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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met in Regular Session on May 22, 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 and Ronnie Worley in attendance.

Commissioners Allen R. Fraley and Tracy L. Philbeck were not in attendance.

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

In wake of the tragic event of May 20<sup>th</sup> that took the life of two Gaston County citizens including Corporal Katelyn Self of the Gaston County Sheriff's Office and injured several including Gaston County Police Officer Josh Self, Chairman Brown asked Sheriff Alan Cloninger to address the Board and the audience.

Sheriff Cloninger praised the various agencies that responded and coordinated during the tragedy including the Bessemer City Police Department, Mt. Holly Police Department, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, Gaston County Police Department, Gastonia Police Department, Gaston County Sheriff's Office, Bessemer City Fire Department, Crowders Mountain Fire Department, Agriculture Center Fire Department, Tryonota Fire Department, Gastonia Fire Department, Gaston Emergency Medical Services (GEMS), Crowders Mountain Rescue, Dallas Rescue Squad, The North Carolina Highway Patrol, the City Of Bessemer City and their citizens, Gaston County Code Enforcement, Gaston County Animal Care, Gaston County Coroner's Office, and CaroMont Health and Carolinas Medical Center and their respective nurses, doctors and flight crews. He thanked all of the organizations for coming together and the community for their tremendous outpouring of concern and compassion for all the victims of the tragic event.

Following a moment of silence, Reverend John Stanley of First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia, led those assembled in the Invocation and Commissioner Grant led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Proclamations, Commendations, Awards, Certificates

Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Commendation - To Commend the Piedmont Community Charter Varsity Girls Basketball Team Upon Achieving the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's (NCHSAA) Highest Team Grade Point Average in the State for Women's High School Basketball (adopted under Consent Agenda).

Commissioner Keigher invited team members and coaches to the podium for the reading and presentation of the commendation.

#### Public Hearing – City of Belmont – Belmont Historic Preservation Commission ETJ

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

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

Chairman Brown reported that one position was available on subject board; application was received from Ms. Stacy Manning as recommended by the Belmont City Council to serve as an extraterritorial jurisdiction representative. The Chairman called for any additional applications or comments; hearing none called for questions from the BOC.

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley, seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Stacy Manning to the **Belmont** *Historic Preservation Commission* to a term ending February 28, 2021.

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

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

#### Agenda Revision/Approval

- ADDED/ Commissioner Brown DHHS (Social Services Division) To Accept and Appropriate Additional Crisis
   Intervention Program Funds in the Amount of \$20,693 V, AA.
- REVISED Resolution/ Commissioner Brown County Attorney Resolution Declaring the Result of the Special Bond Referendum Held in Gaston County, North Carolina, on May 8, 2018 Upon the Question of Approving \$250,000,000 School Bonds – VII, C.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Hovis, the BOC unanimously approved the Agenda of May 22, 2018 with changes as noted above.

#### Approval of Minutes

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2018, Regular Meeting of March 27, 2018 and Closed Session of April 10, 2018 pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3).

#### Citizen Recognition

Mr. Don Barkley, Gastonia: provided a handout to the Board and on motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis, seconded by Commissioner Grant, the BOC unanimously accepted the document as information. Mr. Barkley cited the School Board's demolition of Rhyne School and the subsequent sale of the property by the County; spoke of the use of existing facilities for charters schools.

Mr. Kevin Myers, Gold Hill, NC, President of the North Carolina Trappers' Association: requested the Board of Commissioners support of H991 that was introduced in the General Assembly today.

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Commissioner Keigher stated Gaston Legislative Delegation is in favor of the bill; they do not need a vote, just a consensus that a majority of the BOC supports a local bill to allow fox and coyote trapping in Gaston County; will address the issue under Other Matters.

#### Consent Agenda

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

- 2018-114 Commissioner Brown BOC Memorial Day Proclamation To Recognize and Honor Those Who Gave All During Their Military Service to the United States of America, and to Express Our Gratitude to the Fallen Members of Our Armed Services
- 2018-115 Commissioner Keigher BOC Commendation To Commend the Piedmont Community Charter Varsity Girls Basketball Team Upon Achieving the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's (NCHSAA) Highest Team Grade Point Average in the State for Women's High School Basketball namely:

Cydney Williams, Senior Point Guard Courtney Williams, Senior Swing Guard Demoniya Cole, Senior Guard/Forward Andrea Bolding, Senior Shooting Guard Alexis Picklesimer, Senior Center Jayden East, Freshman Forward Zuri Greenlee, Freshman Forward Taylor Prioleau, Freshman Guard Ranisha Spears, Freshman Forward Anthony Hudson, Assistant Coach David Williams, Head Coach Dwayne Prioleau, Athletic Director

2018-116 Commissioner Grant - Cooperative Extension - To Approve and Appropriate the Carry Forward of \$4,000 in Community Food Strategies Grant to FY18-19 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Food Council Grant	010-07-4950-4950-420001-18610	[4,000]
Food Council Grant	010-07-4950-4950-560000-18610	4,000

- 2018-117 Commissioner Brown County Attorney To Establish the Date for Reappraisal of Real Property in Gaston County and to Adjust the Cycle for Future Reappraisals as follows:
  - WHEREAS, each county must reappraise all real property in accordance with the provisions of G.S. §105-283 and G.S. § 105-317 as of January 1 of the year set out in N.C.G.S.§105-286, and every eighth year thereafter, unless the county is required to advance the date under subdivision (2) of this section or chooses to advance the date under subdivision (3) of this section; and,
  - WHEREAS, a county may conduct a reappraisal of real property earlier than is required by N.C.G.S.§105-286 (a)(1) or (2), if the board of county commissioners adopts a resolution providing for advancement of the reappraisal; and,
  - WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Gaston County to advance the date for the reappraisal of all real property in the County to January 1, 2019; and,
  - WHEREAS, the Gaston County Tax Assessor is hereby directed to prepare the uniform schedule of values for approval by the Board of Commissioners in accordance with the schedule set forth by the N.C. General Statutes.
  - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners that the reappraisal of all real property in Gaston County is hereby scheduled for January 1, 2019.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be delivered to the Secretary of the N.C. Department of Revenue.

2018-118	Commissioner	Brown - (	County Manager	- To	Accept	Departmental	Budget
	Change Reques	sts as Infori	mation as follows:				

EFF DATE	DEPT	ACCOUNT	DR/CR	AMOUNT
04/02/2018	Parks	010-01-4261-0000-530023-	С	\$4,537
04/02/2018		010-01-4261-0000-530020-	D	\$4,537
04/02/2018		010-04-6120-0000-530023-	С	\$7,292
04/02/2018		010-04-6120-0000-540001-	D	\$7,292
04/04/2018	GEMS	010-02-4372-0000-520017-	D	\$166
04/04/2018		010-02-4372-0000-520001-	С	\$166
04/04/2018	Public Works	010-01-4265-4260-520017-	С	\$710
04/04/2018		010-01-4265-4260-540003-	D	\$710
04/05/2018	Museum	010-04-6141-0000-520002-	С	\$500
04/05/2018		010-04-6141-0000-530021-	D	\$500
04/06/2018	Sheriff	010-02-4315-4315-520013-	С	\$4,000
04/06/2018		010-02-4315-4323-520013-	D	\$4,000
04/06/2018	Library	010-04-6110-6110-530023-	С	\$550
04/06/2018		010-04-6110-6110-520001-	D	\$550
04/06/2018	Sheriff	010-02-4315-4323-530023-	С	\$200
04/06/2018		010-02-4315-4323-540001-	D	\$200
04/09/2018	Bldg Insp	012-02-4350-0000-520010-	С	\$1,000
04/09/2018		012-02-4350-0000-540001-	С	\$500
04/09/2018	<b>0</b> 1 111	012-02-4350-0000-520011-	D	\$1,500
04/10/2018	Sheriff	010-02-4315-4315-520007-	С	\$600
04/10/2018	550	010-02-4315-4315-530015-	D	\$600
04/10/2018	EDC	010-07-4920-4920-530015-	C	\$10,000
04/10/2018	Decesso Coursela	010-07-4920-4920-520012-	D <b>C</b>	\$10,000
04/10/2018	Rescue Squads	010-02-4372-0000-530024-	D	\$72,000 \$72,000
04/10/2018	Dublic Meduc	010-02-4372-0000-530040-	c	\$72,000
04/11/2018	Public Works	010-01-4265-4260-530010-	D	\$4,000 \$4,000
04/11/2018	DSS	010-01-4265-4260-530013-	с С	\$4,000
04/12/2018 04/12/2018	035	020-05-4790-0000-520017- 020-05-4790-0000-520015-	D	\$300 \$200
04/12/2018	Pida Incn	012-02-4350-0000-520015-	c	\$300 \$200
04/12/2018	Bldg Insp	012-02-4350-0000-520012-	D	\$200 \$200
04/12/2018	Public Works	010-01-4265-4260-530010-	c	\$2,000
04/12/2018	FUDIIC WORKS	010-01-4265-4260-520011-	D	\$2,000
04/13/2018	Purchasing	010-01-4132-0000-520011-	c	\$1,350
04/13/2018	rurendaning	010-01-4132-0000-540001-	D	\$1,350
04/13/2018	Nat Resources	010-07-4960-0000-520012-	c	\$1,000
04/13/2018	Nut Nesources	010-07-4960-0000-530021-	D	\$1,000
04/13/2018	DSS	020-05-5585-0000-530010-	č	\$4,000
04/13/2018	500	020-05-5585-0000-510002-	D	\$2,800
04/13/2018		020-05-5585-0000-520011-	D	\$1,200
04/16/2018	Library	010-04-6110-6110-560000-18554	C	\$3,360
04/16/2018	,	010-04-6110-6110-520001-	D	\$1,260
04/16/2018		010-04-6110-6113-520001-	D	\$2,100
04/16/2018		010-04-6110-6113-530023-	С	\$500
04/16/2018		010-04-6110-6113-520007-	D	\$500
04/17/2018	EDC	010-07-4920-4920-530015-	С	\$1,771
04/17/2018		010-07-4920-4920-540001-	D	\$1,771
04/18/2018	DSS	020-05-4827-0000-520001-	С	\$100
04/18/2018		020-05-4827-0000-520007-	D	\$50
04/18/2018		020-05-4827-0000-530005-	D	\$50
04/18/2018		020-05-4790-0000-530030-	С	\$2,500
04/18/2018		020-05-4790-0000-530020-	D	\$2,500
04/18/2018		020-05-5582-0000-510001-	С	\$415
04/18/2018		020-05-5582-0000-510003-	D	\$415
04/18/2018		020-05-5582-0000-520007-	С	\$20
04/18/2018		020-05-5582-0000-520017-	D	\$20

