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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met in Regular Session on February 27, 2018 at 6:01 pm in The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse.

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

Commissioner Allen R. Fraley was not 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 Keigher led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing - Re: Commissioner Worley - Planning/Zoning - To Approve Naming of Private Drive as Dog Day Ln

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

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

Chairman Brown introduced Mrs. Sarah Penley, Planning GIS Specialist III, for comments.

Mrs. Penley reviewed the property owner's petition for Parcel 185471 requesting to name a private drive Dog Day Ln; property exists of a single family dwelling with six cottages (in rear of the property) using the same address; new property owner intends to remodel the vacant cottages; new addresses will assist with 911 location. She reviewed vicinity and aerial maps depicting the property's location off of Highland St. in Cramerton's ETJ; the private drive is along the western property line off of Highland St. and accesses the six cottages using variations of the 607 address (607-A, 607-B etc.); all notices were mailed per County policy.

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment and for questions from the BOC; hearing none, called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Grant, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2018-024** as follows:

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Planning Board is authorized to provide recommendations for Street Naming or Street Renaming of roadways in the unincorporated areas of Gaston County; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Planning Board reviewed the street proposed for naming and after consideration are recommending the change below.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners approve the road name changes as follows:

**Naming of private drive as Dog Day Ln**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager is authorized to make the necessary notifications to the appropriate State and local officials.

Public Hearing - Re: Commissioner Brown - Parks and Recreation - To Authorize Gaston County Parks and Recreation to Submit a NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Grant Application in 2018 (No Additional County Funds)

Chairman Brown introduced Mrs. Cathy Hart, Director of Parks and Recreation, for comments.

Mrs. Hart requested permission to apply for a \$350k Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant to supplement existing funds for the Dallas Park phase two improvements which consists of a multi-purpose field, splash pad, fitness pavilion, dog park with water access, two new restrooms, additional parking, and a shade structure and shelter near the splash pad. She advised that Parks and Recreation received funding for this project through the CaroMont Investment Task Force in 2015; following a lengthy design process, which was complicated by the gas line bisecting the property, Parks and Recreation held a pre-bid opening last week and bids will be opened on March 8; anticipate bids coming in well over budget and have designated some items as optional; the PARTF grant funds will help to complete the entire project.

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment; hearing none, called for questions from the BOC.

Commissioner Hovis asked how much of the project could be completed via grant funds.

Mrs. Hart responded staff has a list of items that could be removed; the priorities involve keeping the splash pad and multipurpose field; all of the other items would be on the chopping block if necessary.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved **2018-025** authorizing Gaston County Parks and Recreation to Submit a NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Grant Application in 2018.

Public Hearing - Re: Board of Commissioners - Order Authorizing \$250,000,000 School Bonds and Resolution Calling a Special Bond Referendum

Chairman Brown introduced Mr. Charles Moore, County Attorney, for comments.

The County Attorney advised that the BOC previously approved the Order Authorizing \$250 Million in School Bonds; pending citizen comment, the BOC will take the Second Reading on the Bond Order and the Resolution setting the Special Referendum.

Chairman Brown called for citizen comment and for questions from the BOC; none were heard.

Chairman Brown called for a motion and action was taken in Resolution **2018-026** as set forth herewith and therein as follows:

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston, North Carolina, was held at 6:00 P.M., on February 27, 2018, in the Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum on the second floor of the Gaston County Courthouse at 325 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, in Gastonia, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting.

Present: Chairman Chad Brown, presiding, and Commissioners Tom Keigher, Don Grant, Bob Hovis, Tracy L. Philbeck and Ronnie Worley.

Absent: . Commissioner Allen R. Fraley

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At 6:00 P.M. the Chairman announced that this was the hour, date and place fixed by the Board of Commissioners for the public hearing upon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$250,000,000 SCHOOL BONDS" and that the Board of Commissioners would immediately hear anyone who might wish to be heard on the question of the validity of said order or the advisability of issuing said bonds.

No one appeared, either in person or by attorney, to be heard on the question of the validity of said order or the advisability of issuing said bonds and the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners announced that no written statement relating to said questions had been received.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Philbeck, seconded by Commissioner Worley and carried, the order introduced and passed on first reading on February 13, 2018 entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$250,000,000 SCHOOL purchase and sale property BONDS" was read a second time by title and placed upon its final passage. The vote upon the final passage of said order was:

Ayes: Commissioners Chad Brown, Tom Keigher, Don Grant, Bob Hovis, Tracy L. Philbeck and Ronnie Worley.

Noes: None.

The Chairman then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$250,000,000 SCHOOL BONDS" had been adopted.

The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners was thereupon directed to publish said order, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The Gaston Gazette.

Thereupon Commissioner Brown introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner:

RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston:

Section 1. A special bond referendum is hereby called to be held between 6:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at which there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the County of Gaston the question stated in the notice of special bond referendum set forth in Section 3 of this resolution.

Section 2. For said referendum, (i) the regular registration books for elections in Gaston County shall be used and the registration books, process or records shall be open for the registration of qualified persons and for public inspection in the manner, under the conditions and at the times and places as provided by law or the Gaston County Board of Elections (the "Board of Elections"), (ii) the chief judges, judges and other officers of election appointed by the Board of Elections for the precincts and voting places in said County shall be the election officers for such precincts and voting places and (iii) the precincts and voting places for said referendum shall be those fixed by the Board of Elections, subject to change as provided by law. The

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Board of Elections is hereby requested to conduct said referendum and to take all necessary steps to that end.

