.38
FARRIS, COREY BRYON	15.35	SCHMITT, CHARLES WILLIAM	51.37
FELTON, CHRISTINA ELLIOT	48.56	SCRUGGS, JANET ALMARODE	36.03
FERGUSON, CHARLES EDWARD JR	79.34	SCULL, DAVID ANTHONY	59.12
FERGUSON, CHARLES EDWARD JR	35.90	SHORT, VICKIE TROUTMAN	78.91
FIELDS, LAUREN ELIZABETH	14.41	SLAUGHTER, KAITLIN RAE	33.97
FOWLER, JAMES CHRISTOPHER JR	14.41	SLOAN, MICHAEL LEON	85.51
FOY, ROBERT AVERY	58.93	SMITH, DANIEL WALKER	21.10
FRALEY, ALLEN RHYNE	35.74	SMITH, JANNISE MARIE	5.00
GANTT, KENNETH OTTO	27.52	SMITH, PHILLIP BRIAN	16.02
GATLIN, KARRIE VANESSA	85.79	SMITH, RONNIE EMERSON	99.45
GENARO, MAURICE MICHAEL	67.88	SPARKS, JOHN GRANT	4.06
GINGLES, LORETTA ARMSTRONG	26.34	SPENCER, TOMMY JAY JR	29.50
GORDON, BRIAN EARL	92.84	STALCUP, CARLOS VICTOR	3.49
GORDON, RALPH GREGORY	15.10	STARNES, NATHAN THOMAS	34.56
HAMRICK, KENNETH BRANDON	72.69	STEPHENS, SAMUEL JAMES	25.35
HAMRICK, KENNETH BRANDON	10.27	STRUCTURAL DESIGN GROUP, INC	94.78
HARGROVE, EDITH NIXON	79.39	STUTZMAN, DAVID WAYNE	4.97
HASKETT, MAXINE JACKSON	25.83	TERRY, CHRISTOPHER LANCE	14.57
HAWKINS, KRISTA JEAN	22.46	THOMAS, HENRY EARL	43.05
HAYMAKER, HANNAH GRACE	71.54	THOMPSON, CATHERINE MAY HATCHER	8.41
HENDERSON, SHENKA DWAN	65.17	THOMPSON, JULIE PETTUS	32.98
HOFFMAN, ROLAND GORDON	21.46	THOMPSON, MICHAEL JR	42.16
HOWLE, ERIN WHITNEY	99.90	THULIN, JOHN VICTOR JR	68.97
HUGHES, MICHAEL CHARLES	3.55	TIMMONS, WANDA DENISE	77.17
JACKSON, MATTHEW DANIEL	73.17	TUCKER, JEREMY ROBERT	12.27
JARRETT, KAY HOOKS	30.77	TUCKER, TAXWAH	56.84

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JENKINS, NELSON ROSS	28.66	UNDERDOWN, CHARLES EDGAR	3.88
JENNINGS, DAVID HENDERSON JR	31.92	WAGGONER, LONNIE AUSTIN III	89.18
KEITH, MARTHA SLOAN	32.86	WALKER, JOHN CAMERON	8.35
KELLER, GEORGE HENRY JR	31.43	WARNOCK, SARAH LANNING	6.18
LAY, PATRICK OLIVER	46.65	WATTS, LARRY LEE	21.72
LEWIS, THOMAS BROWN JR	53.25	WATTS, LATONYA LYNN	53.20
LINCOLN COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT	65.28	WELCH, DAVID EDWARD	40.17
LINEBERGER, BARRY ROBERT	35.42	WELSH, OLIVIA SMITH	81.57
LOWERY, TAMMY GAIL	35.61	WEYENETH, BRIAN LEE	60.10
LUTZ, MARK LEE	7.92	WHISNANT, RALPH ALFRED	31.24
LUTZ, MARK LEE	25.09	WILKINSON, MARY DOLORES	62.30
LYNCH, WAYNE CLARK	58.47	WILSON, JEVONGELA LACKEY	43.48
MALLET-PENTERIS, AMANDA JILL	79.86	WILSON, JEVONGELA LACKEY	38.88
MANEY, LARRY JOHN	27.24	WOLF, MIRANDA MAE	89.18
MARTIN, COLLEEN SELVEY	11.92	WOOTEN, BEVERLY ADAMS	96.87
MATTHEWS, NICOL MARIE	22.29	ZAVALETA, FELIZ ENRIQUE	81.41
MCCAIN, ELIZABETH ANN	30.03	TOTAL VTS REFUNDS	7,483.82
MCCOMBS, JEROME DUPREE	23.44		
MCCORMICK, KAREN SUE	79.85	GRAND TOTAL VEHICLE TAX REFUNDS	8,010.74