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County shall be scheduled for reappraisal on a four year cycle unless directed otherwise by Resolution of this Board.

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04/18/2018		020-05-5650-0000-510001-	С	\$9
04/18/2018		020-05-5650-0000-510003-	D	\$9
04/19/2018		020-05-4810-0000-540001-	С	\$1,000
04/19/2018		020-05-4810-0000-530002-	D	\$1,000
04/19/2018	Nat Resources	010-07-4960-0000-520012-	С	\$500
04/19/2018		010-07-4960-0000-520015-	D	\$500
04/19/2018	911/Comm	010-02-4311-0000-510001-	С	\$26,000
04/19/2018		010-02-4311-0000-530023-	С	\$25,000
04/19/2018		010-02-4311-0000-530002-	D	\$51,000
04/19/2018	Police	010-02-4310-4310-520007-	С	\$6,000
04/19/2018		010-02-4310-4310-530023-	С	\$6,000
04/19/2018		010-02-4310-4310-530015-	D	\$12,000
04/23/2018		010-01-4265-4265-530010-	С	\$1,000
04/23/2018		010-01-4265-4265-530002-	D	\$1,000
04/23/2018	Bldg Insp	012-02-4350-0000-540001-	С	\$4,787
04/23/2018	- <b>5</b> - F	012-02-4350-0000-520002-	D	\$1,516
04/23/2018		012-02-4350-0000-510002-	D	\$795
04/23/2018		012-02-4350-0000-520007-	D	\$118
04/23/2018		012-02-4350-0000-510003-	D	\$2,358
04/23/2018	Sheriff	010-02-4315-4315-520007-	C	\$1,600
04/23/2018		010-02-4315-4315-530002-	D	\$1,600
04/23/2018	Public Works	040-01-4265-4260-540005-09164	C	\$181,029
04/23/2018	Cable Access	040-01-4125-0000-540002-08010	C	\$8,307
04/23/2018	Public Works	040-01-4265-4260-540005-10155	c	\$54,080
04/23/2018		040-01-4265-4260-540005-10177	C	\$1,377
04/23/2018		040-01-4265-4260-540005-12159	č	\$1,291
04/23/2018		040-01-4265-4260-540005-12172	č	\$21,726
04/23/2018		040-01-4265-4260-540005-12181	c	\$16
04/23/2018		040-01-4265-4260-540005-13293	c	\$13,720
04/23/2018		040-01-4265-4260-540005-14095	c	\$142,500
04/23/2018		040-01-4265-4260-540005-14096	c	\$15,565
04/23/2018		040-01-4265-4260-540005-14098	c	\$236
04/23/2018		040-01-4265-4260-540005-15163	c	\$300,000
04/23/2018		040-01-4265-4260-540005-16132	c	\$340
04/23/2018		040-01-4265-4260-540005-16132	c	\$13,404
04/23/2018		040-01-4265-4260-540005-16165	c	\$25,748
04/23/2018		040-01-4265-4260-540007-12240	c	\$485,956
04/23/2018	Animal Control	040-02-4380-0000-540007-12240	c	\$25,802
04/23/2018	Nuis Abate	040-02-4511-0000-540006-04288	c	\$25,802 \$15,545
04/23/2018	Parks & Rec	040-04-6120-0000-540006-15107	c	\$3,292
04/23/2018	Faiks & Rec	040-04-6120-0000-540006-16161	c	\$3,292 \$7,500
	Water & Sewer		c	
04/23/2018	water & Sewer	040-07-7100-0000-540007-04123	C	\$233,333 \$558,080
04/23/2018	Animal Cantrol	040-07-7100-0000-540007-08176		\$558,089
04/23/2018	Animal Control EDC	040-02-4380-0000-540005-16238	D <b>C</b>	\$2,108,856
04/24/2018	EDC	010-07-4920-4920-520013-	D	\$200 \$200
04/24/2018 04/24/2018	Planning	010-07-4920-4920-520007- 010-02-4910-4911-520007-	c	\$200 \$1,000
04/24/2018	Flaming	010-02-4910-4911-520007-	D	\$1,000
04/25/2018	Health	011-05-5110-0000-530002-	D	\$1,400
04/25/2018	neaith	011-05-5110-0000-520014-	c	\$1,400
04/26/2018	GEMS	010-02-4370-0000-540001-	D	\$515
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04/26/2018	Finance		с с	\$515 \$2,000
04/26/2018	Finance	010-01-4130-0000-510001- 010-01-4130-0000-530015-	D	. ,
04/26/2018 04/26/2018	Library	010-01-4130-0000-530015- 010-04-6110-6112-530029-	c	\$2,000 \$900
	Library	010-04-6110-6112-530029-		
04/26/2018	Health		D D	\$900 \$1,500
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04/26/2018	Floctions	011-05-5119-0000-520002-	C C	\$1,500 \$8,771
04/27/2018	Elections	010-01-4170-0000-530041-		\$8,771 \$8,771
04/27/2018	CEME	010-01-4170-0000-520011-	D	\$8,771
04/30/2018	GEMS	010-02-4372-0000-530015-	D <b>C</b>	\$621 \$621
04/30/2018 04/30/2018	Planning	010-02-4372-0000-520001-	C	\$621 \$600
04/30/2018	Fiaililli	010-02-4910-4911-540001- 010-02-4910-4911-530020-	D	\$600 \$600
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- 2018-119 Commissioner Fraley County Manager Commendation To Commend Outstanding Departments and Recognize Their Coordinators and Advocates from the 2017 United Way Campaign to Support the United Way of Gaston County
- 2018-120 Commissioner Brown DHHS (ACCESS Division) To Request Approval of the Revised 2018 ACCESS Drug and Alcohol Policy incorporated herein by reference and as filed with the Clerk to the Board
- 2018-121 Commissioner Brown DHHS (Health Division) To Approve the Gaston County Public Health Department Patient Fee Schedule incorporated herein by reference and as filed with the Clerk to the Board
- 2018-122 Commissioner Brown DHHS (Health Division) To Accept and Appropriate Funds from Frontier Nursing University for the Public Health Clinics (\$202) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Preceptorship Fund	011-05-5115-0000-415024-	(\$202)
CHS Preceptor Program	011-05-5115-0000-560000-16266	\$202

2018-123 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds Received from the Community Foundation of Gaston County for the Let Me Run Program (\$5,000) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Other Grants	011-05-5112-5115-430000-	(\$5,000)
FY16 LMR - CF Garrison Fund	011-05-5112-5115-560000-16242	\$5,000

