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The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met virtually in Rescheduled Regular Session on December 29, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., in The Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum, Gaston County Courthouse.

Chairman Tom Keigher presided (in person) with Commissioners Allen R. Fraley, Vice-Chairman; Chad Brown, Bob Hovis, Kim Johnson and Ronnie Worley in attendance via video conferencing.

Commissioner Tracy L. Philbeck was not in attendance.

Others present included Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager (via video conferencing); Jonathan L. Sink, County Attorney; and Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board.

Chairman Keigher announced the virtual meeting was being televised and live-streamed.

Commissioner Hovis led those assembled in the Invocation and Commissioner Keigher led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Revision/Approval

Commissioner Keigher introduced the motion to approve the Agenda of December 29, 2020 and Commissioner Worley provided the second.

Chairman Keigher called for discussion; hearing none, he instructed the Clerk to the Board to call the roll for the vote, and the BOC unanimously approved the Agenda of December 29, 2020.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Keigher introduced the motion to approve the Minutes of the Closed Session of November 11, 2020 and the Rescheduled Regular Meeting of November 11, 2020 and Commissioner Hovis provided the second.

Chairman Keigher called for discussion; hearing none, he instructed the Clerk to the Board to call the roll for the vote and the BOC unanimously approved the aforementioned Minutes.

Citizen Recognition

Because the meeting was closed to the public, Chairman Keigher stated provisions were made for citizens to submit comments via voicemail, email or mail delivery. He asked the Clerk if any submissions were received.

The Clerk responded that none were received as of the previous day's submission deadline.

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Consent Agenda

Commissioner Keigher introduced the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Fraley provided the second.

Chairman Keigher called for discussion; hearing none, he recognized the County Manager for comments regarding Item G: *Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Award Bid for Financing up to \$2,842,597.29 for Rolling Stock and Equipment to Bank of America Public Capital Corp and to Approve the Attached Budget Change Request (to appropriate funds) and Resolution Approving Financing Terms*).

The County Manager advised the financing was approved as part of this year's current budget; it is the County's annual vehicles replacement cycle; the County uses a combination of the state contract unless it has to bid out vehicles that are supplied by federal funds; staff is doing a review of all vehicle assignments (take home vehicles, etc.) for efficiency as part of next year's budget process.

Chairman Keigher asked the Clerk to the Board to call the roll for the vote and the BOC unanimously **approved the Consent Agenda as follows:**

2020-333 Commissioner Keigher – BOC – To Revise the Gaston County Board of Commissioners' 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule to Cancel the January 12 Work Session and Reschedule it to Precede the January 26 Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Meeting Schedule for January, 2021 is revised in accordance with N.C.G.S §143-318.12(a), to CANCEL the January 12th Work Session and RESCHEDULE it to precede the January 26, 2021 Regular Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

2020-334 Commissioner Hovis - BOC - To Accept the Amended CaroMont Health/Gaston Memorial Hospital Board of Directors By-Laws as Information

2020-335 Commissioner Philbeck - BOC - To Update the Provisions of the Gaston County Investment Grant Program to Extend the Small Business Investment Grant Program Through Calendar Year 2021 as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners that the Gaston County Investment Grant Program as adopted by Resolution No. 2006-065, dated February 9, 2006, is hereby amended to approve the one-year extension of the Gaston County Small Business Investment Grant for the 2021 calendar year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Investment Grant program shall sunset on December 31, 2021, and shall apply to investments made during the 2021 calendar year.

2020-336 Commissioner Worley - Budget & Management Services - To Appropriate Additional Funds for Second Year of Grant Awarded to the Gaston County Family Justice Center (FJC) (\$505,472) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
2019 GCC Family Just Ctr Yr 2	010-05-5810-4121-420000-21574	(505,472)
Salary:GCC Family Justice Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-510001-21574	253,000
Overtime:GCC Family Just Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-510002-21574	3,216
FICA: GCC Family Justice Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-510100-21574	17,737

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Retire: GCC Family Justice Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-510101-21574	14,786
401K/LEO:GCC Family Just Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-510102-21574	6,750
Hlth Ins:GCC Famly Justice Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-510103-21574	48,000
Dental: GCC Family Justice Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-510108-21574	1,260
Life: GCC Family Justice Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-510109-21574	523
Office Supplies: GCC FJC	010-05-5810-4121-520001-21574	850
Prog Supplies: GCC FJC	010-05-5810-4121-520002-21574	3,000
Med Supplies: GCC Family Just Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-520004-21574	1,850
Training: GCC Family Just Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-520011-21574	9,889
Other Communications: GCC FJC	010-05-5810-4121-530003-21574	3,120
Janitorial: GCC Family Just Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-530005-21574	3,000
Legal Svcs: GCC Family Just Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-530011-21574	42,860
Temp Svc: GCC Family Just Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-530013-21574	14,480
Parts: GCC Family Justice Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-530020-21574	2,000
MotorFuels: GCC Family Just Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-530021-21574	2,000
Repairs: GCC Family Justice Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-530023-21574	3,151
Bldg Rent: GCC Family Just Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-530027-21574	36,000
Equip Rent: GCC Family Just Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-530030-21574	3,000
Vehicle: GCC Family Justice Ctr	010-05-5810-4121-540003-21574	35,000