2017-291 Commissioner Grant - Fire Marshal - To Approve the Transfer of Accumulated Funds Realized from Past Tax Collections, Revaluation, Interest Earned, Etc. to Lowell Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. (\$7,707) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	028-99-9900-0000-490000	(7,707)
*Additional Subsidies (A/S)		
Lowell Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc.	028-02-4420-0000-570007	7,707

2017-292 Commissioner Grant - Fire Marshal - To Approve the Finance Arrangements and a Certificate of Need for Tryonota Fire Department to Obtain Financing, in the amount of \$500,000, to Purchase a new Class A Pumper with 1500 to 2000 GPM Pump and 1,000 Gallon Booster Tank as Approved by the Fire Advisory Board on November 9, 2017

2017-293 Commissioner Grant - Fire Marshal - To Approve the Finance Arrangements and a Certificate of Need for Crowder's Mountain Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Inc. to Obtain Financing, in the amount of \$1,000,000, to Purchase a Three Bay plus Approximately 1500 Square Foot Metal Building to be used as Station 3 as Approved by the Fire Advisory Board on November 9, 2017

2017-294 Commissioner Worley - Library - To Approve the Appropriation of Additional FY 2017-2018 State Aid to Public Libraries Funds (\$20,036) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
State Aid: Public Library	010-04-6110-6110-425071	(\$20,036)
State Aid to Public Libraries	010-04-6110-6110-560000-18554	\$20,036

2017-295 Commissioner Fraley - Police Department - To Approve Revisions to the Gaston County Personnel Policy Manual Related to Residency Requirement for Police Officers as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners adopts revisions to the Gaston County Personnel Policy allowing sworn personnel to reside in counties contiguous to Gaston County to include Lincoln, Mecklenburg, and Cleveland Counties in NC and York County, South Carolina to be effective January 1, 2018.

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2017-296 Commissioner Worley - Sheriff's Office - To Accept a Surplus Vehicle Donation from the City of Gastonia on Behalf of the Sheriff's Office

2017-297 Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the October Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Real Estate - \$103,658.85; Vehicles and ETC - \$478.29; VTS Refunds - \$8,679.20; Grand Total - \$112,816.34) as follows:

TAXPAYER NAME	OWNER NAME	AMOUNT
OCTOBER 2017 REAL ESTATE		
Abernathy, Dorothy D		\$111.00
Adams Home LLC		\$425.60
Adams Home LLC		\$425.60
Becker, Ryan J		\$1,274.73
Boswell, Marvin Lee		\$151.36
Bowen, Brian Bruce		\$1,998.00
Chatman, Jeffrey		\$229.00
Dial, Melvina		\$452.00
Est Of Roy Roy		\$1,126.68
Falls, Teresa W		\$161.62
Falls, Teresa W		\$157.16
Gaston County Tax Dept		\$25,381.78
Greene, Marilyn A		\$117.64
Hogan, Thomas Milton Jr		\$138.79
Hogan, Thomas Milton Jr		\$144.50
Hopkins, Tommie J Jr		\$230.74
J & P Enterprises		\$4,110.49
Locklear, Samantha		\$140.81
Locklear, Samantha		\$120.54
Parker, Judy E		\$102.31
Patel, Rajeshwari A		\$163.78
Patel, Rajeshwari A		\$163.78
Revival Tabernacle Inc		\$113.54
RJC LLC		\$23,580.87
RLS Liquidating		\$169.81
Robinson, Shirley C		\$225.30
Salex Inc		\$977.70
Sanders, Michelle P		\$291.20
Sherrill, Josh		\$340.06
Smith, Ralph Edward Jr		\$164.00
Stroupe, Rachel B		\$220.06
Sugden, Stephen M		\$699.40
Susquehanna Commerical Finance		\$1,086.29
Timios Inc		\$262.89
Warren L Tadlock		\$186.74
Wells Fargo Real Estate		\$37,766.65
Williams, Sheila Ann		\$136.34
Willis, Sheila		\$110.09
TOTAL		\$103,658.85
OCTOBER 2017 VEHICLES & ETC		
Lynch, Christopher Jemere		\$113.82
Mosley, Carlean		\$364.47
TOTAL		\$478.29
OCTOBER VTS REFUNDS		
Alexander, Robert Michael		\$207.64
Armstrong, Mark Eugene		\$109.67
Barnes, Leslie Marie		\$129.99
Barnes, William Jeffrey		\$118.48
Bronisevsky, Maria		\$111.63
Brown, Jackie Bruce		\$236.18