2018-124 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Federal Grant Funds in the Amount of \$25,000 from the National Children's Alliance for the Child Advocacy Center per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
National Children's Alliance Grant	020-05-5585-0000-420000-18608	(25,000)
Professional Services: NCA Grant	020-05-5585-0000-530010-18608	25,000

2018-125 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Third Quarter Donations for the Domestic Violence Shelter, Adult Services Program, Nutrition Program and LINKS Program in the Amount of \$13,268 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Shelter: Donations	020-05-5582-0000-415001-	(7,650)
Shelter: Private Grants	020-05-5582-0000-430008-	(1,000)
CAC: Donations	020-05-5585-0000-415001-	(383)
Adult Services: Donations	020-05-5600-0000-415001-	(740)
Nutrition: Donations	020-05-5622-0000-415003-	(1,351)
Residential Child Care: Donations	020-05-5867-0000-415001-	(1,000)
Special Programs: Donations Shelter	020-05-5582-0000-560000-08162	8,650
Special Programs: Donations- CAC	020-05-5585-0000-560000-16282	383
Special Programs: Donations- Adult Serv	020-05-5600-0000-560000-08159	740
Special Programs: Donations- Nutrition	020-05-5600-0000-560000-15259	1351
Special Programs: Education	020-05-5867-0000-560000-16213	1,000
LINKS: Donations	020-05-5868-0000-415001	(1,144)
LINKS Program Donations	020-05-5868-0000-560000-13263	1,144

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- 2018-126 Commissioner Brown DHHS (Social Services Division) Approval of FY 2018-2019 Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding Plan incorporated herein by reference and as filed with the Clerk to the Board
- 2018-127 Commissioner Brown DHHS (Social Services Division) Proclamation To Proclaim the Month of May 2018 as Foster Care Awareness Month
- 2018-128 Commissioner Brown DHHS (Social Services Division) Proclamation To Proclaim the Month of May 2018 as Older Americans Month
- 2018-129 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 - \$1,618.93; Total HB20 Refunds -\$181.49; Total NCVTS Refunds - \$3,438.66; Total Vehicle Refunds - \$3,620.15) as follows:

	Reported at the May 2		
TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT	TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
Albert Thomas	71.55	Judy Edwards	39.56
Albert Thomas	71.55	Keith Dempsey	3.49
Albert Thomas	71.55	Linda Pow	4.11
Anwaar Ahmad	24.83	Linda Walker	2.16
Baker Furniture Co	15.22	Margaret Biddix	1.98
Barbara Beach	2.34	Margaret Priest	62.34
Brenda Murphy	20.00	Mark Kiser	7.35
Brittany Smith	9.29	Mark Noles	5.24
Camden Jackson	5.74	Marlin Wood	4.00
Carl Murphy	20.00	Mega Store Front.com	76.41
D & J Electronics Warehouse	34.09	Megahandyman	2.00
Daniel Bajek	1.22	Melissa Hand-Leathers	10.4
David Deal	2.71	Michael Auten	17.99
David Deal	5.47	Myra Stillwell	95.0
David Deal	30.25	Pamela Pegram	3.30
Edward Bradley	3.20	Piedmont Vending Co Inc	1.5
Gary Withers Jr	2.27	R Patrick Snoddy, Attorney	10.00
Gaston County Tax	33.82	Rena Summerlin	2.00
Hankin & Pack PLLC	46.45	Robert Karr	31.00
Harry March Law	4.60	Roger Keever	8.84
Jackie Graham	5.80	Ronald Marr	7.8
James Abernathy	4.00	Sally Green	3.72
James McSwain	43.76	Shirleen Hanson	5.39
James Wheeler	8.95	Tamera Wallace	2.00
Jane Keever	23.47	Terry Law Firm PLLC	79.50
Janice Paysour	56.33	Toni Henderson	28.87
Janice Paysour	63.35	Vera Pressley	19.60
Janice Paysour	68.21	Virnail Stewart	8.0
Janice Paysour	78.52	Waller's Child Care Academies	3.7
Janice Paysour	87.67	Walter Parker	25.38
John Ervin	4.89	Warren L Tadlock	6.7
John L Hazelhurst, Attorney	28.56	William Huffstetler	9.13
John Walters	60.77	William Huffstetler	19.62
			\$ 1,618.93

Gaston County, North	Carolina - Listing of Property	Tax Refunds Less Than \$100.00 fo	or Vehicles
	To Be Reported at the May 2	2, 2018 Board Meeting	

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TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT	TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
HB 20 Refunds (February)			
Frank Allen	39.08	Barbara Glover	46.74
Joseph Brogdon	15.65	Gaston County EMS	67.00
Renee Lawson	13.02	Total HB 20 Refunds \$	181.49
NC VTS Refunds (February)			
Absolute Child Care II	2.33	Johnson, India Alexis	16.55
Aggarwal, Pawan Kumar	24.43	Kirk, Jeffrey Chad	94.55
Alexander, Betty Pope	42.45	Kluttz, Craig Cope	58.93

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Allen, Eric Stan	52.75	Laney, Roger Dale	52.14
Alley, Christine Webb	4.76	Lekavich, Greg Lee	61.00
Bailey, James Daniel	77.67	Mace, Kenneth Michael	6.19
Barley, Jonathan Charles	59.36	Mathis, Cameron Lee	90.98
Beaty, Dwight Chris	84.59	Mayton, John Thomas	53.41
Black, Pruett Livingston III	46.36	Mcaulay, Christopher Franklin	55.81
Bolding, Michael Andrew	4.73	McElhaney, Latonia Gilmore	42.35
Bolding, Michael Andrew	14.96	Messer, Phyllis Brooks	37.63
Bolding, Michael Andrew	7.11	Parker, Daniel Preston	23.42
Bolton, Scott Stuart	62.08	Peeler, Cristy Herring	11.76
Bradham, Larry Kent	63.61	Perdew, Luke Elliott	19.99
Bumgarner, Lester Keith	13.65	Peyton, James Conway	15.43
Canady, Kisher Michelle	12.53	Pickett, Paul Robert	16.20
Cavender, Karen Louise	22.88	Pillock, Gregory Allan	33.34
Clark, James Eugene	36.84	Pou, Julia Elena	6.65
Clemmer, Cynthia Abernathy	6.76	Ramos, Edgar Martinez	71.03
Clemmer, Doyle Deaton Jr.	62.54	Robinson, Brian Hugh	24.06
Cope, Lisa Marie	86.09	Rose, Loyd Wytte Jr.	21.11
Crank, Laurence Curtit	5.25	Saar, Frieda Mary	29.91
Cureton, Carolyn McMilla	56.50	Sanchez, Marcos Toral	11.71
Dalmazzo, Monica Silva	89.92	Shealy, Scott Durham	14.42
Dean, Patsy King	1.94	Sosebee Pavement Markings LLC	66.06
Dixon, Jean Groves	22.88	Spencer, Tommy Jay Jr.	16.75
Dodd, Daniel Lee	27.11	Stevens, Michael Wayne Jr.	68.39
Dreibelbis, John Stuart	4.31	Thompson, Alan Taylor	35.70
Dunbar, Frank B	21.08	Tidwell, Harold Sills	14.35
Earnhardt, Austin Dean	84.23	Turla, Ryan Austria	39.15
Ferguson, Charles Edward Jr.	33.66	Tweed, Michael Kent	26.14
Ford, Edward Earl Jr.	45.36	Valentine, Anouk Sophia	27.64
Gardner, Joe Carroll	40.17	Wallace, William Andrew II	81.71
Gittens, Robert Rubin IV	24.31	White, David Lee	16.58
Glenn, Rainey Shasta Jeanette	22.35	Wicks, Tyler Douglas	54.43
Gould, Denise Sark	10.31	Wilks, Mark Winston	10.35
Haigler, James Franklin Jr.	16.00	Williams, Robert Jason	39.47
Hardy, Earl	35.99	Williams, Ryan Matthew	54.99
Harvey, Jessica Jacqueline	52.46	Williams, Ryan Matthew	23.53
Hayes, Bobbie Ivey	56.64	Williams, Ryan Matthew	39.57
Haywood County Tax Department	43.35	Willis, David Allen	54.70
Hillarde, Jan Randolph	38.26	Withers, Thelma Bowman	55.56
Horton, Dawn Olivia	66.47	Wooten, Adam Pressley	61.42
Huffsmith, Philip Lloyd	59.42	Worick, David Joseph	63.66
Hughes, Ronald Lee	50.34	Total NCVTS Refunds \$	3,438.66
Hurst, Karen Abernathy	23.15		<u> </u>
		Total Vehicle Tax Refunds \$	3,620.15

#### 2018-130 Commissioner Keigher - Human Resources - To Accept and Appropriate Vending Machine Revenue (\$27,126) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriation	010-01-9900-0000-490000	(\$15,018)
Choice USA Commissions	010-01-4122-0000-410059	(\$12,108)
Employee Recognition	010-01-4122-0000-560000-18027	\$27,126

