



Gaston County

Board of Commissioners

COURTHOUSE
Harley B. Gaston Jr., Public Forum
325 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Gastonia, NC

Chad Brown, Chairman
Bob Hovis, Vice-Chairman
Jim Bailey
Cathy Cloninger
Allen R. Fraley
Tom Keigher
Scott Shehan

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Meeting Agenda

**COMBINED Rescheduled Work Session (Non-Voting) 6:00 P.M.
& REVISED Regular Meeting (To Immediately Follow the Work Session)**

CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES

- A. [Commissioner Keigher - BOC \(Building & Development Services\) - Commendation - To Recognize Mrs. Lucy Penegar for Her Dedicated Service to Gaston County](#)
- B. [Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Commendation - Governor's Volunteer Service Award](#)
- C. [Commissioner Brown - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Master Police Officer Chad Owens](#)
- D. [Commissioner Shehan - Sheriff's Office - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Deputy Weylan Purser](#)
- E. [Commissioner Cloninger - Public Works - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of June 15 - 21, 2026 as Waste and Recycling Workers Week in Gaston County](#)
- F. Certificates in Appreciation for Public Service
 - 1. Karen Melendez, Health and Human Services Board
 - 2. Lucy Penegar, Historic Preservation Commission
 - 3. Scott Suggs, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

II. PRESENTATION (Limited to 15 Minutes)

- A. PRESENTATION - MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY PLANNING AND FEASIBILITY STUDY:
 - Kaliegh Hincman, Account Executive, Sports Facilities Companies

III. OTHER MATTERS

IV. ADJOURNMENT - REGULAR MEETING TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY - SEE NEXT PAGE FOR AGENDA

REVISED - Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A.** CONTINUED FROM 4/28/2026 REGULAR MEETING: Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Bailey - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: Conditional District REZ-25-04-10-00226, Jeffery L. Smith (Applicant); Property Parcels: 190594 & 190596, Located at 1435 Union New Hope Rd., Gastonia, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with US and CH Overlays to the CD/(C-3) General Commercial Conditional District with US and CH Overlays
 - 1. Accept Motion to Continue Public Hearing to 7/28/2026 BOC Regular Meeting

- B.** CONTINUED FROM 5/26/2026 REGULAR MEETING: Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Cloninger - Building & Development Services - Zoning Map Change: REZ-26-03-26-00244, Sarah Wooten (Applicant); Property Parcel: 168347, Located on Red Yam Farm Rd., Dallas, NC, Rezone from the (R-1) Single Family Limited Zoning District with (US) Overlay to the (R-2) Single Family Moderate Zoning District with (US) Overlay
 - 1. Accept Motion to Continue Public Hearing to 7/28/2026 BOC Regular Meeting

- C.** Public Hearing - RE: Commissioner Keigher - EDC - To Approve a Gaston County Level One Incentive Grant Pursuant to N.C.Gen.Stat. 158-7.1 and To Authorize Gaston County to Enter Into an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) with Project Metro
 - 1. Receive Citizen Comment
 - 2. Close Public Hearing
 - 3. Accept Motion

II. BUSINESS AGENDA**A. AGENDA REVISION/APPROVAL**

- 1. *REVISED: Section IV., Item O.*
- 2. *REVISED: Section IV., Item AA.*
- 3. *ADDED: Section IV., Item AH.*
- 4. *ADDED: Section IV., Item AI.*
- 5. *ADDED: Section V., Item A.*

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. To Approve the Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting of April 28, 2026
 - Closed Session of April 28, 2026 NCGS 43-318.11 (a)(1), (a)(3), and (a)(6)
 - Special Meeting of May 12, 2026
 - Regular Meeting of May 26, 2026
 - Closed Session of May 26, 2026 NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(1), (a)(3), (a)(6), and (a)(10)

III. CITIZEN RECOGNITION (Limited to One Hour; Sign up Prior to Start of Session; Comments Limited to 3 Minutes)**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Commissioner Keigher - BOC - Commendation - Governor's Volunteer Service Award
- B. Commissioner Keigher - BOC (Building & Development Services) - Commendation - To Recognize Mrs. Lucy Penegar for Her Dedicated Service to Gaston County
- C. Commissioner Fraley - County Manager - To Approve an Interlocal Agreement Between Gaston County and the City of Cherryville for the Administration of Land Development Regulations
- D. Commissioner Hovis - County Manager - To Accept Departmental Budget Change Requests as Information
- E. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve the Carry Forward of Donated Funds from CaroMont Health (100% Donation Funds - \$10,000.00)
- F. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$1,254,606.19 (Year 4: \$612,661.34 Year 5: \$641,944.85, Total: \$1,254,606.19) and Return Unused Funds, from Years 1 - 3, as of 6/30/26 to Fund Balance
- G. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Amend Approved Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds to Increase the Project by \$237,946.84 and Appropriate the Corrected Amount for Year 2 of \$389,509.68 (Year 1: 516,815.16 / Year 2: \$389,509.68 / Total Project: \$906,324.84)
- H. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$999,979.06 (Year 1: \$749,403.92, Year 2: \$250,575.14, Total: \$999,979.06)
- I. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Donations Received in Fourth Quarter of FY26 Totaling \$32,403.18
- J. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Authorize Contract Amendment with Language Line to provide Interpreting Services for \$106,300.00