2020-337 Commissioner Philbeck - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information as follows:

EFF DATE	DEPT	ACCOUNT	DR/CR	AMOUNT
10/06/2020	Em Mgmt	010-02-4330-0000-530000-	C	\$ 51.02
10/06/2020		010-02-4330-0000-530021-	D	\$ 51.02
10/07/2020	Info Tech	010-01-4210-0000-520006-	C	\$ 700.00
10/07/2020		010-01-4210-0000-520007-	D	\$ 700.00
10/13/2020	HR	010-01-4122-0000-520001-	C	\$ 245.00
10/13/2020		010-01-4122-0000-540001-	D	\$ 245.00
10/15/2020		010-01-4122-0000-520007-	C	\$ 3,130.00
10/15/2020		010-01-4122-0000-540001-	D	\$ 3,130.00
10/15/2020	Finance	010-01-4110-0000-530029-	C	\$ 9,600.00
10/15/2020		010-01-4110-0000-530029-20058	D	\$ 9,600.00
10/15/2020	Hope United	020-05-5582-0000-560000-08162	C	\$ 776.78
10/15/2020		020-05-5582-0000-560000-20548	D	\$ 776.78
10/23/2020	Em Mgmt	010-02-4330-0000-530015-	C	\$ 20,821.85
10/23/2020		010-02-4330-0000-520011-	C	\$ 1,677.05
10/23/2020		010-02-4330-0000-530010-	D	\$ 22,498.90
10/28/2020	Bldg Insp	012-02-4350-4351-520001-	C	\$ 200.00
10/28/2020		012-02-4350-4351-520007-	D	\$ 200.00
10/28/2020	Em Mgmt	010-02-4330-0000-520006-	D	\$ 670.00
10/28/2020		010-02-4330-0000-540001-	C	\$ 670.00
10/29/2020		010-02-4330-0000-530023-	D	\$ 973.00
10/29/2020		010-02-4330-0000-520007-	C	\$ 973.00

2020-338 Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Approve the Award for Purchase of \$2,842,597.29 for Vehicles, and the Expenditure of \$239,718.34 for Equipment, Decals, Tag/Tax and Title Fees (Totaling \$3,082,315.63) as follows:

Replacement and new vehicles were approved with the adoption of the FY 20/21 Budget Ordinance. Exception is one (1) vehicle was added for EDC originally budgeted to be replaced with a new lease. The decision was made to purchase the EDC vehicle instead of leasing going forward.

DHHS-Social Services Vehicles: (9) Midsize Sedans and (1) Minivan – a formal bid was conducted per Uniform Guidance (UG) requirements since these vehicles will involve federal reimbursement.

Legal ad was posted in The Gazette on 10/19/20, posted on the County website, posted on the HUB site as an affirmative step to solicit quotes from M/WBE dealers, and Bid Requests were sent to 16 potential bidders. Two addenda were issued.

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Bids were received on 11/2/20 from five (5) bidders (Parks Chevrolet, Modern Nissan, Nissan of Clinton, Fleet Vehicle Source, Ilderton Dodge) and publicly opened. The low bidder on the Sedans asked to withdraw his bid due to not meeting the specification per the addendum. Therefore, the award is recommended to the next low Sedans bidder and the low Minivan bidder whose bids meet specifications and are considered responsive.

Modern Nissan	Nissan Altima	\$20,499 each
Ilderton Dodge	Chrysler Voyager	\$24,858 each

Balance of Vehicles: County Police, A/C/E, Sheriff, Emergency Management, Public Works, Building Services, EDC, and Environmental Health are quoted per the NC Sheriff's (NCSA) Contract; Ambulances are quoted per HGAC contract; Landfill heavy equipment is quoted per Sourcewell contract and NC Sheriff's (NCSA) contract. Utilizing these already competitively bid Group Purchasing Programs is allowed by G.S.143-129(e)(3) thus leveraging the cost benefits of state-wide quantity bidding.