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Carswell, Jack Christopher	\$133.00
Cleveland County Tax Dept	\$532.04
Craig, Danny Gene Jr	\$255.38
Dow, Charles Kahlil	\$149.06
General Mills Sales Inc	\$170.71
Goulet, Robert Jacque	\$278.95
Hartness, Daniel Spencer	\$136.42
Haynes, William Andrew	\$146.21
Heavner, Susan Carpenter	\$180.08
Huber, Brett Lewis	\$105.74
Kennerly, Gina Denise	\$106.15
Lancaster, Timothy Lee	\$264.39
Licker, Helen Jeanette	\$195.68
Marcham, Thomas Frances	\$170.80
Marr, Samuel Joseph	\$109.32
Morton, Tracie Harris	\$146.09
Mullins, Jodi Lyn	\$141.82
Nationwide Mutual	\$148.50
Nolen, Herman Eugene	\$280.31
Oquinn, Wendy Hyde	\$311.60
Parkwood Baptist Church	\$138.64
Pasqualone, Richard Guido	\$192.97
Purkayastha, Suvajit	\$187.26
Sadler, James William Jr	\$294.21
Sheppard, Judith Phillips	\$187.08
Shipman, Jessie Michael	\$272.48
Short, Jeffrey McSwain	\$115.36
Shumsky, Kevin Christian	\$184.93
Shytle, Taylor Chase	\$235.28
Shytle, Taylor Chase	\$231.60
Starling, Peggy Smith	\$105.97
Taiwo, Rasheed Oluwasegun	\$528.74
Terry, Cynthia Taylor	\$107.85
Thomas, Michael Lynn	\$157.28
Toney, Joseph Lee	\$292.44
Vo, Phong Trieu	\$322.59
Wyndham Worldwide Corporation	\$248.68
TOTAL	\$8,679.20
GRAND TOTAL	\$112,816.34

2017-298 Commissioner Keigher - Finance - To Approve Budget Change Request to Recognize \$59,182,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017 Proceeds per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	031-99-9900-0000-490000-	(1,129,591)
Payment to Escrow Agent	031-03-5911-0000-550038-18140	1,129,591
Issuance Cost	031-03-5911-0000-530010-18140	200,077
Payment to Escrow Agent	031-03-5911-0000-550038-18140	58,981,923
Refunding School Bond Proceeds, 2017	031-03-5911-0000-416005-18140	(59,182,000)

Non-Consent Agenda Items

2017-299 Commissioners Brown & Fraley - Fire Marshal - Resolution To Support the Designation of the NC State Highway Patrol Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) as the Next Generation Emergency Services Radio System Platform for Gaston County; Specifically, to Endorse the Fire

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Service Application for a 2017 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant and to Provide the Required 10% Matching Funds Not to Exceed \$200,000

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Philbeck, the BOC approved **2017-299** by the following vote and as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Fraley, Grant, Hovis, Keigher and Philbeck
Nay: Commissioner Worley

WHEREAS, the citizens of Gaston County are currently protected by an antiquated and obsolete UHF/VHF emergency services radio system that is approaching 16 years of service and becoming increasingly difficult to maintain adequately; and,

WHEREAS, in September 2013 a multi-agency subcommittee of public safety officials along with County staff was commissioned to evaluate available options for the next generation emergency services radio system platform; and,

WHEREAS, following an extensive evaluation of multiple system options the subcommittee voted unanimously to designate the NC VIPER system as the preferred system for implementation; and,