- K. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Approve the FY2026-2027 Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding Plan (No Funding Appropriated Herein)
- L. Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Social Services Division - To Accept and Appropriate Unrestricted Funds Distributed from Meals on Wheels of America Meeting Unmet Needs Grant for the Nutrition Program in the Amount of \$10,000
- M. Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Approve an Interlocal Agreement to Provide Inspection/Enforcement Services for the City of Kings Mountain
- N. Commissioner Brown - Financial and Management Services - Budget - To Approve the Carry Forward of an Estimated \$3,210,457 from FY 2026 into FY 2027
- O. REVISED/ Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Appropriate Fund Balance from the General Fund for the Self Insurance Fund (\$10,000,000) for FY2026. To Appropriate Additional Revenue for the Social Services Beneficiary Fund (\$100,000)
- P. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Close Various Completed Capital Projects and Transfer Remaining Balances to the Community Investment Fund (\$1,330,676.67)
- Q. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Appropriate FY26 Revenues for Federal (Treasury/Justice) Drug Asset Forfeiture and Equitable Sharing Program Funds (\$22,362.88) and Controlled Substance Abuse Tax Funds (\$32,296.63)
- R. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Approve a Certificate of Need (CON) for Ranlo Fire & Rescue for Purchase of Two New Trucks and Necessary Equipment in the Amount Up to \$170,000.00
- S. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Appropriate Accumulated Investment Earnings from April 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026 (\$32,759.97) in FY26
- T. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Appropriate \$8,189,280.53 for the Year-End Entries Associated with GASB 87 Lease Agreements and GASB 96 Subscription Agreements (General Fund \$7,857,531.75; Tourism Fund \$7,870.56; Property Revaluation Fund \$81,386.55; Emergency Telephone Fund \$98,746.67; Drug Forfeiture Fund \$30,000.00; Debt Service Fund \$113,745.00)
- U. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Accept and Appropriate Donations Received for Animal Care and Enforcement for FY2022-FY2025 in the Amount of \$16,376.82 and for FY2026 in the Amount of \$19,596.65. Total Amount is \$35,973.47
- V. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Accept as Information the May 2026 Property Tax Refunds Less than \$100. These Tax Refunds Should Be Recorded in the Board's Minutes. (Total NCVTS Refunds - \$2,663.12)

- W. Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Transfer Hudson Health Renovation Funds from the General Fund to the General Government Capital Fund via the Community Investment Fund (\$1,025,000.00)
- X. Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Grants - To Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Grant Funds from the NC Department of Public Instruction for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Awarded in FY 2026 (\$15,143)
- Y. Commissioner Shehan - Financial and Management Services - Grants - To Accept and Appropriate Federal Grant Funds from Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) for OVW 2025 Grants to Improve the Criminal Justice Response Program (ICJR Program) (Year 1 \$168,343 / Total Grant for 3 Years \$499,986)
- Z. Commissioner Shehan - GEMS - To Accept and Appropriate Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) Mobile Integrated Health Grant (Year 1 - \$195,597 & Year 2 - \$104,403 - Total Grant - \$300,000)
- AA. REVISED/ Commissioner Shehan - Human Resources - To Approve Revisions to the Gaston County Pay Plan Narrative
- AB. Commissioner Brown - Police Department - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Master Police Officer Chad Owens
- AC. Commissioner Hovis - Police Department (Animal Care and Enforcement) - To Accept and Appropriate a Donation Received from Crow Holdings Development in the Amount of \$5,000
- AD. Commissioner Keigher - Public Works - To Approve the Sale of Surplus County Vehicle #405 to Hunter Huss High School
- AE. Commissioner Cloninger - Public Works - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of June 15 - 21, 2026 as Waste and Recycling Workers Week in Gaston County
- AF. Commissioner Shehan - Sheriff's Office - Retirement Commendation - To Award the Service Side Arm and Badge to Retired Deputy Weylan Purser
- AG. Commissioner Fraley - Tax Collections - Pursuant to G.S. 105-381, the Tax Collector Requests that the Listed Tax Refunds be Made. (Releases and Refunds - \$0.00; Overpayments - \$9,921.59; VTS Refunds - \$781.15; Grand Total - \$10,702.74)
- AH. ADDED/ Commissioner Brown - BOC - To Revise the Gaston County Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting Schedule for July 2026 to Cancel the July 14th Work Session
- AI. ADDED/ Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Accept and Appropriate Discretionary Funds from the Juvenile Community Programs Section for the JCPC PORT Program (100% State Funds - \$1,192.18)

V. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. ADDED/ Commissioner Hovis - County Attorney - To Authorize N.C. Industrial Commission Settlement for McClain v. Gaston County in the Amount of \$135,000

VI. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

VII. ITEMS ADDED BY MAJORITY VOTE FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

VIII. APPOINTMENTS

- A. [Appointment List - Current Expiring Terms/Vacant Positions](#)

IX. REPORTS

- A. **Commissioners Committee Reports**
- B. **County Manager's Report**
- C. **County Attorney's Report**

X. OTHER MATTERS

XI. ADJOURNMENT