Section 3. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall cause a notice to be published in The Gaston Gazette once at least fourteen days before April 13, 2018 (being the last day on which persons may register for said referendum except for certain situations) and once again not less than seven days before said day, such notice to read substantially as follows:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM  
IN THE  
COUNTY OF GASTON, NORTH CAROLINA

A special bond referendum will be held throughout the County of Gaston, North Carolina, between 6:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at which there will be submitted to the qualified voters of said County the following question:

Shall the order adopted on February 27, 2018, authorizing not exceeding \$250,000,000 School Bonds of the County of Gaston, North Carolina, plus interest for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for erecting additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, enlarging, reconstructing, renovating and replacing existing school buildings and other school plant facilities and acquiring any necessary land, furnishings, equipment and appurtenant facilities therefor, in order to provide additional school facilities in said County to maintain the school term as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution, and providing that additional taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

The question hereinabove set forth contains a statement of the purpose for which the bonds are authorized by the order referred to in such question.

If said bonds are issued, taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest thereof will be levied upon all taxable property in the County of Gaston.

Said referendum will be conducted by the Gaston County Board of Elections (the "Board of Elections"). Except for certain situations, the last day to register to vote in said referendum is April 13, 2018, subject to change as provided by law. For more information concerning registration, procedures for residents who have changed residences from the date of the last election, voting by absentee ballot, one-stop voting and polling places, please contact the Board of Elections at 410 W. Franklin Blvd., Suite 50, Gastonia, North Carolina 28052 or at 704-852-6005, or by visiting its website, [www.gastoncountyelections.com](http://www.gastoncountyelections.com).

James W. Ragan  
Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Elections  
North Carolina

Donna S. Buff  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the  
County of Gaston, North Carolina

Section 4. The form of the question to appear in the ballots and in the instructions to voters for said referendum shall be substantially as follows:

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Shall the order adopted on February 27, 2018, authorizing not exceeding \$250,000,000 School Bonds of the County of Gaston, North Carolina, plus interest for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for erecting additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, enlarging, reconstructing, renovating and replacing existing school buildings and other school plant facilities and acquiring any necessary land, furnishings, equipment and appurtenant facilities therefor, in order to provide additional school facilities in said County to maintain the school term as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution, and providing that additional taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

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Section 5. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to mail or deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections within three days after the passage hereof.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Philbeck, seconded by Commissioner Worley, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chad Brown, Tom Keigher, Don Grant, Bob Hovis, Tracy L. Philbeck and Ronnie Worley.

Noes: None.

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board at a regular meeting held on February 27, 2018, as relates in any way to the holding of a public hearing upon an order authorizing the issuance of bonds of said County as described in such proceedings, the adoption of said order and the calling of a special bond referendum and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book No. \_\_\_\_ of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page \_\_\_\_ and ending at page \_\_\_\_.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that I mailed or delivered a certified copy of the resolution passed by said Board on February 27, 2018 entitled: "RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM" to the Gaston County Board of Elections on or before the third day following the passage of said resolution.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that notice of said meeting was duly given in accordance with G.S. § 143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.

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Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

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

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

**Agenda Revision/Approval**

- Moved to March 27<sup>th</sup> Agenda/ Section II, B-1 – Closed Session of December 12, 2017 NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5), Closed Session of December 12, 2017 NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3), Closed Session of January 9, 2018 NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3), Closed Session of January 9, 2018 NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) and Closed Session of February 13, 2018 NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)
- Revised/ *Commissioner Worley – Sheriff's Office – To Approve Sole Source Purchase of 125 Additional Body-Worn Cameras from Axon Enterprise, Inc. (\$307,544) – IV., X.*
- Added/ *Commissioner Philbeck – County Attorney – To Approve a Purchase Agreement with Gaston 232, LLC, for the Purchase of a Portion of the Proposed Apple Creek Industrial Site (180) Acres for \$3,604,000 – V., E.*

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Worley, the BOC unanimously approved the Agenda of February 27, 2018 with changes as noted above.

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**Approval of Minutes**

On motion introduced by Commissioner Grant and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved the Minutes of the Rescheduled Regular Meeting of December 12, 2017, Organizational Meeting of December 12, 2017, Regular Meeting of January 23, 2018, Special Meeting of February 13, 2018 and Special Meeting of February 16, 2018.

**Citizen Recognition**

Mr. Foye Mitchum, 603 Ralph's Blvd, Gastonia, voiced concerns about school safety and stated the need for additional safety measures including additional school resource officers (SROs).

Chairman Brown commended Officer Rodney Hamrick and the efforts of other SROs in the County.

**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Hovis introduced the motion to approve and Commissioner Worley provided the second.

Requesting clarification on item G – *To approve a new Grants Analyst position for the Budget Department*, Commissioner Philbeck asked if this position would pay for itself.

The County Manager answered affirmatively; noted the County's grants efforts are increasing; the process is demanding and complex and requires a tremendous amount of compliance management. He urged the BOC to consider approval of the position.

Chairman Brown spoke in support of the position and noted the current Grants Administrator, Ms. Pat Laws, has done an outstanding job.