WHEREAS, due to the predicted cost burden, it was deemed to be in the public interest for all agencies to develop creative funding sources where possible, and specifically for the fire service, to collaboratively seek a Joint Regional Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to more cost-effectively purchase and install the county-wide VIPER radio system; and,

WHEREAS, the FEMA AFG program limits such radio system grant awards to non-infrastructure purchases to a maximum of \$2 million dollars and requires the regional grant partners to provide a one-time 10% fund match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners wishes to designate the NC State Highway Patrol Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) as the next generation emergency services radio system platform and to endorse the county-wide fire service bid for a 2017 Joint Regional Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant by providing the required 10% matching grant funds not to exceed \$200,000 dollars.

2017-300 Commissioner Philbeck - Public Works - To Authorize the County Manager to Execute an Architect/Engineering Design Contract with Stewart-Cooper-Newell Architects for the Jail Infill Project at a Cost Not to Exceed \$600,000

Chairman Brown called for a motion for the purposes of discussion. Commissioner Keigher introduced a motion and Commissioner Brown provided a second.

Commissioner Worley recalled that Stewart-Cooper-Newell (SCN) has already been engaged for this project; asked how much has been paid for planning and design work and will the \$600k be all encompassing.

The County Manager stated it is a not-to exceed amount; he deferred to Mr. Ray Maxwell, Public Works Director for additional information.

Mr. Maxwell stated SCN was hired to do a preliminary design layout for the jail which was basically a scoping process to determine how much would fit and the potential cost. It was done a

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few years ago and the County had the firm come back in and re-scope it; the cost was \$20k and the work has being completed; this request is for the actual design of the in-fill.

Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Brown called for the vote and on motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously approved **2017-300** authorizing the County Manager to Execute an Architect/Engineering Design Contract with Stewart-Cooper-Newell Architects for the Jail Infill Project at a Cost Not to Exceed \$600,000

FAILED Board of Commissioners - County Attorney - To Accept an Offer and Approve the Sale of Surplus Property - PID 137140 and 137134 (Former Rhyne Elementary School) Pursuant to Upset Bid Procedures Set Forth in G.S. 160A-269

Chairman Brown called for a motion for the purposes of discussion. None was heard.

The County Attorney asked for a motion to formally reject the bid.

Commissioner Philbeck introduced a motion to reject the offer. Commissioner Keigher provided the second.

Commissioner Worley asked if an appraisal had been conducted on the property.

The County Attorney stated "no" and confirmed the tax value exceeds the present bid.

Commissioner Fraley asked for clarification on the "next steps" if the bid is rejected.

The County Attorney suggested either conducting a formal appraisal or having internal appraisers provide an estimate of the current value. The Board could then decide to accept that valuation as the floor and request sealed bids accordingly.

Commissioner Philbeck revised his motion to reject, adding an authorization for staff to conduct an internal appraisal and put the property up for sale based off of that valuation.

Commissioner Keigher noted his agreement and further noted the tax value is \$78k and the Commission should try to get at least double the final bid (\$22k); property is definitely worth more than that.

Responding to Commissioner Hovis, the County Attorney stated the BOC accepted the initial \$10k offer which started the upset bid process.

Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Brown called for the vote and on motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck, seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC voted unanimously to reject the bid and to conduct an internal appraisal in order to establish a minimum sale price for the property.

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2017-301 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Appropriate Funds from Medicaid Cost Settlement for Payment to the NC Division of Medical Assistance (\$593,635)

On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously approved **2017-301** per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	011-99-9900-0000-490000-	(\$593,635)
MCS - #3 Appropriated	011-05-5111-0000-560000-17269	\$593,635

Appointments

On a motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and Seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously reappointed Commissioner Tom Keigher to the ***CaroMont Health/Gaston Memorial Hospital Board of Directors*** to a term ending December 31, 2018.

On a motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and Seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Jeffery Cash to the ***CaroMont Health/Gaston Memorial Hospital Board of Directors*** to a term ending December 31, 2021.

On a motion introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the ***Centralina Council of Governments (COG)***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Grant	Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Bob Hovis	November 30, 2018
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Grant	Commissioner Ronnie Worley	November 30, 2018

On a motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously reappointed Commissioner Tracy Philbeck to the ***Charlotte Regional Partnership*** to a term ending December 31, 2018.