#### 2018-131 Commissioner Worley - Library - To Accept and Appropriate \$2,500 from the Charlton Torrence Grant for the Library per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Charlton Torrence Grant	010-04-6110-6110-430000-18609	(\$2,500)
Charlton Torrence Grant	010-04-6110-6110-560000-18609	\$2,500

2018-132 Commissioner Keigher - Museum of Art & History - To Accept and Appropriate Scholarship Funds of \$150 Awarded to Alex Brooks of the Museum of Art & History per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Employee Development & Training	010-04-6141-0000-520011	\$150.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	010-04-6141-0000-415000	(\$150.00)

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2018-133 Commissioner Brown - Parks and Recreation - To Accept and Appropriate \$5,991 in Senior Games Entry Fees for the 2018 Gaston County Senior Games per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Senior Center Event Fees	010-04-6130-0000-410050	(\$5,991)
Senior Center Programming	010-04-6130-0000-560000-18069	\$5,991

2018-134 Commissioner Brown - Parks and Recreation - To Accept and Appropriate \$790 in Additional Sponsorships and Fees for the 46th Annual Just Plain Dog Show per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Recreation Events Fees	010-04-6120-0000-410028	(\$290)
Donations	010-04-6120-0000-415001	(\$500)
Recreation Programming	010-04-6120-0000-560000-18068	\$790

2018-135 Commissioner Keigher - Planning - To Accept and Appropriate \$585 in Workshop Fees for the Historic Preservation Commission per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Historic Preservation Workshop Fees	010-04-6140-0000-415000-HPWks	(\$585)
Historic Preservation Workshop	010-04-6140-0000-560000-HPWks	\$585

- 2018-136 Commissioner Worley Police Department/Sheriff's Office Proclamation To Proclaim May 13 - 19, 2018 as Law Enforcement Week and May 15, 2018 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day in Gaston County
- 2018-137 Commissioner Hovis Public Works To Accept an Offer to Purchase a County Owned Surplus Parcel (PID 155658 located at 1005 Mountain Crest Drive, Kings Mountain) and Authorize Staff to Initiate the Upset Bid Process
- 2018-138 Commissioner Fraley Tax Collections Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the April Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Real Estate \$18,822.76; Vehicles and ETC \$1,291.47; VTS Refunds \$5,805.34; Grand Total \$25,919.57) as follows:

TAXPAYER NAME	OWNER NAME	AMOUNT
APRIL 2018 REAL ESTATE		
Allman, Linda		\$398.91
AURCO Management Inc		\$1,103.11
Barber, Jimmy Wayne		\$216.14
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Barber, Jimmy Wayne		\$216.14
Beam, Roy Dean		\$125.00
Beaty, Charles D		\$184.39
Beaty, Charles D		\$183.39
Believe in Abilities		\$387.77
Bell, Rocio Garcia		\$109.76
Biggerstaff, Erik A		\$289.51
Bost, Chad Stephen		\$265.03
Bradshaw, Deana Nicole		\$112.00
Bradshaw, Deana Nicole		\$141.40
Brittain, Kevin C		\$326.88
Burdsal, Jean Fraley		\$111.93
Burleson, Susan		\$186.85
Byrd, Vanessa E		\$159.06
Byrd, Vanessa E		\$159.18
Carter, Jason Thomas		\$437.50

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Carter, Jason Thomas	\$264.85
Carter, Jason Thomas	\$264.85
Corry, Rosemary	\$105.46
Corry, Rosemary	\$105.95
Critchley, James H	\$141.03
Davis Melissa S	\$108.87
Gaston County EMS	\$296.00
Graham, Lonnie Homer Jr	\$290.00 \$130.89
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Grayson, Patricia Oxner	\$121.64
Grier, Gary Niven	\$184.27
Harris, Barbara	\$100.71
Harris, Debra Jones	\$175.70
Hogan, Thomas Milton Jr	\$146.29
Holcomb, Steven Lyy	\$395.65
Houston & Schantz PL	\$883.61
Hudson, Adam Scott	\$153.17
Jackson Brian Alexander	\$122.30
Jackson Brian Alexander	\$119.97
Jackson Brian Alexander	\$105.63
Lovelace, Curtis Dean	\$139.53
May, Dana Melissa	\$325.89
Miller, Donald Dean	\$1,303.63
Morris, Kimberley B	\$104.74
Morris, Kimberley B	\$100.32
Morris, Michael David	\$151.85
Nguyen, Kathy Do	\$191.75
Orr, Rodric Kevin	\$116.63
Ottinger, Kenneth	\$110.03
	\$427.08
Penegar, Lucy R Rabb, Dylan	
	\$121.44
Rabb, Dylan	\$117.50
Raval, Vatsal V	\$455.20
RE Professionals LLC	\$945.58
Rice, Tony B	\$187.94
Sawicki, Mark W	\$1,200.00
Sharpe, Jeffery L	\$134.95
Sisk, Philip Dale	\$160.91
Truong, Hanh	\$544.75
Waterman, James W	\$140.69
Weddington, Michael	\$850.83
Williams, Sheila Ann	\$154.06
Wood, Robert I	\$203.50
Worthy, Wilma Ann	\$189.93
Wright, Michael Kenneth	\$1,116.22
TOTAL	\$18,822.76
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APRIL 2018 VEHICLES & ETC	
Mclean, Jasmine	\$196.00
Cope, Richard Barry	\$545.00
Warren L Tadlock	\$550.47
TOTAL	\$1,291.47
APRIL VTS REFUNDS	<b>A</b> ( <b>A</b> ) <b>A</b>
Avery County Tax Dept	\$104.76
Baucom, Joshua Edward	\$110.66
Brakefield, Tina Marie	\$104.08
Briggs, Steven Lamar	\$376.34
Briggs, Steven Lamar	\$125.63
Conner, Alisa Ann	\$282.71
Cordero, Enrique Alberto	\$125.52
Coutant, Carol Ambler	\$148.96
Craig, Richard Blair Jr	\$106.30
Crotts, Jessie Willie Jr	\$324.41
Dellinger, Casey Steven	\$168.89
Duvall, Lauren Lynch	\$197.45
Fox, Charles Winfred	\$308.97
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GRAND TOTAL	\$25,919.57
TOTAL	\$5,805.34
Whitley, Jesse Alan	\$192.29
Walker, Deborah Howe	\$128.10
Waddell, Jonathan Allen	\$102.87
Sprenger Jamie Lee	\$112.56
Setzer, Danny	\$118.94
Schroepfer, Alan Robert	\$267.20
Sawyer, William Bradford	\$105.01
Roberts-Miller, John Alton	\$249.80
Rink, Kevin Matthew	\$173.00
Quinn Sales Inc	\$134.55
Queen, David	\$254.98
Marsh, Amanda Leigh	\$145.95
Loftis, Daniel Wesley	\$139.42
Knight, Tabitha Haley-Starr	\$108.30
Joyner, Miranda Dawn	\$104.92
Hall, Hazel Messer	\$307.10
Gomez, Exenhower	\$519.75
Gernhardt, Roy Claude	\$155.92
Gomez, Exenhower	\$519.7

2018-139 Commissioner Philbeck - Veterans Services - To Accept and Appropriate North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Grant Funds to the Gaston County Department of Veterans Services (\$2,176) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Restricted Intergov't Rev/	010-05-5820-0000-425056	[\$2,176]
Veteran Service: State		
VSO Special Programs	010-05-5820-0000-560000	\$2,176

2018-140 Commissioner Brown - DHHS (Social Services Division) - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Crisis Intervention Program Funds in the Amount of \$20,693 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Crisis Intervention Program	020-05-5490-0000-425016-	(20,693)
Public Assistance Payment- CIP	020-05-5490-0000-560008-	20,693

#### 2018 Legislative Requests

2018-141 Gaston County Board of Commissioners - Legislative Request: To Amend Resolution 2018-083 - Legislative Agenda for the 2018 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC approved Resolution **2018-141.** 

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Grant, Keigher, Worley

Nay: Commissioner Hovis

Absent: Commissioners Fraley, Philbeck

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Gaston County Commissioners respectfully requests that the Gaston County Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly to:

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- 1. Support the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' legislative priorities; most importantly, oppose unfunded mandates and any shifts of State responsibilities to counties (Exhibit A is incorporated by reference and is on file with the Clerk to the BOC)
- 2. Focus on Economic Development:
  - A. Continue to support tax policy to promote advancement of a business climate in Gaston County that fosters competiveness, encourages new investment and provides for the expansion of current industry to support the local workforce and quality of life:
    - Support the continued efforts toward lowering and eventual elimination of the NC Corporate Tax. Commissioners supported the reduction to 3% in 2017
    - Oppose new and repeal targeted taxes, policies, codes and rules that would impede business
       development
    - Continue support of Local Option Sales Tax and maintaining dedicated revenue for economic development (approximately \$84.8M statewide in 2016-2017)
    - Support the reduction of the Franchise Tax
  - B. Support job creation and retention efforts; fully fund job recruitment efforts and support various economic development performance based incentives:
    - Maintain economic development programs of Golden Leaf Foundation
    - Maintain the Governor's One NC Fund's competitiveness and effectiveness by continuation of the 2015 Commissioners goals that modified the local match
    - Continue support for workforce development through the Community College system and to strengthen the educational offerings in partnerships with industry and K-12 education with programs like Career Promise and Early College
    - Support environmental regulatory policy that is balanced to protect natural resources and be friendly to the manufacturing base
    - Support State investment in rural infrastructure of water and sewer
  - C. Support funding for travel and tourism, historic preservation, land conservation, state parks and the arts in North Carolina as it spurs economic development:
    - Support Crowder's Mountain State Park
    - Continued Support of Mountain Island Educational State Forest for completion of family outdoor activity area
- 3. Support Transportation Funding:
  - Continue efforts to fund transportation infrastructure in North Carolina based on statistical need criteria
  - Support the funding of transportation improvements required for new business and industry
  - Support the development of innovative and sustainable methods of funding transportation and infrastructure projects to meet the needs of our growing population, including a mix of funding methods such as bonds, public-private partnerships, local option revenue, and new revenue sources
  - Support highway interchange improvements that increase the visibility and vitality of area businesses
    while meeting all safety and commuter standards
  - Support LOCAL Funding Priorities which include:

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- Bridge over Catawba River (South Fork Crossing/Catawba Crossing)
- 4. Support appointments of Gaston County residents, who are interested, to statewide boards and commissions; specific commissions of interest include, but are not limited to: Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, Board of Transportation, Property Tax Commission, Partnership for Children, Local Government Retirement System, Local Government Commission and Housing Finance Agency
- Support the reinvestment of lottery ticket sale proceeds for education spending as originally intended and restore the statutory requirement that 40% of net lottery proceeds be allocated to counties for school capital needs
- 6. Support continuation of the Education Finance Reform Task Force as a comprehensive solution to address disparities in education funding between Counties
- 7. Continue support of Gaston County's Court Services Program (Pre-Trial Services)
- 8. Support LME-MCO, Partners Behavioral Health as local publically managed behavioral health services in order to preserve locally driven system of care
- 9. Support funding for School Resource Officers; support flexibility to allow retired officers working as SROs to be compensated without compromise to their retirement
- 10. Support repeal of the public hearing requirements in SL 2015-277. SB 472 2015 session; the unintended consequences of the legislation on economic development were not the intent of the original legislation
- 11. Continue to study alternatives to the fuel tax as the major funding source for transportation infrastructure.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Gaston County Legislative Delegation to the NC General Assembly and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

#### Non-Consent Agenda Items

2018-000 Commissioner Brown - Budget/Purchasing - To Adopt a Fee Schedule Effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

No action taken on this request.

2018-142 Board of Commissioners - County Attorney - To Authorize the Levy of a One-Quarter Cent (¼¢) Sales and Use Tax Pursuant to N.C. General Statutes Chapter 105, Article 46

Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Keigher

- WHEREAS, The General Assembly has authorized county boards of commissioners across the State of North Carolina to levy a one-quarter percent (.25%) county sales and use tax, contingent on an advisory referendum in which the majority of those casting ballots voted for the levy of the tax; and,
- WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners directed the County Board of Elections to conduct an advisory referendum on the question of whether to levy the One-Quarter Cent (1/4¢) County Sales and Use Tax in Gaston County on the 8th day of May, 2018; and,
- WHEREAS, the ballots were cast [51.9]% FOR and [48.1]% AGAINST the levy of the One-Quarter Cent (1/4¢) County Sales and Use Tax; and,
- WHEREAS, the Board has provided the required 10 days public notice of the Board's intent to consider this resolution to levy the tax; and,

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WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby finds that the levy of the One-Quarter Cent (1/4¢) County Sales and Use Tax is necessary to help address and alleviate fiscal constraints regarding school debt and capital improvements within Gaston County.

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

- There is hereby levied within Gaston County the One-Quarter Cent (1/4¢) County Sales and Use Tax, authorized in N.C. General Statutes Chapter 105, Article 46.
- (2) Collection of the tax by the North Carolina Secretary of Revenue, shall begin on and continue after the 1st day of October, 2018. The net proceeds of the tax levied herein shall be distributed by the Secretary of Revenue to Gaston County in accordance with Article 39 Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 39 of Chapter 105, the additional One-Quarter Cent (1/4¢) County Sales and Use Tax does not apply to the sales price of food that is exempt from tax pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-164.13B. The Secretary shall not divide the amount allocated to a county between Gaston County and the municipalities within Gaston County.
- (3) This Resolution is effective upon its adoption, and a certified copy hereof shall be forwarded to Ronald G. Penny, Secretary, North Carolina Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 25000, Raleigh, NC 27640, along with a certified copy of the Gaston County Board of Election results from the advisory referendum.

Adopted this 22nd day of May, 2018.

Chairman Brown called for a motion for the purposes of discussion.

Commissioner Worley introduced a motion to approve and Commissioner Keigher provided the second.

In response to the Commissioner Keigher, the County Attorney stated the resolution will be sent via FedEx to Raleigh tomorrow; there will be a 90-day period from the time the Secretary of Revenue receives it before it will be implemented (October 1); expect to see some return toward the end of the year; he confirmed the tax rate will increase 1/4 cent to 7%.

With discussion at a close, Chairman Brown called for the vote and the BOC unanimously approved **2018-142**.

#### 2018-143 Commissioner Brown - County Attorney - Resolution Declaring the Result of the Special Bond Referendum Held in Gaston County, North Carolina, on May 8, 2018 Upon the Question of Approving \$250,000,000 School Bonds

Hearing no discussion, Chairman Brown called for a motion and action was taken 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 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, at 6:00 P.M. on May 22, 2018.

Present: Chairman Chad Brown, presiding, and Commissioners <u>Tom Keigher, Don Grant, Bob</u> <u>Hovis and Ronnie Worley</u>

Absent: Commissioners Allen R. Fraley and Tracy L. Philbeck

The Board of Commissioners received from the Gaston County Board of Elections a certified copy of the proceedings of said Board of Elections taken on May 18, 2018, evidencing said Board's determination of the

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result of the canvass of the returns of the special bond referendum held in Gaston County on May 8, 2018 upon the question of approving \$250,000,000 School Bonds of said County.

After said proceedings had been considered and reviewed by the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner <u>Chad Brown</u> introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner:

> RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM HELD IN GASTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, ON MAY 8, 2018 UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING \$250,000,000 SCHOOL BONDS

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

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston having received from the Gaston County Board of Elections a certified copy of the proceedings of said Board of Elections taken on May 18, 2018, evidencing said Board's determination of the result of the canvass of the returns of the special bond referendum held in Gaston County on May 8, 2018 upon the question of approving \$250,000,000 School Bonds of said County, does hereby declare and certify the result of said referendum to be the result which is set forth in the following statement of the result of said referendum, which statement has been prepared by said Board of Commissioners:

STATEMENT OF THE RESULT of the SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM held in GASTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, on May 8, 2018 UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING \$250,000,000 SCHOOL BONDS

At a special bond referendum held in Gaston County, North Carolina on May 8, 2018, 142,570 voters were registered and qualified to vote.

At said referendum 9,673 votes were cast for 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, and 4,318 votes were cast against said order, and a majority of the qualified voters of said County who voted thereon at said referendum voted in favor of said order.

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Section 2. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall file a copy of the foregoing statement of the result of said referendum in her office and shall publish such statement once in <u>The Gaston Gazette</u>. A statement in substantially the following form shall be published with the foregoing statement:

Any action or proceeding challenging the regularity or validity of this bond referendum must be begun within 30 days after May 25, 2018.

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Section 3. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Upon motion of Commissioner<u>Bob Hovis</u>, seconded by Commissioner<u>Don Grant</u>, the foregoing resolution entitled:

"RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM HELD IN GASTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, ON MAY 8, 2018 UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING \$250,000,000 SCHOOL BONDS" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners <u>Chad Brown, Tom Keigher, Don Grant, Bob Hovis and Ronnie Worley.</u> Noes: <u>None.</u>

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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 has been carefully copied from the recorded minutes of said Board at a regular meeting held on May 22, 2018, said record having been made in Minute Book No. \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page \_\_\_\_\_\_ and ending at page \_\_\_\_\_\_, and is a true copy of so much of said proceedings of said Board as relates in any way to the declaration of the result of the special bond referendum held on May 8, 2018 upon the question of approving \$250,000,000 School Bonds of said County.

I HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a copy of the statement of the result of the referendum adopted by the resolution set forth in the foregoing transcript has been filed in my office.

I 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 <u>22<sup>nd</sup></u> day of May 2018.

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

#### 2018-144 Commissioner Worley - Sheriff's Office - To Appropriate Funding for Inmate Offsite Medical Expenses (\$100,000)

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

Hearing no discussion, Chairman Brown called for the vote, and the BOC unanimously approved 2018-144 and per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED	010-99-9900-0000-49000	{100,000}
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	010-02-4315-4323-530010	100,000

#### 2018-145 Commissioner Worley - Sheriff's Office - Appropriation of Additional Funds to House Inmates at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center in April 2018 (\$7,360)

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

Hearing no discussion, Chairman Brown called for the vote, and the BOC unanimously approved **2018-145** and per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED	010-99-9900-0000-490000	{7,360}
INMATES HOUSED OUT OF COUNTY	010-02-4315-4323-530015-18126	7,360

#### **Appointments**

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and Seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Deborah Ally to the *Planning Board* to a term ending January 21, 2021.

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On motion introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed/ reappointed to the **Council on Aging/Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee:** 

Motion Introduced Commissioner Brown Commissioner Worley Commissioner Hovis Seconded Commissioner Worley Commissioner Brown Commissioner Keigher

Appointee Ms. Shirley Wiggins Ms. Pat Rivers r Ms. Tarsheika Conner <u>Term Ending</u> May 31, 2019 May 31, 2020 November 30, 2019

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Rashuan Newton to the *Gaston Community Action Board of Trustees (GCA)* to an unexpired term ending October 31, 2018.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously appointed Judge Pennie Thrower to the *Family Advisory Board* to a term ending April 30, 2021.

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

Motion Introduced	Seconded	Appointee	Term Ending
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Gerald Liska	April 30, 2021
Commissioner Keigher (on behalf of Commissioner Philbeck)	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Jennifer Stepp	April 30, 2021

On behalf of Commissioner Fraley and on motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher, and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously reappointed Ms. Tammy Fraley Wilson to the *Travel & Tourism Advisory Board* to a term ending May 31, 2021.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Logan Lanier to the *Travel & Tourism Advisory Board* to a term ending April 30, 2021.

On behalf of Commissioner Fraley and on motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher, and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously reappointed Mr. Jason Raines *Personnel Advisory Board* to a term ending May 31, 2021.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and Seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously appointed Mr. Eddie Everett to the *Workforce Development Board* to a term ending May 31, 2021.

On motion introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the *Workforce Development Board:* 

Motion Introduced	Seconded	Appointee	Term Ending
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Worley	Mr. Chris Dobbins	May 31, 2021
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Worley	Mr. Wesley Locust	May 31, 2021
Commissioner Keigher (on behalf	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Selina Lee	May 31, 2021
of Commissioner Philbeck)			

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

Motion Introduced	Seconded	Appointee	Term Ending
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Worley	Ms. Cynthia Isenhour	May 31, 2021
Commissioner Keigher (on behalf of	Commissioner Hovis	Sheriff Alan Cloninger	May 31, 2021
Commissioner Philbeck)			

On motion introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the **Region F Aging Advisory Committee:** 

Motion Introduced	Seconded	Appointee	Term Ending
Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Worley	Ms. Shirley Wiggins	May 31, 2019
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Brown	Ms. Pat Rivers	May 31, 2020

#### **Commissioners Committee Reports**

Commissioner Keigher reported speaking at the **Gaston GOP meeting** to provide information on the Sales Tax and Bond Referenda and he attended the **Joint Meeting with the Board of Education** which was held earlier this evening to discuss the process for issuing the bonds; reported attendance to the **EDC Meeting**; reported attendance to the **Transportation Advisory Board** meeting.

Commissioner Worley reported attendance to the **NCACC May 17<sup>th</sup> Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee Meeting** and school safety was a key topic; Association hopes there will be money coming from the State with school safety issues.

Chairman Brown reported attendance to the *Health and Human Services Board meeting* and commended them all for what they do especially in light of the recent tragedy.

#### **County Manager's Report**

#### Presentation of the 2018-2019 Gaston County Budget

The County Manager reviewed the FY19 Budget and presented the Budget Message as follows:

#### Honorable Chairman Brown and Members of the Board of Commissioners:

In accordance with the General Statutes of North Carolina, I am pleased to submit for your consideration the Recommended FY 2018-2019 Budget. The budget is balanced and prepared under the guidelines of the North Carolina Local Government Budget & Fiscal Control Act and incorporates the priorities and policy direction communicated by the Board of Commissioners. It is also significant that the budget is prepared with moderate optimism and a conservative approach in revenue and expenditure projections; this approach has served the County well in past years.

#### **Budget Summary**

Overall economic growth in Gaston County has assured continuing improvement in county revenue. Consequently, Gaston County's financial condition has remained stable over the last year despite an increasing demand for services and significant investment, especially in public schools. While financial stability is generally good, Gaston County needs to continue working to resolve persistent challenges including underinvestment in capital improvements and a continuing decline in reserves. Indeed, the County's fund balance is unacceptably low due to an ongoing structural imbalance. The full amount of fund balance is never used; however a portion of fund balance is used annually to offset revenue shortfalls. The

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County has spent more money than it has brought in during seven of the last nine years. One of the two years the county did not spend more than it brought in was a result of the \$20 million dollar payment from the Hospital. If revenues do not increase, the fund balance could eventually deplete and trigger action by the Local Government Commission.

Fiscal restraint in government is admirable and restrictions on spending have eased only slightly among Gaston County departments since the recession. Some increased spending in public safety has been unavoidable and school funding has increased significantly in recent years, going up 17.6% since 2017. This has been particularly notable in the area of debt service associated with the new schools completed in the last fiscal year. The outcome is that a conservative approach to expenditures will be required in FY 19. The County will be forced to back-load debt. Back-loading debt essentially requires that the minimal amount be paid in the first year (interest only) in order to get a project going. The County has back-loaded debt for Belmont Middle, a new public safety radio System, the Apple Creek economic development project, and an infill project at the Jail. The chart below indicates how much more debt will be required in FY 20 compared to FY 19 for these projects. Additionally, the purchase of public safety radios will be in excess of \$7.0 million. The County will likely have to issue debt for these radios, which will further increase the County's burden. The outline of the County's proposed debt service for new projects for FY 19 and FY 20 can be seen below.

	New Debt	Service				
Project	<u>FY 19</u>	Payment	FY 2	0 Payment	<u>Diffe</u>	rence
Apple Creek	\$	255,000	\$	1,105,000	\$	850,000
Jail	\$	240,000	\$	1,040,000	\$	800,000
Public Safety Radio Infrastructure	\$	265,065	\$	1,148,615	\$	883,550
Public Safety Radio Handhelds	\$	-	\$	1,600,000	\$	1,600,000
Belmont Middle	\$	1,200,000	\$	3,200,000	\$	2,000,000
					\$	-
<u>Total</u>	\$	1,960,065	\$	8,093,615	\$	6, 133, 550

#### Investment Areas

- Investment in our employees;
- Investment in public safety;
- Investment in public schools;
- Investment in economic development; and
- Investment in our facilities.

#### Employees

In FY 18 Gaston County adjusted compensation in accordance with the findings of the compensation study and provided our employees with a 3% COLA. The Board of Commissioners has steadily improved employee compensation in recent years while maintaining a comparatively robust benefit package. It is always difficult to identify specific cause and effect relationships, but Gaston County did observe a reduction in attrition from 18% to 15% from calendar year 2016 to 2017. In terms of maintaining high quality service delivery and organizational efficiency, it is imperative that we continue to make strides in reducing turnover. For this reason, the FY 19 budget will propose a 3% compensation increase. This is consistent with the trend among other local governments in the region and will help to maintain parity in an increasingly competitive labor market. Gaston County's vigilance in managing its health plan and other measures, such as the wellness program, has enabled us to contain costs to a significantly greater degree than most other jurisdictions.

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Although several departments requested additional staff, only one position is included in the proposed budget due to financial constraints. The position included is a Project Coordinator for Facilities. There are several major projects that will be moving forward in FY 2019 and it is critically important that they be managed effectively and completed in a timely manner. At present, Facilities/Public Works does not have sufficient capacity to manage these projects expeditiously and we believe this new position is amply justified.