Chairman Brown called for the vote, and the BOC unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

**2018-027 Commissioner Brown - BOC - To Dissolve and Delete the Digital Task Force and the Work First Block Grant Plan Committee from the Appointment Records**

**2018-028 Commissioner Hovis - BOC - Commendation - To Commend Ms. Meghan LeFevers, Assistant Principal, Bessemer City High School Upon her Recognition as the North Carolina Assistant Principal's Association (NCPAPA) 2018 North Carolina Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year and for Receiving the 2017-2018 Milken Educator**

**2018-029 Commissioner Worley - Budget/Purchasing - To Accept and Appropriate a Governor's Crime Commission Award for Specialized Domestic Violence Mental Health Services (\$147,346) per Budget Change Request:**

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Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Specialized DV Mental Health Grant	010-01-4131-0000-425094-18601	(\$147,346)
Specialized DV Mental Health Grant	010-01-4131-0000-560000-18601	\$147,346

**2018-030 Commissioner Worley - Budget/Purchasing - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds in the Amount of \$99,999 Awarded to the Sheriff's Office for Body Cameras per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
State Body Worn Camera Grant	010-02-4315-4315-420001-18602	(\$99,999)
State Body Worn Camera Grant	010-02-4315-4315-560000-18602	\$99,999

**2018-031 Commissioner Worley - Budget/Purchasing - To Accept a Governor's Crime Commission Grant for the Child Advocacy Center (\$160,026) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Child Advocacy: GCC 2017 Grant	020-05-5585-0000-425123-18605	(\$160,026)
Child Advocacy: GCC 2017 Grant	020-05-5585-0000-520010-18605	\$575
Fund Balance Appropriated	020-99-9900-0000-490000	\$159,451

**2018-032 Commissioner Worley - Budget/Purchasing - To Accept and Appropriate a Governor's Crime Commission Grant for Transitional Housing for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims in the Amount of \$119,476 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Transitional Housing for DV Victims	010-01-4131-0000-420000-18604	(\$119,476)
Transitional Housing for DV Victims	010-01-4131-0000-560000-18604	\$119,476

**2018-033 Commissioner Brown - Budget/Purchasing - To Approve a New Personnel Position for a Grants Analyst in the Budget Department**

**2018-034 Commissioner Grant - Cooperative Extension - To Accept and Appropriate \$2,453 in Extension Program Fees per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
4H Fees	010-07-4950-4952-410009-18135	[1173.00]
State/District 4H Programs	010-07-4950-4952-560000-18135	1173.00
Coop Ext Serv Special Project	010-07-4950-4950-415013-15226	[195.00]
Fee Based Prog-Food/Supplies	010-07-4950-4950-560000-15226	195.00
Coop Ext Serv Special Project	010-07-4950-4950-415013-17272	[135.00]
Something Pumkin	010-07-4950-4950-560000-17272	135.00
Coop Ext Serv Special Project	010-07-4950-4950-415013-18134	[950.00]
Healthy Harvest	010-07-4950-4950-560000-18134	950.00

**2018-035 Commissioner Fraley - County Attorney - To Approve North Carolina Industrial Commission File No. 13-756786 Agreement for Final Compromise Settlement and Release - Desiree Giacobbe Blalock**

**2018-036 Commissioner Brown - County Attorney - To Approve the Sixth Amendment to the Lawyers Building of Gastonia, LLC, Economic Development Incentive Agreement as follows:**

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SIXTH AMENDMENT TO ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT

THIS SIXTH AMENDMENT TO ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT ("Amendment") is made effective as of the \_\_\_ day of February, 2018, by and between LA WYERS BUILDING OF GASTONIA, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company ("Grantee"), and GASTON COUNTY ("County").

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, Grantee and County executed that certain Economic Incentive Agreement by and between Grantee and County dated as of August 20, 2013 (the "Agreement");

WHEREAS, by Amendment dated September 26, 2014, the parties amended the terms of the original agreement to provide for 120 monthly payments instead of 10 annual payments and to extend the date by which \$2.4 million in Capital Expenses had to be expended on the project from February 2015 to December 2015;

WHEREAS, by Amendment dated November 12, 2015, the parties amended the terms of the agreement to extend the date by which \$2.4 million in Capital Expenses had to be expended on the project to June 30, 2016

WHEREAS, by Amendment dated September 7, 2016, the parties amended the terms of the agreement to extend the date by which \$2.4 million in Capital Expenses had to be expended on the project to March 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, by Amendment dated March 28, 2017, the parties amended the terms of the agreement to extend the date by which \$2.4 million in Capital Expenses had to be expended on the project to December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement requires from Grantee both an amount of Capital Expenses to be expended as well as a time period for the renovation to be substantially completed; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend the Agreement as more particularly set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and legal sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Section 2(a)(i) is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"Grantee shall have substantially completed the renovation of the Property into a mix-use commercial/residential building and expended at least \$2,400,000.00 in Capital Expenses on or before December 31, 2018."

2. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged. Except as amended by this Amendment, the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect, and the Agreement, as amended by this Amendment, is hereby expressly approved, ratified, confirmed and reaffirmed by Grantee and City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed as of the date first above written.

**2018-037 Commissioner Brown - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information as follows:**

EFF DATE	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Debit/Credit	AMOUNT
01/03/2018	Budget	010-01-4131-0000-520001-	C	\$500
01/03/2018		010-01-4131-0000-520013-	C	\$500
01/03/2018		010-01-4131-0000-520011-	D	\$1,000
01/05/2018	Public Works	010-01-4265-4265-530010-	C	\$36,340
01/05/2018		010-01-4265-4265-530029-	D	\$36,340
01/08/2018	Museum	010-04-6141-0000-530020-	D	\$500
01/08/2018		010-04-6141-0000-530023-	C	\$500
01/08/2018	Police	010-02-4310-4310-530010-	D	\$4,000
01/08/2018		010-02-4310-4310-520006-	C	\$4,000
01/09/2018	Health	011-05-5112-5115-520002-	C	\$2,000
01/09/2018		011-05-5112-5115-520010-	D	\$2,000
01/10/2018	Attorney	010-01-4150-0000-520011-	D	\$2,000

