

Unsealed by Board of Commissioners 4/10/2018.

MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 28, 2016 – CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of a business in the area served by this body and (a) (5) to establish or instruct the staff or agent concerning the negotiation of the price and/or terms of a contract negotiating the acquisition of real property. Present were Chairman Hawkins, Commissioners Chapman and Phillips, County Manager Jaime Laughter, County Attorney Tony Dalton, Transylvania Economic Alliance Executive Director Josh Hallingse and Clerk to the Board Trisha Hogan.

Closed Session #2

This is a follow up from a previous closed session.

The City of Brevard owns a 6.4 acre tract on Ecusta Road. Brevard City Council has expressed its preference that the property be used for economic development purposes and wanted to explore the concept of a shell building concept for local business expansion opportunities. A joint effort on the part of the City and County is needed to make this project successful. The County applied for a community based grant earlier this year through the Golden LEAF Foundation that focuses on education and economic development activities. Product development is a huge component of the successful award of the grant.

Mr. Hallingse reported there is a half-acre tract on the road frontage adjacent to the City-owned property that is owned by another party. It makes sense because of the site location for it to be included in the project. The owner has agreed to sell the property for \$75,000. The current tax value is \$84,000. As with the City-owned tract, there are environmental concerns that will require assessment. The tract was submitted for a brownfield assessment so there may be the ability to leverage funds to assist with testing or other remediation costs if warranted. Funds from the former Transylvania Partnership were transferred to the Transylvania Economic Alliance when it was created. The County Attorney was instructed to review the process for using these private funds and potentially public funds to purchase property for economic development purposes to ensure it is handled legally and with transparency.

Mr. Hallingse will be presenting this information to Brevard City Council in the very near future.

Mike Hawkins, Chair
Transylvania County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Trisha M. Hogan, Clerk to the Board