Chart for Finance Package - Vehicles 2021		11/6/20 version									
Version for BA including Contract #'s		Unit Cost	Quantity	Extended	Vendor / Model	Rounded	Vehicles Loan Package	Total TTT	Total Equip/Decal	Total Extended	
Spec #1											
Police Interceptor Utility AWD - County Police		\$ 40,546.65			NCSA contract 21-07-0915		\$ 486,559.80	\$ 14,668.79	\$ 101,700.00	\$ 602,928.59	
Console / computer stand		inc below			Ford Interceptor Utility						
Emergency Lights & equipment		\$ 7,950.00			Four Seasons Ford						
Decals		\$ 525.00									
Tag, tax and title		\$ 1,222.40									
Total		\$ 50,244.05	12	\$ 602,928.59		\$ 602,929.00					
Spec #2											
3/4 Ton 4x2 Extended Cab & Chassis - ACE		\$ 29,874.80			NCSA contract 21-07-0915		\$ 49,599.80	\$ 902.24	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 53,202.04	
SWAB animal box (new)		\$ 18,875.00			Ford F250		inc Box+freight				
Transport cost from SWAB to dealer		\$ 850.00			Piedmont Truck Center						
Console / computer stand		inc below									
Emergency Lights & equipment		\$ 1,900.00									
Decals		\$ 800.00									
Tag, tax and title		\$ 902.24									
Total		\$ 53,202.04	1	\$ 53,202.04		\$ 53,203.00					
Spec #3											
Police Interceptor Utility AWD - Sheriff's Office		\$ 40,546.65			NCSA contract 21-07-0915		\$ 283,826.55	\$ 8,556.80	\$ 58,975.00	\$ 351,358.35	
Console / computer stand		inc below			Ford Interceptor Utility						
Emergency Lights & equipment		\$ 7,950.00			Four Seasons Ford						
Decals		\$ 475.00									
Tag, tax and title		\$ 1,222.40									
Total		\$ 50,194.05	7	\$ 351,358.35		\$ 351,359.00					
Spec #4											
Transit Van - Sheriff's Office (reuse existing Van Cell)		\$ 34,036.70			NCSA contract 21-07-0915		\$ 34,036.70	\$ 1,027.10	\$ 8,425.00	\$ 43,488.80	
Console / computer stand		inc below			Ford Transit 350 Low Roof						
Emergency Lights & equipment		\$ 7,950.00			Piedmont Truck Center						
Decals		\$ 475.00									
Tag, tax and title		\$ 1,027.10									
Total		\$ 43,488.80	1	\$ 43,488.80		\$ 43,489.00					
Spec #5											
Full Size SUV - Emergency Management		\$ 36,732.60			NCSA contract 21-07-0915		\$ 36,732.60	\$ 1,107.98	\$ 7,025.00	\$ 44,865.58	
Console / computer stand		inc below			Chevy Tahoe						
Emergency Lights & equipment		\$ 6,500.00			Modern Chevrolet						
Decals		\$ 525.00									
Tag, tax and title		\$ 1,107.98									
Total		\$ 44,865.58	1	\$ 44,865.58		\$ 44,866.00					