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01/10/2018		010-01-4150-0000-520012-	C	\$1,000
01/10/2018		010-01-4150-0000-520013-	C	\$500
01/10/2018		010-01-4150-0000-520007-	C	\$500
01/10/2018	Fire Marshal	010-02-4340-0000-520013-	D	\$400
01/10/2018		010-02-4340-0000-520001-	C	\$400
01/10/2018	Bldg Insp	012-02-4350-0000-520010-	C	\$1,500
01/10/2018		012-02-4350-0000-530020-	D	\$1,500
01/11/2018	Budget	010-01-4131-0000-560000-17227	C	\$2,776
01/11/2018		010-01-4131-0000-560000-12276	D	\$2,776
01/16/2018	Finance	010-01-4130-0000-510001-	C	\$10,000
01/16/2018		010-01-4130-0000-530015-	D	\$10,000
01/17/2018	Cable Access	010-01-4125-0000-520007-	C	\$100
01/17/2018		010-01-4125-0000-520001-	D	\$100
01/19/2018	Social Services	020-05-4810-0000-510001-	C	\$70
01/19/2018		020-05-4810-0000-510003-	D	\$70
01/19/2018	Nat Res	010-07-4960-0000-520012-	C	\$1,040
01/19/2018		010-07-4960-0000-530000-	D	\$1,040
01/23/2018	Museum	010-04-6141-0000-520001-	C	\$500
01/23/2018		010-04-6141-0000-530015-	C	\$500
01/23/2018		010-04-6141-0000-520013-	C	\$1,500
01/23/2018		010-04-6141-0000-520011-	C	\$1,000
01/23/2018		010-04-6141-0000-530023-	C	\$1,500
01/23/2018		010-04-6141-0000-530000-	D	\$5,000
01/23/2018	Social Services	020-05-4790-0000-520010-	C	\$900
01/23/2018		020-05-4790-0000-530015-	D	\$900
01/23/2018	Communications	010-02-4311-0000-520007-	C	\$500
01/23/2018		010-02-4311-0000-530000-	D	\$500
01/23/2018		010-02-4311-0000-530030-	C	\$600
01/23/2018	Police	010-02-4310-4310-530030-	D	\$600
01/24/2018	Library	010-04-6110-6112-530014-	C	\$1,000
01/24/2018		010-04-6110-6112-520011-	D	\$1,000
01/24/2018	Fire Marshal	010-02-4340-0000-520001-	C	\$32
01/24/2018		010-02-4340-0000-530022-	D	\$32
01/25/2018	Health Ins	060-08-4720-0000-530012-	C	\$25,000
01/25/2018		060-08-4720-0000-520012-	D	\$25,000
01/25/2018	Fleet	027-01-4265-4260-520012-	C	\$1,162
01/25/2018		027-01-4265-4260-540002-18085	D	\$1,162
01/26/2018	BOC	010-01-4110-0000-520013-	C	\$1,300
01/26/2018		010-01-4110-0000-530002-	D	\$1,300
01/26/2018	Fire Marshal	010-02-4340-0000-520001-	C	\$208
01/26/2018		010-02-4340-0000-530022-	D	\$208
01/29/2018	Bldg Insp	012-02-4350-0000-520007-	C	\$700
01/29/2018		012-02-4350-0000-520002-	C	\$112
01/29/2018		012-02-4350-0000-530010-	D	\$812
01/31/2018	Budget	010-01-4131-0000-520010-	C	\$500
01/31/2018		010-01-4131-0000-520011-	D	\$500

**2018-038 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (ACCESS) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal and State Funds for Medicaid Transportation in the Amount of \$100,000 per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Transportation of Clients	010-01-4521-0000-560001-	100,000
Medicaid Transportation-Federal	010-01-4521-0000-425005-	(67,000)
Medicaid Transportation- State	010-01-4521-0000-425060-	(33,000)

**2018-039 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds Received from the NC Division of Public Health for the Environmental Health Program (\$2,000) per Budget Change Request:**

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Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Health State Grant	011-05-5114-5125-425059-18600	(\$2,000)
FY18 Mosquito and Tick Grant	011-05-5114-5125-560000-18600	\$2,000

- 2018-040 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds Received from the NC Division of Public Health for the Community Health Education Program (\$3,810) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Health State Grant	011-05-5112-5115-425059-	(\$3,810)
FY18 Healthy Communities	011-05-5112-5115-560000-18501	\$3,810

- 2018-041 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional State Grant Funds Received from the NC Division of Public Health for the Community Health Education PREP Program (\$4,500) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Health State Grant	011-05-5112-5116-425059-	(\$4,500)
FY18 Prepare for Success	011-05-5112-5116-560000-18506	\$4,500

- 2018-042 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Second Quarter Donations for the Domestic Violence Shelter, Child Advocacy Center, Adult Services Program, Nutrition Program, and Children Services (\$26,541) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Shelter: Donations	020-05-5582-0000-415001-	(23,009)
CAC: Donations	020-05-5585-0000-415001-	(152)
Adult Services: Donations	020-05-5600-0000-415001-	(1,378)
Nutrition: Donations	020-05-5622-0000-415003-	(1,702)
Residential Child Care: Donations	020-05-5867-0000-415001-	(300)
Special Programs: Donations Shelter	020-05-5582-0000-560000-08162	23,009
Special Programs: Donations- CAC	020-05-5585-0000-560000-16282	152
Special Programs: Donations- Adult Serv	020-05-5600-0000-560000-08159	1,378
Special Programs: Donations- Nutrition	020-05-5600-0000-560000-15259	1,702
Special Programs: Residential Child Care	020-05-5867-0000-560000-17228	300