#### Public Safety

There are several factors driving the need for increased investment in public safety. Gaston County has an antiquated public safety radio system and developing the infrastructure as well as purchasing a large number of 800MHz radios will be very costly. Thus far, Gaston County has been unsuccessful in attempts to secure grant funding for a portion of the cost. It is estimated that constructing the required infrastructure will take 18-24 months and we are building debt service for this project into the FY 19 budget. Unfortunately, we do not have sufficient reserves to manage expenditures of this magnitude and will have to borrow funds for the project. The project is expected to cost \$14-16 million.

Due to the opioid crisis, growth, and other factors, the county jail has been overcrowded on a fairly regular basis during the past year. An architectural firm was retained to design an "in-fill solution" which will provide 72 additional beds without having to expand the physical dimensions of the structure. Preliminary estimates suggest the cost of this project will exceed \$8 million. Again, loan financing will be necessary. The additional beds may make it possible for Gaston County to continue accepting federal and state inmates as a means of generating revenue. It should also reduce the need for the county to house prisoners in facilities outside Gaston County, thus reducing expenditures and the lost productivity associated with transporting these individuals.

#### Public Schools

Gaston County's overall support for Gaston County Schools has grown significantly from \$60.5 million in FY 2015 to over \$71 million in FY 2018, an increase of 17.6%. A large portion of this growth has been in school debt service which has increased by 35% in the same period. During the last year, two new schools have been completed, Pleasant Ridge Elementary and Stanley Middle School. Despite this strong financial support for public education, many needs remain. A recent study indicated that the capital needs of Gaston County Schools exceed \$650 million. Moreover, State funding for school operations is insufficient and in 2018 Gaston County devoted nearly \$49 million of the aforementioned \$71 million allocation to operating costs.

The total cost for Gaston County Schools in the Recommended FY 2019 budget increased \$925,783 over FY 2018. The major reasons for the increase were an additional \$640,000 for school resource officers in elementary schools. Currently, Gaston County has school resource officers in all middle and high schools, but not in elementary schools full-time. These funds will allow all schools to have full-time school resource officers. Additionally, the budget includes an additional \$500,000 for teacher supplements. The total recommended budget for Gaston County Schools for FY 2019 is \$72,149,105.

#### School Bonds/Quarter Cent Sales Tax

With the passage of the \$250 million school bond initiative and the quarter (¼) cent sales tax, it will be possible for Gaston County to move forward in tandem with Gaston County Schools with the issuance of new school debt. This revenue stream is not a remedy for all of Gaston County's financial challenges, however. The bonds must be issued within seven years unless an extension is approved. The county can only afford to release \$210 million in school bonds during that seven year period. It is important to recognize that our current debt service for schools is approximately \$21 million annually and the \$6 million in new revenue from the ¼ cent sales tax will not fully fund \$210 million in new debt alone. The structure of the debt above takes advantage of old debt falling off combined with the quarter cent sales tax revenue in order to afford the bonds. In other words, the County will be compelled to issue the bonds in a manner that does not push our annual debt service more than \$6 million higher than the current amount annually.

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Despite this caveat, it is very encouraging that the voters passed both ballot items because this does provide us with the capacity to make substantial gains in both upgrading existing school facilities and building several new ones. This will be an excellent investment in the future of Gaston County. In order to fully fund the approved \$250 million in school bonds, the county will need to receive an extension from seven to ten years to issue all of the bonds. The extension will allow the county to fully fund the \$250 million in school bonds using the ¼ cent sales tax and old debt falling off.

A proposed schedule for release the \$250 million in schools bonds is critical toward the affordability and the financial solvency of the county. The proposed schedule could be altered slightly, but was designed toward affordability and good financial practices.

- Bond Issuances in terms of affordability
  - \$40 million FY 19
  - \$70 million FY 22
  - \$70 million FY 25
  - \$70 million FY 28 (Assuming the Extension is Granted)

#### **Economic Development**

A special revenue stream for economic development was established a few years ago. This revenue stream is designated for capital or debt expenditures and is supported by a dedicated portion of sales tax revenue yielding a little over \$1.2 million annually. At present, Gaston County is moving forward with the acquisition of property to develop the industrial park at Apple Creek. The acquisition of the Apple Creek property (nearly 300 acres) is expected to be around \$8 million and the subsequent development costs will be a comparable sum. In order to continue our highly successful industrial recruitment efforts, inventory in the form of new industrial sites is an essential strategic investment which will produce an ongoing return on investment for many years into the future.

Acquiring and developing new industrial property is a critical strategic investment which will enable Gaston County to maintain momentum in industrial recruitment as well as in the expansion of existing business. At the present time, Gaston County has many industrial prospects and a depleted inventory of development sites. Although this investment is considered essential, it will add to our debt service burden significantly. While the return on investment for the development of industrial property has been estimated as much as 11:1, it is likely to take several years before new revenue and job growth begin to yield economic benefits.

#### Facilities

In recent months, Public Works has been moving forward with some of our highest priority projects, including the correction of ADA deficiencies, remodeling, and systems updates. Public Works is also collaborating with Parks and Recreation on projects for which funding is in place. The number of projects that are being managed by Public Works at this time are too numerous to cover in this document. Some of the more noteworthy projects include:

- Lucille Tatum Center/Belmont Library/South Point GEMS Station
- Camp Sertoma
- ADA Compliance

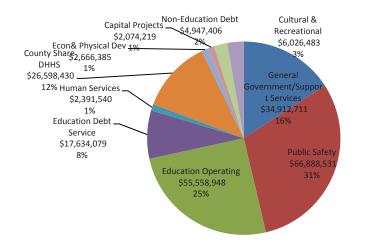
- Bessemer City, Cherryville and Mt. Holly Branch Libraries
- Animal Shelter
- County Jail "Infill Project"

#### **Opioid Crisis and Substance Abuse**

Gaston County has become a state leader in designing and implementing effective strategies to deal with substance abuse. Much of this success has been due to the outstanding work of the Gaston County Substance Abuse Coalition, a large interagency team of cross-disciplinary professionals. While opioid abuse has received a great deal of attention recently, it is one of several areas of focus in Gaston County and methamphetamines continue to be a pervasive problem as well. Two large events were conducted in Gaston County to bring a diverse group of people together to learn and discuss ongoing problems and explore solutions. In addition, other jurisdictions have contacted Gaston County to acquire information on best practices, diversion programs, and collaborative approaches to service delivery.

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All forms of drug and alcohol abuse undermine the efficacy of contemporary life in Gaston County and across the nation. This crisis places an undue burden on families, the judicial system, and social services, creating a huge burden on local government. In an effort to provide a viable array of services that will produce lasting results, Gaston County has been seeking grant funds and other forms of external funding. However, there is little doubt that dealing with substance abuse will continue to create significant direct and indirect costs. These costs impact the budgets of law enforcement, the jail, health, mental health, social services, GEMS, and various agencies outside county government. Dealing with the underlying causes of substance abuse is an enormous challenge that is costly and heartbreaking at times. However, breaking this cycle is essential to Gaston County's future.



#### Where the General Fund Money Goes \$219,698,732

The General fund budget increased \$6,267,806 from FY 2018 to FY 2019. The major increases can be seen in the chart above. The largest portion of the county budget goes to education. Over 1/3 of the general fund budget goes to education. The next largest category is public safety, which receives just over 30% of the general fund allocation. The major drivers in the FY 2019 general fund budget increase can be seen below.

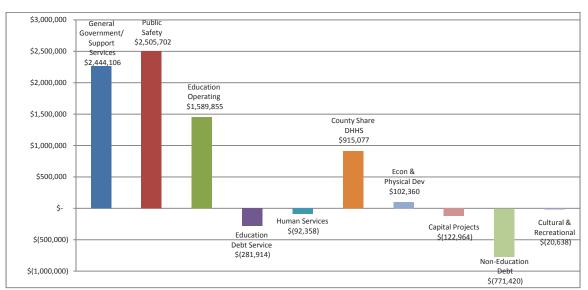
#### **General Fund Budget Drivers**

Major Expenditure Increases	Change
3% COLA	\$1,817,032
Health Insurance Increase	\$572,000
Elementary SROs	\$640,000
Teacher Supplement Increase	\$500,000
College Operating Increase	\$382,157
County Share of DHHS	\$915,077
GEMS Vehicle Debt	\$613,351
Grand Total	\$5,439,618

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Recommended FY 19 General Fund Changes by Function \$6,267,806

The Recommended General Fund Budget is a \$6,267,806 dollar increase over FY 2018. The largest increases are for Public Safety (2.51 million), General Government/Support Services (2.44 million), and Education Operating (1.59 million). The majority of the increases in public safety is related the COLA, health insurance, and new vehicle debt. Due to a change in financial software, the general government and support services functions were combined. The increase in that function can mostly be contributed to a change in revenue reporting. There is offsetting revenue to account for almost 1.5 million of the increase. The rest can be attributed to the COLA and health insurance. Education operating is increasing as a result of funding a \$382,157 increase in Gaston College operating needs. Additionally, \$640,000 was allocated to Gaston County Schools for elementary school resource officers and \$500,000 for teacher supplements.