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Spec #6													
Extended Cab 4x4 Truck - Public Works - Admin	\$ 32,477.81			NCSA contract 21-07-0915		\$	32,477.81	\$	980.33	\$	40.00	\$	33,498.14
Decals	\$ 40.00			Ford F-150									
Tag, tax and title	\$ 980.33			Four Season Ford									
Total	\$ 33,498.14	1	\$	33,498.14		\$	33,499.00						
Spec #7													
Full Size Van with Bin Package - Public Works - Facilities	\$ 40,636.60			NCSA contract 21-07-0915		\$	40,636.60	\$	1,225.10	\$	1,540.00	\$	43,401.70
Equipment including bin accessories	\$ 1,500.00			Ford Transit 250 Medium Roof									
Decals	\$ 40.00			Piedmont Truck Center									
Tag, tax and title	\$ 1,225.10												
Total	\$ 43,401.70	1	\$	43,401.70		\$	43,402.00						
Spec #8													
Extended Cab 4x4 Truck - Building Services	\$ 32,477.81			NCSA contract 21-07-0915		\$	32,477.81	\$	980.33	\$	40.00	\$	33,498.14
Decals	\$ 40.00			Ford F-150									
Tag, tax and title	\$ 980.33			Four Season Ford									
Total	\$ 33,498.14	1	\$	33,498.14		\$	33,499.00						
Spec #9													
Full Size 4x4 SUV - Building Services	\$ 28,514.29			NCSA contract 21-07-0915		\$	28,514.29	\$	861.43	\$	40.00	\$	29,415.72
Decals	\$ 40.00			Ford Explorer									
Tag, tax and title	\$ 861.43			Four Seasons Ford									
Total	\$ 29,415.72	1	\$	29,415.72		\$	29,416.00						
Spec #10													
Full Size 4x4 SUV - EDC	\$ 36,732.60			NCSA contract 21-07-0915		\$	36,732.60	\$	1,107.98	\$	40.00	\$	37,880.58
Decals	\$ 40.00			Chevy Tahoe									
Tag, tax and title	\$ 1,107.98			Modern Chevrolet									
Total	\$ 37,880.58	1	\$	37,880.58		\$	37,881.00						
Spec #11													
Hybrid car - Environmental Health	\$ 26,010.09			NCSA contract 21-07-0915		\$	26,010.09	\$	786.30	\$	40.00	\$	26,836.39
Decals	\$ 40.00			Toyota Camry									
Tag, tax and title	\$ 786.30			Modern Toyota									
Total	\$ 26,836.39	1	\$	26,836.39		\$	26,837.00						
Spec #12													
Extended Cab 4x4 Truck - Environmental Health	\$ 32,477.81			NCSA contract 21-07-0915		\$	32,477.81	\$	980.33	\$	40.00	\$	33,498.14
Decals	\$ 40.00			Ford F-150									
Tag, tax and title	\$ 980.33			Four Season Ford									
Total	\$ 33,498.14	1	\$	33,498.14		\$	33,499.00						
Spec DSS-01													
Mid-Size Sedan - DHHS Social Services	\$ 20,499.00			Bid per Uniform Guidance		\$	184,491.00	\$	5,588.73	\$	360.00	\$	190,439.73
Decals	\$ 40.00			Nissan Altima									
Tag, tax and title	\$ 620.97			Modern Nissan									
Total	\$ 21,159.97	9	\$	190,439.73		\$	190,440.00						
Spec DSS-02													
Minivan 7-passenger - DHHS Social Services	\$ 24,858.00			Bid per Uniform Guidance		\$	24,858.00	\$	751.74	\$	40.00	\$	25,649.74
Decals	\$ 40.00			Chrysler Voyager									
Tag, tax and title	\$ 751.74			Ilderton Dodge									
Total	\$ 25,649.74	1	\$	25,649.74		\$	25,650.00						
TOTAL - Vehicles, Equipment, Decals, Tag, Tax & Title		39		\$ 1,549,961.65		\$ 1,549,969.00	\$ 1,329,431.46	\$ 39,525.19	\$ 181,005.00	\$ 1,549,961.65			
<i>Tag/Tax/Title figured as Vehicle cost x .03 (road use tax) plus \$6.00 each</i>													
AMBULANCES and HEAVY EQUIPMENT	Unit Cost	Quantity	Extended	Vendor / Model	Rounded	Vehicles	Loan Package	Total	Total	Total	Total	Extended	
SUV QRV - GEMS	\$ 95,895.00			HGAC contract AM10-18		\$	95,895.00	\$	2,882.85	\$	-	\$	98,777.85
(Decals and Equipment included in above price)	\$ -			Type 2 Transit									
Tag, Tax & Title	\$ 2,882.85			AEV/Northwestern									
TOTAL - SUV QRV - GEMS	\$ 98,777.85	1	\$	98,777.85		\$	98,778.00						
Type 1 QRV/Ambulance - GEMS	\$ 336,525.00			HGAC contract AM10-18		\$	336,525.00	\$	10,101.75	\$	-	\$	346,626.75
(Decals and Equipment included in above price)	\$ -			Type 1 AEV Ambulance									
Tag, Tax & Title	\$ 10,101.75			AEV/Northwestern									
TOTAL - Transit Van - GEMS	\$ 346,626.75	1	\$	346,626.75		\$	346,627.00						
Type 2 BLS Ambulance - Rescue	\$ 196,585.00			HGAC contract AM10-18		\$	196,585.00	\$	5,903.55	\$	-	\$	202,488.55
(Decals and Equipment included in above price)	\$ -			Ford T-350 Transit									
Tag, Tax & Title	\$ 5,903.55			AEV/Northwestern									
TOTAL - Transit Van - Rescue	\$ 202,488.55	1	\$	202,488.55		\$	202,489.00						
Rubber Tire Wheel Loader - Landfill	\$ 181,274.83			Sourcewell Contract 032119-JDC		\$	181,274.83	\$	-	\$	100.00	\$	181,374.83
Decals	\$ 100.00			John Deere 624L									
Tag, Tax & Title - n/a for off-road equipment	\$ -			James River Equipment									
TOTAL - Rubber Tire Loader - Landfill	\$ 181,374.83	1	\$	181,374.83		\$	181,375.00						
Articulated Dump Truck - Landfill	\$ 351,443.00			NCSA Contract 19-03-0504RR		\$	702,886.00	\$	-	\$	200.00	\$	703,086.00
Decals	\$ 100.00			Bell B30E									
Tag, Tax & Title - n/a for off-road equipment	\$ -			National Equipment Dealers									
TOTAL - Articulated Dump Truck - Landfill	\$ 351,543.00	2	\$	703,086.00		\$	703,086.00						