- 2018-043 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Month of February 2018 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month**

- 2018-044 Commissioner Grant - Finance - To Approve the Current Year Audit Contract with Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A. for \$89,350**

- 2018-045 Commissioner Brown - Gaston Community Action - To Accept as Information the FY2018-19 Community Services Block Grant as filed with the Clerk to the BOC**

- 2018-046 Commissioner Brown - Parks and Recreation - To Accept and Appropriate \$6,000 in Sponsorships for the 2018 Gaston County Senior Games per Budget Change Request:**

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Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Senior Center Donations	010-04-6130-0000-415001	(\$6,000)
Senior Center Programming	010-04-6130-0000-560000-18069	\$6,000

**2018-047 Commissioner Brown - Parks and Recreation - To Accept and Appropriate \$1,400 in Entry Fees for the 2017 Stanley Creek Massacre 5K/10K Race per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Recreation Events Fees	010-04-6120-0000-410028	(\$1,400)
Recreation Programming	010-04-6120-0000-560000-18068	\$1,400

**2018-048 Commissioner Worley - Police Department - To Accept and Appropriate the Donation of \$100.00 from the Paradise Point Community Watch per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Donations	010-02-4310-4310-415001	(100.00)
Grants and Projects: Fitness, CALEA, etc.	010-02-4310-4310-560000-18072	100.00

**2018-049 Commissioner Philbeck - Public Works - To Modify a Recently Approved Fee Structure for the Solid Waste Management Division that Increased the Municipal Solid Waste Rate and Approve a Five Year Rate Agreement Based on the Rate Increases Being Phased In Over Five Years**

**2018-050 Commissioner Worley - Sheriff's Office - To Approve Sole Source Purchase of 125 Additional Body-Worn Cameras from Axon Enterprise, Inc. (\$307,544) per Budget Change Request:**

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
2014 SCAAP GRANT	010-02-4315-4315-560000-15227	(9,837)
2015 SCAAP GRANT	010-02-4315-4315-560000-16233	(18,365)
2016 SCAAP GRANT (Offender Training)	010-02-4315-4315-560000-17258	(6,440)
2016 SCAAP GRANT (Officer Training)	010-02-4315-4315-560000-17259	(3,000)
2016 SCAAP GRANT (Disaster Preparad.)	010-02-4315-4315-560000-17260	(7,981)
SCAAP Technology	010-02-4315-4315-560000-18595	45,623
DV Deputies	010-02-4315-4315-560000-15088	(126,937)
FY 11 CIVIL PROCESS FUNDS	010-02-4315-4315-560000-11042	(10,467)
FY 12 CIVIL PROCESS FUNDS	010-02-4315-4315-560000-12109	(124,517)
BODY CAMERAS	010-02-4315-4315-560000-17274	261,921

**2018-051 Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Uncollected Real Estate Taxes and Lien Advertisement as follows:**

Gaston County	\$6,630,434.20
Belmont	\$197,152.15
Bessemer City	\$89,420.61
Cherryville	\$114,535.34
Cramerton	\$78,939.84
Dallas	\$71,425.43
Gastonia	\$1,342,359.58
Gastonia Downtown Svc Dist	\$12,232.99
High Shoals	\$12,643.38
Kings Mountain	\$14,399.74
Lowell	\$51,363.59
McAdenville	\$5,677.33

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Mount Holly	\$221,764.12
Ranlo	\$39,252.27
Spencer Mountain	\$0.00
Stanley	\$57,852.93
Agriculture Center Fire District	\$21,736.83
Alexis Fire District	\$13,720.30
Chapel Grove Fire District	\$26,138.92
Chestnut Ridge Fire District	\$6,112.69
Community Fire District	\$28,598.94
Crouse Fire District	\$4,889.88
East Gaston Fire District	\$16,283.55
High Shoals Fire District	\$11,959.34
Hughs Pond Fire District	\$9,873.70
Long Shoals Fire District	\$5,104.12
Lucia-Riverbend Fire District	\$20,014.58
New Hope Fire District	\$16,129.93
Ranlo Fire District	\$10,988.69
South Gastonia Fire District	\$30,276.53
South Point Fire District	\$6,691.19
Spencer Mountain Fire District	\$18,217.98
Tryonota Fire District	\$18,867.71
Union Road Fire District	\$15,866.09
Waco Fire District	\$1,907.87
Lowell Fire District	\$1,227.61
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,224,059.95</b>

**2018-052 Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Real Estate - \$264,745.79; Vehicles & ETC - \$114.00; VTS - \$7,480.74; Grand Total - \$272,340.53 as follows:**

TAXPAYER NAME	OWNER NAME	AMOUNT
<b>JANUARY 2018 REAL ESTATE</b>		
Dumas, Nancy Rollins		\$183.56
Torrence, William E		\$150.00
Stowe, Joseph S		\$605.42
Perry, Raymond S		\$3,106.38
Clark, Max S		\$178.87
Stowe, Joseph S		\$3,688.49
Mauney Quail Farm		\$202.49
Kiser, Michael Scott		\$807.82
Warren Moss Construction		\$226.32
Belmont Land and Investment Company		\$6,912.00
Clemmer, Harold		\$1,087.17
Clark, Max S		\$1,047.58
Clark, Max S		\$225.12
Hazelip, Wayne M		\$560.00
Gordon Builders		\$560.00
Ryan Homes		\$448.00
Thompson, Toni Tenpenny		\$100.00
Price Metal Spinning Co Inc		\$655.14
Price Metal Spinning Co Inc		\$142.57
Shears, David B		\$107.75
CL Rabb		\$3,744.71
Belmont Federal Savings and Loan		\$493.75
James W Stancil Attorney		\$163.20