On a motion introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the ***Economic Development Commission***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Joe D. Carpenter	December 31, 2020
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Philbeck	Mr. Richard Cromlish, Jr.	December 31, 2020

On a motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Philbeck, the BOC unanimously reappointed Commissioner Bob Hovis to the ***Environmental Review Advisory Board*** to a term ending December 31, 2020.

On a motion introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed/reappointed to the ***Equalization and Review Board***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Grant	Mr. Thomas McCray	December 31, 2020
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Grant	Mr. Martin Eudy	December 31, 2020
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Grant	Mr. Joe Grigg	December 31, 2020
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Grant	Mr. Rudy Pomeroy	December 31, 2020
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Grant	Mr. Conrad Pogorzelski	December 31, 2020

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On a motion introduced by Commissioner Grant and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Anita Sanders to the **Family Advisory Board** to an unexpired term ending April 30, 2018.

On a motion introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the **Fire Advisory Board**:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Philbeck	Mr. Earl Withers, III	November 30, 2018
Commissioner Grant	Commissioner Brown	Mr. Brian Weyeneth	November 30, 2018
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Worley	Mr. Bryan Robinson	November 30, 2018
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Philbeck	Mr. Scott Moore	November 30, 2018
Commissioner Grant	Commissioner Brown	Mr. Charles Moore	November 30, 2018
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Don Grant	November 30, 2018
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Worley	Mr. Eric Hendrix	November 30, 2018
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Philbeck	Mr. Jeff Hovis	November 30, 2018

On a motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Jeffrey Peterson to the **Fireman's Relief Fund Trustees** to a term ending November 30, 2019.

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

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Grant	Commissioner Ronnie Worley	June 30, 2019 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Fraley	Ms. Rebecca Jones	June 30, 2019 (Unexpired Term)

On a motion introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed to the **North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC)**:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Ronnie Worley	November 30, 2019
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Tom Keigher	November 30, 2019

On a motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously appointed Commissioner Allen R. Fraley to the **Partnership for Children of Lincoln/Gaston Counties Board of Directors** to a term ending November 30, 2020.

On a motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. William Sain to the **Planning Board** to a term ending January 31, 2019.

On a motion introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed/reappointed to the **SARA Local Planning Committee (LEPC)**:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Worley	Mr. Dean Harris	December 31, 2018 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Brown	Mr. Adam Wilson	December 31, 2019 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Brown	Ms. Cheree Wilson	December 31, 2020
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Hoyle Withers	December 31, 2020
Commissioner Grant	Commissioner Brown	Mr. Jim Burke	December 31, 2020
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Glenn Bratton	December 31, 2020
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Hanna Kirlin	December 31, 2020
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Philbeck	Mr. Jeff Hicks	December 31, 2020

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On a motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Fraley, the BOC unanimously appointed Commissioner Ronnie Worley to the **Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)** to an unexpired term ending November 30, 2018.

Commissioners Committee Reports

Commissioner Worley reported that the former Iredell County Manager, Mr. Ron Smith, was hired as the executive director for **Centralina Council of Governments** to replace Mr. Jim Prosser. He noted that he was involved in the interview process and is confident Mr. Smith will be a good fit for the organization.

County Manager's Report

The County Manager presented:

- Held a preliminary budget work session to kick off the budget season; received valuable input from the BOC
- Work continues to advance the bond refunding which will save the county a substantial amount of money
- Moving forward with the acquisition of industrial property which includes the Apple Creek and Cherryville properties
- Working on getting the Cramerton School property to the market in the near future; have scheduled a meeting with the Cramerton officials to discuss the zoning; will then develop a marketing brochure.

County Attorney's Report

No Report.

Upon unanimous consent, the BOC moved the following Closed Sessions to the Organizational Meeting, which immediately followed the Regular Session.

- 1) *Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) - Property Acquisition*
- 2) *Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) - Consult with the Attorney*

Other Matters

None.

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Adjournment

Chairman Brown called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Upon unanimous consent, the BOC adjourned the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2017 at 7:02 pm.

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

Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

Donna S. Buff
Clerk to the Board

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