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2020-339 Commissioner Worley - Finance - To Award Bid for Financing up to \$2,842,597.29 for Rolling Stock and Equipment to Bank of America Public Capital Corp and to Approve the Attached Budget Change Request (to appropriate funds) and Resolution Approving Financing Terms per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Installment Purchase Agreement	041-01-8300-0000-416002-21008	(1,749,087.46)
Transfers to Capital Improvements Fund	041-98-9800-0000-580040-	1,749,087.46
Transfers from Community Investment Fund	040-98-9800-0000-480041-	(1,749,087.46)
Facilities Management Motor Vehicles	040-01-4265-4260-540003-21008	40,636.60
Public Works Admin Motor Vehicles	040-01-4265-4265-540003-21008	32,477.81
County Police Motor Vehicles	040-02-4310-4310-540003-21008	486,559.80
Sheriff Office Motor Vehicles	040-02-4315-4315-540003-21008	317,863.25
Emergency Management Motor Vehicles	040-02-4330-0000-540003-21008	36,732.60
Building Inspections Motor Vehicles	040-02-4350-4351-540003-21008	60,992.10
GEMS Motor Vehicles	040-02-4370-0000-540003-21008	432,420.00
Rescue Squad Motor Vehicles	040-02-4372-0000-540003-21008	196,585.00
Animal Care Motor Vehicles	040-02-4380-0000-540003-21008	49,599.80
Environmental Health Motor Vehicles	040-05-5114-5125-540003-21008	58,487.90
Economic Development Motor Vehicles	040-07-4920-4920-540003-21008	36,732.60
Installment Purchase Agreement	020-05-8300-0000-416002-21008	(209,349.00)
Social Services Motor Vehicles	020-05-4790-0000-540003-21008	209,349.00
Installment Purchase Agreement	060-08-8300-0000-416002-21008	(884,160.83)
Landfill Motor Vehicles	060-08-4720-0000-540003-21008	884,160.83
		(2,842,597.29)

2020-340 Commissioner Worley - Finance - Commendation - Ms. Tiffany R. Murray & Finance Staff - GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award

2020-341 Commissioner Keigher - Finance - Appropriation of Accumulated Investment Earnings From April 1, 2020 Through November 30, 2020 (\$33,831.36) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Fund Balance Appropriated	040-99-9900-0000-490000-	(26,418.06)
Investment Earnings - School Bonds	040-03-8300-0000-412011-	(5,312.46)
School Bonds - 10/01/06	040-03-5911-0000-540100-07269	9.02
School Bonds - 5/24/16	040-03-5911-0000-540100-16283	939.53
School Bonds - 9/22/17	040-03-5911-0000-540100-18137	618.76
School Bonds - 11/15/18	040-03-5911-0000-540100-19040	30,163.21
Fund Balance Appropriated	040-99-9900-0000-490000-	(323.98)
Investment Earnings - School Build America Bonds	040-03-8300-0000-412013-	(24.99)
School Bonds - 08/08/09	040-03-5911-0000-540100-10296	348.97
Fund Balance Appropriated	040-99-9900-0000-490000-	(134.00)
Gaston College Bond Interest	040-03-8300-0000-412012-	(31.04)
Gaston College 2007 Bonds	040-03-5921-0000-540100-08252	165.04
Fund Balance Appropriated	025-99-9900-0000-490000-	(562.00)
Interest - Police Treasury / Justice	025-02-8300-0000-412002-	(96.00)
Drug Forfeitures - US Treasury	025-02-4310-4310-530043-10002	569.00
Drug Forfeitures - Justice	025-02-4310-4310-530044-50113	87.00
Drug Lab Supplies	025-02-4310-4310-530048-	2.00

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Fund Balance Appropriated	025-99-9900-0000-490000-	(32.00)
Interest - Sheriff Treasury / Justice	025-02-8300-0000-412004-	(7.00)
Drug Forfeitures - US Treasury	025-02-4315-4315-530043-04243	38.00
Drug Forfeitures - Justice	025-02-4315-4315-530044-19066	1.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	026-99-9900-0000-490000-	(136.00)
Interest - USUB Police	026-02-8300-0000-412006-	(23.00)
Controlled Substance Abuse Tax	026-02-4310-4310-530045-50112	159.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	026-99-9900-0000-490000-	(18.00)
Interest - USUB Sheriff	026-02-8300-0000-412007-	(4.00)
Controlled Substance Abuse Tax	026-02-4315-4315-530045-02192	22.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	010-99-9900-0000-490000-	(8.00)
Interest - Urgent Repair Program	010-07-8300-0000-412010-	(3.00)
2019 Urgent Repair Program	010-07-4935-0000-560000-18555	9.00
2020 Urgent Repair Program	010-07-4935-0000-560000-21544	2.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	010-99-9900-0000-490000-	(244.81)
Interest - NC CARES/NCPRO	010-01-8300-0000-412018-	(453.02)
Coronavirus Relief Funds	010-01-4199-0000-560000-20578	697.83

2020-342 Commissioner Fraley - GEMS - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Grant Funds Received from The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Atrium Health from NCOEMS (\$3,500) per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
ASPR Grant - Federal GEMS	010-02-4370-0000-425110-21575	(\$3,500)
F/E<5K: ASPR Grant	010-02-4370-0000-540001-21575	\$3,500

2020-343 Commissioner Brown - Public Works - To Declare the Attached Vehicles Surplus and Approve the Sale of Said Vehicles to the Highest Bidder on GovDeals.com and Authorize Staff to Prepare the Necessary Documents in Accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-266 per Budget Change Request:

Account Description	Account Number	Amount
Surplus Property Sales	010-01-8300-0000-411014	(\$7,000)
Motor Vehicles	010-01-4199-0000-540003	\$7,000