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Moore, Betty J	\$100.00
Alliance Real Estate	\$2,899.35
Alliance Real Estate	\$1,528.18
Alliance Real Estate	\$242.10
Alliance Real Estate	\$555.76
Crank, Laurence	\$104.06
Mount Holly Capital	\$30,638.18
Gregory Funding LLC	\$3,944.14
A V Homes Inc	\$432.00
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Quicken Loans	\$639.45
Corelogic Centralized Refunds	\$12,033.18
Corelogic Commercial	\$59,408.13
Gaston County Tax Dept	\$17,313.24
Griffin, Keith R	\$218.40
Gram, Svetlana	\$279.76
Davis, Quillian	\$565.04
Lennar Carolinas LLC	\$504.00
Pagan, Shebra	\$108.21
Hope, James Nelson	\$2,180.04
Costner, Jack Reuben	\$1,035.22
Crescent Communitis	\$4,015.04
Ellis, Hershel S Jr	\$451.20
Key Builders Inc	\$148.96
McSpadden Development	\$5,044.43
Craft Holdings Two LLC	\$1,259.34
Dependable Development	\$448.00
Capstone Multifamily	\$776.76
Turnstone Holding LLC	\$25,236.22
Crawford, Neal F Jr	\$100.00
B & W Land Aquistion	\$1,068.48
Sparrow, Alan B	\$2,916.70
Pinders, Lynne G	\$1,420.10
Mathis, Richard Thomas	\$140.27
Mathis, Richard Thomas	\$355.86
Granny's Self Storage LLC	\$3,903.28
Ensterna USA LLC	\$3,149.48
Ham, Lindsey Farris	\$1,372.40
Cook, Timothy C	\$614.60
Dream Home Real Estate Group	\$2,252.12
Carter, Harold J	\$685.28
Carter, Harold J	\$110.88
Conner Brothers Machine Co	\$213.68
Corelogic	\$415.08
Murphy, Luther M	\$159.87
Mcginnis, Yates R	\$100.00
Mitchem, Samuel Ray Jr	\$1,385.68
Mitchem, Samuel Ray Jr	\$1,911.85
Boozer, Jane R	\$232.65
Hopkins, Tommie J Jr	\$228.93
Ellis, Herschel S	\$350.00
Butler, Charlotte C	\$520.00
Good Will Publishers	\$409.83
Crabtree, Ronald Scott	\$125.71
Adams, Ronnie Steve	\$810.89
Spurling, Vickie	\$100.00
Dependable Development	\$2,179.15
Corelogic	\$397.80
Ford, James M	\$1,683.38
Baldwin, Diane M	\$955.10
Baldwin, Diane M	\$442.61
Brookline Homes, LLC	\$1,721.60
Barker, Vance	\$430.40

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Chaffee, Daniel	\$777.03
Gaston County Tax Dept	\$4,911.59
Caryl Beam Austell Trust	\$175.56
Landis, Elizabeth D	\$2,279.25
Stowe, Jasper C	\$327.82
RL Price	\$2,538.62
Lawrence, Donald W	\$195.18
Scott Land Investment LLC	\$362.81
Gaston County Tax Dept	\$5,039.86
Wadell, Jack Edward	\$1,690.53
Holmes, Michael J	\$1,035.94
Lereta	\$3,219.52
Jenkins, Gail V	\$180.00
Fletcher, Margaret	\$566.04
Melton, Kevin Scott	\$899.45
Trinh, Lan Chi	\$504.00
Jackson, Charles E	\$419.00
PDS Tax Service	\$538.00
Gaston County Tax Dept	\$101.23
Hoyle, David W Jr	\$145.56
Lereta	\$773.75
Browning Properties	\$169.84
Riverside ACA LLC	\$424.62
Fore, Lynn D	\$829.63
Castaldo, Gennaro	\$546.25
Title 365	\$162.29
The St Andrews Investment	\$2,852.39
Gilman, Tamela Leigh	\$137.93
Roland Black Heating & Cooling	\$478.65
Ingles Market	\$1,277.90
Wells, Kelly Lee	\$114.87
VCM Bowman LLC	\$270.29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$264,745.79</b>

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Davis, Brady Edison Jr	\$114.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$114.00</b>

**JANUARY VTS REFUNDS**

Bachman, Jesse James	\$168.55
Barker, Stephanie Allen	\$108.12
Branch, Buddy Ray	\$166.46
Brown, Benjamin Wilson	\$121.78
Burgess, Cynthia Peters	\$108.64
Caromont Health, INC	\$687.39
City of Belmont	\$431.89
Clontz, Carolyn Green	\$160.54
Cummings, Robert Bradley	\$117.92
Deets, Paul Leonard	\$113.21
Ferguson, Charles Lester	\$221.00
Fortner, Louise Meadows	\$172.10
Galvez, Mark Anthony	\$100.96
Galvez, Mark Anthony	\$268.31
Heffner, Larry Dennis	\$156.00
Hope, Diane Falls	\$653.22
Hope, Lanny Jack	\$323.87
Howard, Gene Herschal	\$151.73
Kuklinski, David Michael	\$109.76
Laing, Shylane Anna Kay	\$110.50
Owens, Derek Cain	\$239.48
Riddley Retail Fixtures Inc	\$225.78
Roeun, Stephanie	\$592.65
Ross, Anna Berry	\$276.22
Seagraves, Roger Dale Jr	\$117.74

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Simril, Kameron Noel	\$129.29
The Diamond Cutter LLP	\$276.25
The Diamond Cutter LLP	\$166.96
Varela, Luis Manuel	\$324.39
Vo, Phong Trieu	\$680.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,480.74</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$272,340.53</b>

**Non-Consent Agenda Items****2018-053 Commissioner Worley - BOC - To Approve the Requested Change of Scope for the Lowell Township Grant Funding**

Chairman Brown introduced the Lowell City Manager, Mr. Kevin Krouse, and Mayor Sandy Railey for comments.

