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DECEMBER 12, 2017

The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on December 12, 2017 in The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse, at 7:03 pm for the purpose of reorganization of the County Commission.

Commissioners Chad Brown, Allen R. Fraley, Don Grant, Bob Hovis, Tom Keigher, Tracy L. Philbeck and Ronnie Worley in attendance.

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

Election of the Chair

The County Attorney entertained nominations for the Chair of the Board as follows:

Commissioner Fraley nominated Commissioner Brown to serve as Chair of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners and Commissioner Philbeck provided the second.

Commissioner Hovis introduced a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Philbeck provided the second.

The County Attorney declared the nominations closed and called for the vote to elect Commissioner Brown as Chairman of the County Commission and the motion carried unanimously.

2017-302 Commissioner Brown is hereby elected to serve as **Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.**

Election of the Vice-Chairman

Chairman Brown entertained nominations for the Vice-Chairman of the County Commission.

Commissioner Philbeck nominated Commissioner Keigher to serve as Vice-Chairman of the County Commission.

Commissioner Hovis introduced a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Keigher provided the second.

Chairman Brown declared nominations closed and called for the vote to elect Commissioner Keigher as Vice-Chairman of the County Commission and the motion carried unanimously.

2017-303 Commissioner Keigher is hereby elected to serve as **Vice-Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.**

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Appointment of County Manager

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Philbeck, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2017-304** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina, appoints Earl Mathers to the position of County Manager.

Appointment of County Attorney

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2017-305** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina, appoints Charles L. Moore as County Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the law firm of Stott, Hollowell, Palmer and Windham is to serve in the capacity of Associate County Attorney.

Appointment of County Clerk

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2017-306** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina, appoints Donna S. Buff as Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

Resolution of Meetings

On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2017-307** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina sets forth the time and place of its required meetings at 6:00 pm, The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse, 325 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Gastonia, North Carolina as follows:

- ***Work Sessions to be held on the 2nd Tuesday each month***
- ***Regular Meetings to be held on the 4th Tuesday each month***

with exception of the following meetings:

- **November 27 BOC Meeting to be Combined with November 13 Work Session**
- **December 25 BOC Meeting to be Combined with December 11 Work Session**

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when the Board of Commissioners sets a location with date and time of a meeting away from the Courthouse, the location for the meeting will be designated by the Commissioner representing the township where such meeting is to be held. The Clerk shall cause the place of the meeting to be published as required by law.

Resolution of Approval of Bonds

On motion introduced by Commissioner Grant and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2017-308** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, that in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, bonds are hereby set and approved as follows:

Sheriff, Alan Cloninger \$25,000
Register of Deeds, Susan S. Lockridge \$10,000
Tonya Frye, Finance Director \$50,000
Tax Collector, James D. Tanner \$100,000
Faithful Performance Blanket Bond \$500,000

Resolution of Meetings with Legislative Delegation

On motion introduced by Commissioner Grant and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2017-309** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County will meet with the aforementioned legislative delegation as required during this year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the time and place of the aforementioned meetings are to be scheduled by the Chair after consultation with the members of the legislative delegation.

Resolution for Organizational Planning Session

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2017-310** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners that the policy of the Board of Commissioners shall be to have one major annual Planning Session with said date being determined at a later time.

Other Matters

None.

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Closed Sessions (Moved From Preceding 12/12/2017 Regular Meeting Agenda):

- 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

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 7:08 pm.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Grant, the BOC unanimously reentered Open Session at 7:31 pm.

Chairman Brown announced that no action was necessary as a result of the Closed Session.

Adjournment

Chairman Brown called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Philbeck, the BOC unanimously adjourned the Organizational Meeting of December 12, 2017 at 7:31 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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