Surplus Vehicle List

Veh#	Year	Model	Department	Current Mileage	Comments
219	2008	Ford E-350	ACCESS	176,492	Age, Mileage, Cost per mile
237	2009	Ford E-350	ACCESS	184,515	Age, Mileage, Cost per mile

2020-344 Commissioner Hovis - Public Works - To Accept an Offer to Purchase a County Owned Surplus Parcel (#155370 Located at 813 Freedom Mill Rd.) and Authorize Staff to Initiate the Upset Bid Process

2020-345 Commissioner Philbeck - Public Works - To Approve a Lease Agreement for Property Owned by Gaston County Located at 1305 Fire Ranger Way

2020-346 Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$102,584.15; Overpayments - \$48,984.46; VTS Refunds - \$7,041.61; Grand Total - \$158,610.22) as follows:

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TAXPAYER NAME	AMOUNT
OCTOBER 2020 RELEASES AND REFUNDS	
Gann, Janice	\$163.62
Keystone PF Belmont, LLC	\$4,902.88
Mosteller, Jeffrey	\$1,298.22
Papamanuel, Alex	\$94,676.85
Smith, Bobby R	\$287.88
Spencer Mtn Rd VFD	\$1,254.70
TOTAL	\$102,584.15
OCTOBER 2020 OVERPAYMENTS	
Advantage Title	\$281.99
Andrew M Adams, PA	\$806.77
Andrew M Adams, PA	\$524.91
Ashurst, Paul W	\$100.76
Atlantis Title Co	\$138.85
Atlantis Title Co	\$250.40
Ballew, Dawn Michelle	\$126.00
Barber, James	\$320.00
Bell, James	\$863.47
Benfield, Donnie W	\$1,084.05
Britton, Andrew	\$107.14
Crisp, Frank M	\$100.00
Debertott, Peter J III	\$102.13
Ethridge, Michael Lannis	\$172.91
Faccio, Carmen S	\$346.49
Gray, Layton, Kersh, Solomon, Furr	\$2,561.70
Hance & Hance PA	\$122.81
Houser, Na'Tonya	\$172.88
Hunter & Chandler Law	\$236.58
Johnson, Robert W	\$187.36
Johnson, Robert W	\$187.36
Mercer, Jack A	\$175.00
Moore, Jack Cathey	\$100.00
Moton, Sue	\$1,065.15
Muse, Michelle Annette	\$231.34
Nations Title AG	\$277.93
Newton, Sharon	\$207.00
Renger & Reynolds PLLC	\$1,003.09
Rhyne, Linda M	\$150.54
Seagle, Kathryn	\$203.97
Smith, George Stanley	\$125.00
Stateside APM	\$814.91
Stone, Clayborne	\$300.00
Taylor Law PLLC	\$350.00
TW LLC	\$25,603.16
Van Der Meid, Stephen Todd	\$4,791.70
Vylkla Title LLC	\$194.95
Wallace, Minda	\$285.00
WCS LLC	\$129.04
Webb, Kendra	\$166.16
Wells Fargo Real Estate	\$1,965.18
Wilson, Susan	\$2,050.78
TOTAL	\$48,984.46
OCTOBER VTS REFUNDS	
Aragon Morales, Armando	\$118.39
Aspire Youth & Family INC	\$467.40
Aspire Youth & Family INC	\$448.06
Aspire Youth & Family INC	\$443.26
Aspire Youth & Family INC	\$428.13
Austell, Robert Donald	\$136.42

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Barker, Johnny Charles	\$134.76
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Carpenter, Jacaqueline Karriker	\$134.30
Cloninger, Angel Michelle	\$111.35
Constateilos, Justin Gary	\$131.27
Demonfort, Jean Claude	\$360.43
Forgey, James Stanley	\$153.35
Galloway, Tara Watkins	\$102.84
Hardee, Ray Mckay	\$155.04
Hinds, Levi Allen	\$325.80
Hoyos, Deigo	\$172.88
King, Robert Ray	\$146.43
Ludwig, Daniel Miguel	\$197.15
McMullin, Dennis Gerald	\$126.05
Mendez, Yessenia Altagracia	\$137.92
Miller, Denise Elaine	\$146.79
Montgomery, Katina Whitworth	\$218.59
Nicol, Julie Melissa	\$110.06
Owneby, Kimberly Elizabeth	\$200.02
Parker, Frances Brock	\$118.78
Ray, Erroll Paul	\$106.99
Sessoms, Curwood JR	\$377.75
Shonack, Ralph	\$199.00
Trevizo, Teresa Munoz	\$483.48
Weatherly, Ronnie Dale	\$192.10
Whisnat, Aaron Drew	\$160.24
Whitely, Max Houston	\$188.37
TOTAL	\$7,041.61
GRAND TOTAL	\$158,610.22

Non-Consent

2020-347 Commissioner Brown - County Attorney - To Amend the Gaston County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7 - Garbage and Trash, Section 7-3 - Storage and Disposal - to Create Subsection (s) - to Prohibit Anyone From Leaving Loose Yard Waste on Public Roads or any Other Public Places of Travel (First Reading)

Chairman Keigher announced the subject Resolution must be adopted unanimously by ALL BOC members on the first reading; if not, it will be placed on the 1/26/2021 Agenda for a second reading to be adopted by a simple majority of the BOC voting on it.