#### Forecast

Growth is likely to be a major influence on Gaston County Government in the near future. Residential construction is robust at present and would likely have been even more dynamic if more construction crews were available. In the southeastern quadrant of Gaston County alone, some 14,500 residential lots could be available for development in the next few years. Obviously, this will have considerable impact on services and will increase congestion since the development of transportation infrastructure is not keeping pace with population growth. Two Rivers Utilities and Belmont are extending utilities to meet the demand of new subdivisions. Commercial and industrial development will also continue.

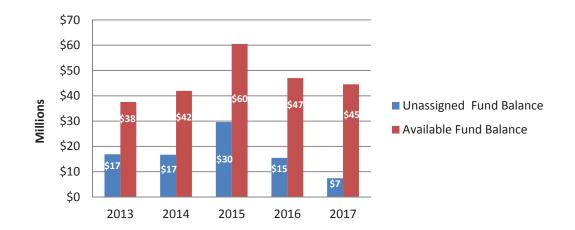
#### Fund Balance

The graph below illustrates our story over the last few years. In FY 2011 our available fund balance was a rather healthy 22.92%, and from FY 2011 through FY 2013, we decreased fund balance by 3.75 percentage points to 19.17%. Fund Balance slightly increased in FY 2014 to 20.10%, but keep in mind that this increase was actually a product of receiving almost \$3.2 million in additional motor vehicle taxes from the State in FY 2014. In FY 2015 we increased fund balance to 33.69%; however, this increase was due to a onetime payment from CaroMont Health in the amount of \$20 million. In FY 2016 fund balance went down to 21.56% as a result of the \$20 million being spent. Finally, in FY 2017 fund balance as a percentage did not drastically change, however the unassigned fund balance number has fallen to a scary level. The unassigned fund balance number refers to cash on hand that is readily available. The county has less than \$7.5 million in unassigned funds that could be used for an emergency and for cash flow purposes. The

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unassigned number has decreased by \$10 million since FY 2013. The county has since appropriated over \$20 million in fund balance during FY 2018, which could further deteriorate the unassigned figure and fund balance percentage. Our fund balance is and will remain over the 10% minimum that our adopted financial policies require, but we are losing ground to those counties in North Carolina with populations over 100,000 when controlling for the lease funds that have since been earmarked. The rating agencies pay particular attention not only to how the County's revenues and expenditures align but also to how they compare to the County's state peer group. Additionally a low level of unassigned fund balance is likely to hurt the County's bond rating. Since 2009 the county has spent more than it has brought in seven of the nine years. The only years that added to fund balance were FY 2014 as a result of the motor vehicle tax money and FY 2015 as a result of the Hospital money. This trend is unsustainable and the FY 2020 Revaluation provides an opportunity for the County to correct shortfalls that have occurred since the recession as well as replenish the unassigned fund balance that has been relied on to balance the budget.

#### Gaston County Fund Balance Trend (In Millions)



#### **Moving Ahead**

For the reasons stated above, FY 2019 will continue to be a year of austerity for Gaston County Government despite the revenue growth we have experienced. In summary, the pressures of school financing, modest progress in addressing unmet capital needs, public safety expenses and inflationary pressure exert everincreasing budgetary pressure. This comes at a time when fund balance is depleted and continued growth promises a growing demand for county services. The upcoming revaluation will provide the opportunity for Gaston County to make strides in overcoming fiscal challenges. Managing property revenue growth should be coupled with structuring our fee schedule in a manner that assigns the cost of service equitably. Finally, it is imperative that we continue to manage debt service in a way that ensures financial health for Gaston County.

#### Next Steps

The Commission may wish to schedule budget work sessions between now and June 12, 2018 to review all facets of this budget.

The Gaston County Board of County Commissioners will hold its regularly scheduled Work Session on June 12, 2018, at 6:00 pm, in the Harley B. Gaston Jr. Public Forum in the Gaston County Courthouse. Immediately following the Work Session, the Board has scheduled a Special Meeting to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget, and the BOC may consider adoption of the Budget Ordinance at that time.

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The budget can be viewed at the Main Library located at 1555 East Garrison Blvd, Gastonia NC 28054, at the Office of the Clerk to the Board located in the County Administration Building, 128 West Main Avenue, Gastonia NC 28053 or online at http://www.gastongov.com/.

Public comment is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Mathers County Manager

Chairman Brown thanked the County Manager for the review of the proposed budget and called for questions form the BOC.

Commissioner Grant inquired if there were any cuts made to the budget and what the overall amount of the budget request was.

Mr. Mathers responded that \$30M was cut from the overall requests and he would be happy to furnish the details of those cuts. The overall request for the General Fund was over \$260M; overall budget is approximately \$301M (down .2%) and the General Fund is up approximately \$6.9M at \$238M.

Commissioner Grant asked the difference between last year and this year's proposed budget.

The County Manager stated that is almost the same - down by .2%.

Commissioner Hovis referenced the fund balance trend graph for the last five or six years and requested an additional graph be provided to remove the 2015 CaroMont lease proceeds (\$20M).

The County Manager agreed to provide the requested information.

Commissioner Worley stated that the Schools are requesting a salary adjustment of 3% for nonteaching personnel and asked if the budget includes this request; and if the budget include a 3% for County employees.

The County Manager responded the budget does not include 3% for non-teaching personnel; it retains the \$2.4M that was provided last year; adds \$640k for the SROs and \$500k for teacher supplements; it includes a 3% increase for County employees.

Chairman Brown requested the Budget Director to provide an update to the school funding trend report to include the FY19 budget. He also encouraged each member to set up an appointment with the County Manager to go over his recommended budget.

#### **County Attorney's Report**

No report.

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## Other Matters

Chairman Brown extended an invitation to a baseball game on Thursday night, 8:00 PM at Harper Park in Stanley to support one of the children directly affected by the recent tragedy. He noted that Commissioner Philbeck expressed his regret for not being able to attend tonight's meeting; he has been very involved with assisting the family. He noted the tragedy touched so many in the community and stated he has reached out to CaroMont, the Sheriff's Office and the County Police to extend the Commissions' offer of assistance. He thanked all agencies who came together to offer assistance on that day.

Commissioner Keigher read the request from the lobbyist for the North Carolina Trappers Association for the endorsement of H991;

... the NC Trapper's Association is requesting Gaston County support a local bill at the NC Legislature to establish a fox trapping season in Gaston County. Foxes are the only game animal regulated by the NCGA and not by the NC Wildlife Commission. Populations of foxes and coyotes (especially coyotes) are rising, and trapping is the most humane, sustainable, and effective way to manage their populations. As coyotes become more and more of a problem for our communities – trapping is very important to maintaining a healthy ecosystem and protecting pets and livestock. This legislation is supported by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, the Congressional Sportsmen Foundation, Delta Waterfowl, and other conservation/Sportsmen groups...

He stated the Gaston Legislative Delegation is in favor of the bill; they do not need a vote, just a consensus that a majority of the BOC supports a local bill.

Commissioner Grant asked if this bill is just for private land owners or for anyone that wishes to trap.

Mr. Kevin Meyers, President of the North Carolina Trappers' Association, returned to the podium and stated any licensed trapper could participate in trapping in Gaston County, as they already can; this would just include the taking for coyote and fox.

Commissioner Grant asked if there was a limit on how many could be trapped; what is the length of the season.

Mr. Meyers responded there is no limit and the season would coincide with the preexisting trapping season established by the NC Wildlife Resource Commission which currently is November 1 through the last day in February.

Commissioner Hovis clarified that it makes it all inclusive and Mr. Myers stated it includes fox in the normal tracking season that is already occurring in the County.

Commissioner Keigher stated he could not find any information on why the General Assembly took fox under their jurisdiction.

Mr. Meyers stated in the late 60s and early 70s, the NC Houndsman Association had great political power with the legislature; basically through lobbying efforts, that action repealed the

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authority to regulate the species from the NC Wildlife Resouce Commission and gave it to the Legislature.

Chairman Brown directed the Clerk to the Board to relay the Board's support for H991 to Ms. Debbie Clary, the County's lobbyist to share with the members of the local Delegation.

#### Adjournment

Chairman Brown called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2018.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously adjourned the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2018 at 7:21pm.

(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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