Mayor Railey advised the requested changes will improve pedestrian safety at the major downtown intersection (NC Hwy 7 and Main St.) and will pay for much needed repairs of the Community Center Building; thanked the BOC for its support.

Upon the Chairman's request, Mayor Railey introduced Council members Candy Funderburk, Thomas Gillespie, Ken Ervin and the City Manager, Mr. Kevin Krouse.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

Commissioner Hovis introduced the motion to approve. Commissioner Grant provided the second.

Chairman Brown called for discussion.

Commissioner Worley advised that he and Commissioner Grant walked the subject area and noted this is a worthy repurposing of the grant funds. The funds were originally earmarked for the Poston Park sidewalk project; however, the County was fortunate to receive CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) funding for that development.

Chairman Brown called for the vote, and the BOC approved Resolution **2018-053**. The vote carried as follows:

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

**2018-054 Commissioner Brown - Budget/Purchasing - To Approve a Non-Binding Advisory Referendum, Pursuant to Chap.105, Art. 46, for a ¼ cent (0.25 percent) Sales Tax, and Request the Gaston County Board of Elections to Schedule a Referendum for May 8, 2018**

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

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Commissioner Hovis introduced the motion to approve, and Commissioner Worley provided the second.

Chairman Brown introduced the County Manager for comments.

The County Manager advised the quarter-cent sales tax initiative accompanies the May 8<sup>th</sup> Bond Referendum; subsequent to its passage, the quarter-cent sales tax will generate approximately \$6M annually and would be used exclusively toward the retirement of the bond debt; the passage of both initiatives would be valuable in providing the quality of school facilities needed in the County.

Chairman Brown called for discussion; none was heard.

Chairman Brown called for the vote and the BOC unanimously approved **2018-054 to Approve a Non-Binding Advisory Referendum, Pursuant to Chap.105, Art. 46, for a ¼ cent (0.25 percent) Sales Tax, and Request the Gaston County Board of Elections to Schedule a Referendum for May 8, 2018.**

**2018-055 Commissioner Keigher - Planning/Zoning - To Consider Endorsement of a County Application Proposal through the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program for Fiscal Year 2019 (Neal Hawkins Road Sidewalk)**

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

Commissioner Philbeck introduced the motion to approve. Commissioner Hovis provided the second for the purposes of discussion.

Chairman Brown introduced Mr. David Williams, Director of Planning and Development, for comments.

Mr. Williams advised the subject Resolution to endorse the CMAQ application was prepared and examined by the Planning Department, Parks and Recreation, Public Works and the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to submit one application for the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funding consideration; the application process occurs bi-annually and is for FY19; this funding prohibits property condemnation and property easements will only be acquired from willing property owners; application requires an 80/20 split (80% - federal; 20% County match). The \$1.8M project involves a sidewalk along Neal Hawkins Road (between intersection of Hawks Ridge Dr. and the existing sidewalk infrastructure outside the boundary of Martha Rivers Park) and requires approximately \$372k in matching funds for the \$1,488,462 CMAQ allocation. In December 2017, the MPO Technical Coordination Committee voted and recommended approval of the application to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which also voted to approve; the project involves approximately 3,135 feet along Neal Hawkins Road; the proposal aligns with the 2035 Comprehensive Land Use Plan related to transportation.

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Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Brown called for the vote, and the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2018-055** as follows:

- WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration CMAQ Improvement Grant Program provides funding to local governments in air quality non-attainment and maintenance areas in North Carolina to undertake projects that reduce emissions from on-road motorized vehicles; and,
- WHEREAS, CMAQ Funds are distributed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation to the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (GCLMPO) for use by it eligible members; and,
- WHEREAS, Gaston County currently has one proposed (1) project application for a sidewalk along Neal Hawkins Road occurring between intersection at Hawk's Ridge Drive and existing sidewalk at Martha River's Park in the City of Gastonia; and,
- WHEREAS, the CMAQ Allocation for the proposed Neal Hawkins Road Sidewalk is \$1,488,462 with a local funds match of 20% or \$372,116 of the CMAQ Allocation; and,
- WHEREAS, Gaston County acknowledges that any costs in excess of those paid through the CMAQ grants are the responsibility of the County and that implementation of the projects if awarded CMAQ grants is the responsibility of the County; and,
- WHEREAS, the GCLMPO TCC voted on December 9, 2017 to move forward acceptance of the proposed project list to the GCLMPO TAC; and,
- WHEREAS, the GCLMPO TAC voted on January 25 to accept the County CMAQ Application Proposal for submission to NCDOT.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses the NCDOT Project Application to the GCLMPO for the proposed Neal Hawkins Road Sidewalk and approves the local match and authorizes Planning Staff to provide necessary documentation in support of the grant application.

**2018-056 Commissioner Grant - Public Works - To Accept an Offer to Purchase County Owned Surplus Parcels (PID 137140 and PID 137134) and Authorize Staff to Initiate the Upset Bid Process**

Chairman Brown introduced the County Attorney for comments.

