

GASTON COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

COMMISSIONER'S COURT
DECEMBER 6, 2010

The Gaston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on December 6, 2010 following the Swearing In Ceremony in the Commissioners Room, Gaston County Courthouse, for the purpose of reorganization of the County Commission.

Commissioners Joe D. Carpenter, Allen R. Fraley, Tom Keigher, Donnie Loftis, Tracy L. Philbeck, and Mickey Price were in attendance and welcomed new County Commissioner Chad Brown to the BOC.

Others present included Jan Winters, County Manager; Charles L. Moore, County Attorney; and Martha M. Jordan, Clerk to the Board.

Election of the Chairman

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

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

The County Attorney called for any further nominations and with none being heard declared the nominations closed. He then called for the vote to elect Commissioner Donnie Loftis as Chairman of the County Commission and the motion carried unanimously as follows:

2010-357 Commissioner Donnie Loftis is hereby elected to serve as Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.

Election of the Vice-Chairman

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

Commissioner Brown nominated Commissioner Tracy L. Philbeck to serve as Vice-Chairman of the County Commission and Commissioner Price provided the second.

With no further nominations being heard, Chairman Loftis declared the nominations closed.

Chairman Loftis called for the vote to elect Commissioner Philbeck and the motion carried unanimously as follows:

2010-358 Commissioner Tracy L. Philbeck is hereby elected to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.

Appointment of County Manager

On motion introduced by Commissioner Carpenter and seconded by Commissioner Price, the BOC

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unanimously approved Resolution **2010-359** as follows:

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

Appointment of County Attorney

On motion introduced by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Keigher, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2010-360** as follows:

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

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

Appointment of County Clerk

On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2010-361** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina, appoints Martha M. Jordan as Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

Resolution of Meetings

On motion introduced by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Philbeck, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2010-362** as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina sets forth the time and place of its required meetings at 6:00 pm, in the Gaston County Courthouse, Gastonia, North Carolina as follows:

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

with exception of the following meetings:

- **November 24 BOC Meeting to be Combined with November 10 Work Session**
- **December 22 BOC Meeting to be Combined with December 8 Work Session**

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

shall cause the place of the meeting to be published as required by law.

Resolution of Approval of Bonds

On motion introduced by Commissioner Fraley and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2010-363** as follows:

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

- Sheriff, Alan Cloninger \$25,000 (GS 162-8)
- Register of Deeds, Susan S. Lockridge \$10,000
- Faithful Performance Blanket Bond \$500,000
- Finance Director, Wilson Bradley \$50,000

Resolution of Meetings with Legislative Delegation

On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2010-364** as follows:

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

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

Resolution for Organizational Planning Session

On motion introduced by Commissioner Philbeck and seconded by Commissioner Price, the BOC unanimously approved Resolution **2010-365** as follows:

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

Commissioner Price encouraged all to submit discussion items to the Clerk to the Board as soon as possible in order to obtain background information and schedule participants regarding the issue.

Other Matters

Chairman Loftis thanked fellow commissioners for his election as Chairman and welcomed comments from the other commissioners.

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Commissioner Brown indicated his willingness to work with everyone and to serve the community as the BOC has done in the past.

Commissioner Philbeck thanked citizens for the honor and opportunity to serve; also thanked fellow board members for their confidence in electing him as Vice-Chairman.

Indicating that this was his fourth term, Commissioner Keigher thanked the citizens for their trust; will continue to work on the basis of logic and common sense and do what most people would like to see done.

Commissioner Carpenter thanked Commissioners Price and Fraley for their service as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively; indicated that he had enjoyed working with the BOC under their leadership.

Commissioner Fraley stated that he looked forward to working with the new Board, cited challenges ahead and indicated that he had no doubt that this Commission could do what needed to be done.

Commissioner Price stated that he enjoyed working with everyone as BOC Chairman, appreciated the input and insight which allowed him to move forward; look forward to working with Commissioner Brown; BOC will be facing opportunities that will need to be handled.

Chairman Loftis expressed his appreciation again for the confidence bestowed him as Chairman; plans to work hard with openness in doing the people's business; commended Commissioner Price and Commissioner Fraley as outgoing Chair and Vice-Chair for setting the BOC up for success; plan is to continue to see that things work well; looking forward to working with everyone.

Adjournment

On motion introduced by Commissioner Keigher and seconded by Commissioner Philbeck, the BOC unanimously adjourned its Organizational Meeting of December 6, 2010 at 10:08 am.

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

Donnie Loftis, Chair
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

Martha M. Jordan
Clerk to the Board

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