Commissioner Keigher introduced the motion to approve and Commissioner Brown provided the seconded.

Chairman Keigher called for discussion; hearing none, he asked the Clerk to the Board to call the roll for the vote and the BOC unanimously approved the first reading of **2020-347. Required Second Reading to occur January 26, 2021.**

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Appointments

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously reappointed Ms. Amy Pearson to the ***Gaston County Board of Adjustments*** to a term ending December 31, 2023.

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

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Fraley	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Michael Coone	December 31, 2023
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Keigher	Ms. Vanessa Johnson	December 31, 2023
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Mark Lamphiear	December 31, 2023
Commissioner Johnson	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. David Fogarty	December 31, 2023
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Ms. Alexa Hodge	December 31, 2023
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Hoyle Withers	December 31, 2023
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Michael Nance	December 31, 2023
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Michael Radford	December 31, 2023

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the ***Caromont Health/Gaston Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Brown on behalf of Commissioner Philbeck	Commissioner Keigher	Ms. Annette Carter	December 31, 2024
Commissioner Johnson	Commissioner Keigher	Dr. Charles Meakin	December 31, 2024
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Bob Hovis	December 31, 2021

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the ***Environmental Review Advisory Board***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Bob Hovis	December 31, 2023
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Zack Horne	December 31, 2023

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously appointed Ms. Sarah Koprowski to the ***Family Advisory Board*** to an unexpired term ending April 30, 2021.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously reappointed Mr. Richard Cromlish, Jr. to the ***Economic Development Commission*** to a term ending December 31, 2023.

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed to the ***Fire Advisory Board***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Jeffery Hovis	November 30, 2021
Commissioner Worley	Commissioner Keigher	Mr. Corey Jonas	November 30, 2023

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously appointed/reappointed to the ***Fireman's Relief Fund Trustees***:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Jeffery Snuggs	November 30, 2022
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Hovis	Mr. Bobby Bridges	November 30, 2022

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

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Bob Hovis - Delegate	November 30, 2021
Commissioner Hovis	Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Kim Johnson - Alternate	November 30, 2021

On motions introduced and seconded, the following individuals were unanimously reappointed to the **Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**:

<u>Motion Introduced</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Ronnie Worley - Alternate	November 30, 2022
Commissioner Keigher	Commissioner Brown	Commissioner Allen Fraley - Delegate	November 30, 2022

On motion introduced by Commissioner Hovis and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously nominated Commissioner Bob Hovis as the Voting Delegate for the **2021 NCACC Legislative Goals Conference**.

On motion introduced by Commissioner Worley and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously nominated Commissioner Ronnie Worley as the Voting Alternate for the **2021 NCACC Legislative Goals Conference**.

Commissioners Committee Reports

Commissioner Brown wished the citizenry a Happy New Year and prosperous times in 2021.

Commissioner Hovis announced CaroMont is weathering the latest pandemic peak extremely well; urged everyone to please keep CaroMont staff in their prayers.

Chairman Keigher asked when the public might receive vaccines.

Commissioner Hovis responded per the National Directors of the Health Association it will be early April before the general public can obtain the three known inoculations; two have not made it through the trial period and it may be mid-February or mid-March before those get through the phase 3 evaluations.

Commissioner Worley advised the Mayor of Cramerton invited him to represent the County on the Southfork River Health Committee; the committee will address erosion, sedimentation and other issues related to the Southfork River and tributaries; the Mayor has asked for representation from the County, Belmont, Cramerton, Gastonia, McAdenville, Pharr, the Riverkeeper, Catawba Lands Conservancy and Senator Tillis and Congresswoman Foxx's offices; will advise the BOC of meeting dates once they are scheduled; meetings will be facilitated by the Centralina Council of Governments (COG). He noted it might be a good idea to have someone from Environmental Resources to attend some of these meetings.

Commissioner Hovis stated the County has an Environmental Review Board that handles erosion issues, etc., and asked if the committee would augment the work of this board; asked for clarification on the purpose of the committee.

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Commissioner Worley advised the committee will look at the health of the river, the sedimentation and erosion that has already occurred and any possible remediation; will look at the possibility of getting the Army Core of Engineers involved; this may be more Cramerton specific, but they have included neighboring cities/towns. He noted the significant changes that have occurred to the river over the years and concluded the committee will look at what can be done to make the river healthier.

Commissioner Hovis questioned if it involved reviewing sedimentation as a general function and not as a specific violated act.

Commissioner Worley responded that would be correct; this committee just wants to talk; do not fully understand the logistics but they want to gather all the stakeholders to determine if anything can be done to change what has already occurred.