The County Attorney advised this is the former Rhyne Elementary School property; the County previously received a high bid of \$22,000 for the property which was declined by the BOC; staff started the process again and received an offer of \$51,000; Tax Office reported the \$51,000 is close to market price for the property; the Tax Office had a value of \$78,000 on the property which included the building. He noted the building was likely a detriment to the value by the time it was torn down.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

Commissioner Grant introduced the motion to approve. Commissioner Hovis provided the second.

Chairman Brown called for discussion.

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Commissioner Worley cited the information the Tax Director provided at the BOC's Budget Retreat which indicated the County values were roughly 10% - 15% below true market values and asked if this property was in line with that assessment.

The County Attorney responded that staff was asked to study the site and area comps, to the extent they could find any in that area. He further clarified this is the first bid in the upset bid process; upset bids are based on a statutory formula; upset bid period consists of ten days and the process continues until a highest bid is obtained; staff will come back with a final bid and schedule a closing shortly thereafter; the bid process starts from the time the advertisement is placed.

Chairman Brown called for the vote, and the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2018-056** accepting an offer to purchase County owned surplus parcels (PID 137140 and PID 137134) and authorizing staff to initiate the Upset Bid Process.

**2018-057 Commissioner Philbeck - County Attorney - To Approve a Purchase Agreement with Gaston 232, LLC, for the Purchase of a Portion of the Proposed Apple Creek Industrial Site (180) Acres for \$3,604,000 and to AMEND the Closing Date in the Purchase Agreement to reflect On or Before July 15, 2018**

Chairman Brown introduced the County Attorney for comments.

The County Attorney advised a contract was received in January from Gaston 232, which provided for a 30-day closing; staff advised that additional time was needed for due diligence on the site; received a second contract with a June 13<sup>th</sup> closing date, which meant the \$3.6M contract would have to be pre-audited in the current fiscal year; staff suggested pre-auditing the \$100,000 in earnest money and carry the remaining \$3.5M into FY19, which would be more favorable to the County's financial statements. The County must obtain financing for the entire site – between \$5.5M - \$6M for acquisition costs and another \$8M for development costs. He noted this is a substantial number to submit for Local Government Commission (LGC) approval; consultants are working on the due diligence for the entire site now, but will probably focus their efforts on this portion since it is on a faster track.

Commissioner Philbeck introduced a motion to approve. Commissioner Brown provided the second.

Chairman Brown called for discussion.

Commissioner Philbeck introduced an amendment to change the purchase agreement closing date to "on or before July 15". Commissioner Brown provided the second and the amendment was unanimously approved.

Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Brown called for the vote on the main motion **AS AMENDED**, and the BOC unanimously adopted Resolution **2018-057** approving a purchase agreement with Gaston 232, LLC, for the purchase of a portion of the proposed Apple Creek Industrial Site (180) acres for \$3,604,000 and amending the Closing Date in the Purchase Agreement to reflect on or before July 15, 2018

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**Appointments**

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

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Grant	Commissioner Brown	Mr. Britt Goodrich	February 28, 2021
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Grant	Mr. Carson Dean	February 28, 2021

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

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Brown	Mr. Reggie Horton	February 28, 2022
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Grant	Ms. Judith Johnson	February 28, 2022

On a motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and Seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Brian Di'Yorio to the ***Family Advisory Board*** to an unexpired term ending April 30, 2019.

On a motion introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed to the ***Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Cindy Forrester	October 31, 2020 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Jason Christopher	October 31, 2018 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Grant	Mr. Julio Paredes	November 30, 2020 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Brown, on behalf of Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Peter Dingle	October 31, 2020 (Unexpired Term)
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Tom Keigher	May 31, 2018(Unexpired Term)

On a motion introduced by Commissioner Brown, on behalf of Commissioner Fraley, and Seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously reappointed Mr. Michael Stanforth to the ***Environmental Review Advisory Board*** to a term ending January 31, 2021.

On a motion introduced by Commissioner Grant and Seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Elysabeth Utick to the ***Travel and Tourism Advisory Board*** to an unexpired term ending January 31, 2019.

**Commissioners Committee Reports**

No reports.

**County Manager's Report**

The County Manager reported as follows:

- The Gaston Regional Chamber expresses appreciation to the BOC for their participation at its ***Coffee Networking Event*** in McAdenville last week which focused on the School Bond Referendum; the event was well attended
- ***County Opioid Summit*** was held last month
- Staff has been immersed in budget activity recently; departmental level budget meetings have been completed and the Annual Planning Session was held.

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**County Attorney's Report**

No report.

**Other Matters**

Commissioner Grant asked if the Schools had forwarded information on the James S. Forrester Commissioners' School of Excellence.

The Clerk to the Board responded it is underway and the Schools will have their response to the Board by early March.

Commissioner Worley advised that a State School Safety Committee had been established; asked if the County should establish a local committee that would encompass the County Police, Sheriff's Office, Commissioners and the School System.

Commissioner Hovis advised the Board of Education (BOE) has a standing school safety committee that meets quarterly and includes the County Police, Sheriff's Department and municipal departments serving in SRO positions.

Commissioner Philbeck recalled that a few years back, the Schools safety committee brought forth recommendations for safety enhancements and strategies; however, he was not aware that a standing committee existed.

Chairman Brown directed the County Manager to look into the matter and report his findings to the BOC.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Brown called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2018.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously adjourned the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2018 at 6:50 pm.

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

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Chad Brown, Chairman  
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

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Donna S. Buff  
Clerk to the Board

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