Chairman Keigher advised that Commissioner Worley can accept the appointment at his own will; they can reach out to the County directly for resources or for help.

Commissioner Worley responded he thinks the intent is to include County staff. He stated he told them he would serve but wanted to make the BOC aware of it.

Commissioner Hovis recalled the recent retirement of the Natural Resources Department Director (David Freeman) and advised he would be an invaluable resource with his vast knowledge of environmental controls and state contacts/resources. He suggested the committee invite him to be an active participant.

Commissioner Worley stated he would pass along Mr. Freeman's contact information.

The County Manager advised she would update staff about the conversation and help facilitate this request.

County Manager's Report

The County Manager yielded to the DHHS (Health Division) Director for a brief slide presentation and overview on the vaccination rollout and a Covid-19 update.

Mr. Steve Eaton, Health Director (joining virtually) advised he had just left the County's first Covid-19 vaccine clinic and that over 150 medical first responders had been inoculated thus far and presented as follows:

- **County Alert System:** NC breaks counties into three groups based on percent of positive cases (total number tested; case rate per 1000; impact on hospital system); currently 65+ NC counties, including Gaston, are in the red tier that identifies counties seeing significant Covid-19 impact
- **Gaston County Covid-19 Cases by Date Reported:** The County is currently in the highest surge of new cases since the start of the pandemic; in August and September the County averaged 40 to 50 new cases daily and since November it has averaged over 160 new cases daily; the trend from Christmas to the New Year's holiday can continue to rise

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for a potential surge on top of a surge; the County is also seeing a surge in the percent positive (total number of daily new positives) in relation to the total number of tests

- **Percent of Positive Tests, Based on Collection Date:** Currently the positivity rate is 16.61% which demonstrates a high penetration rate and greater transmission of the virus in our community; the County is testing close to 7,000+ individuals/week; prefers to see the percent positive around 5% or less
- **Gaston County Covid-19 Hospitalizations:** The County is seeing the highest surge in hospitalization; primarily all are hospitalized at CaroMont
- **Deaths:** The County has seen 244 Covid-19 related deaths at the average age of 77; 44% were over 80 years old; 31% were 70 to 79 years old; 16% were 60 to 69 years old; 7% were 50-59 years old; 2% were under 49 years old; with a split of 51% male, 49% females, 72% Caucasians, 21% African-Americans and 4% Hispanics; the greatest increase in deaths by month began in July and surged in October/November/December
- **Vaccination Timeline:** CaroMont received its initial vaccine allocation the week of December 14th and began vaccinating all of its front line medical staff; DHHS (Health Division) received 2,600 Moderna vaccines the week of December 21st; to date DHHS began its partnership with GEMS to vaccinate medical first responders; CaroMont and DHHS will continue its vaccination efforts the week of January 4 and beyond to other health care providers, long-term care facilities and others in that 1A population and will move to the 1B population when all 1A individuals have been given the chance to receive their vaccine
- **Those most at risk get it first:** NC created a vaccine distribution framework; all vaccine providers, including local Health Departments and Hospitals, are required to follow the priority framework; 1A includes healthcare workers on the front line of Covid and long-term care facility residents and staff; 1B includes the highest risk for severe illness, those with two-plus chronic health conditions and those at highest risk for exposure; *Phase 2* are for adults (65 years old and older) with high risk for exposure and increased risk for illness and those under 65 years old with one chronic health condition; *Phase 3* involves students and critical industry; *Phase 4*, spring time, is community-wide for anyone that wants the vaccine.

He concluded his comments by recognizing the amazing work CaroMont, Public Health staff, GEMS, Emergency Management and other partners are doing during this pandemic.

Chairman Keigher asked Mr. Eaton to email the report to the Clerk to the Board for distribution to the BOC.

Commissioner Hovis advised that the DHHS (Health Division) staff have done a great job in educating the public on an issue that changes daily; fortunate to have focused-individuals leading the County.

County Attorney's Report

No report.

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Other Matters

None.

Chairman Keigher stated he hopes everyone had a wonderful Christmas and asked the Lord to bless everyone in the County and the world with a healthier, prosperous and safe New Year.

He announced the next combined Work Session and Regular Meeting is January 26, 2021, 6:00 PM in the Harley B. Gaston Jr. Public Forum. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will be closed to the public in order to maintain the safety of County residents, staff and the Commissioners. The meeting will be televised live for members of the public to view on Spectrum Channel 16 and AT&T Uverse Channel 99 at 6:00 PM. Live streaming will also be available from the Commission's Meeting Portal at GastonGov.com. Citizens may provide public comment by way of written comment or voicemail. Instructions to be provided in the official meeting notice or by contacting the Clerk to the Board. The Commission will continue to monitor the COVID-19 crisis and will issue updated guidance regarding future meetings as promptly as possible.

Adjournment

Chairman Keigher adjourned the Virtual Rescheduled Regular Meeting at 1:39 pm.

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

Tom Keigher, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

Donna S. Buff
Clerk to the Board

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