

Unsealed by Board of Commissioners on 01/13/2020.

MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 12, 2018 – CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, options, exchange or lease, closed session was entered into at 12:25 p.m. Present were Chairman Chapman, Commissioners Chappell, Hawkins, and Lemel, County Manager Jaime Laughter, County Attorney Misti Bass, Transylvania Economic Alliance Executive Director Josh Hallingse, Transylvania Economic Alliance Board of Directors Chair Jeremy Owen, and Clerk to the Board Trisha Hogan.

Commissioners received an update on negotiation efforts for potential property acquisition. At the previous meeting, Commissioners learned that Brevard College had rejected the County's initial offer on the old airport property. Brevard College had the property appraised at \$479,000 and they expected an offer closer to the appraisal amount. Commissioners authorized staff to counteroffer with a negotiation range of \$385,000 up to \$415,000. Staff reported today that Brevard College rejected this offer well. Brevard College has allegedly received a higher offer. They have also decided to sell the property as a whole, not as separate parcels. They have also disengaged interest with the City of Brevard.

Commissioners instructed staff not to negotiate any further. At the suggestion of staff, Commissioners instructed staff to communicate to Brevard College officials, including the Board of Trustees, via letter the purpose for which the County intended to purchase the property and how the space would have benefited citizens and indirectly benefited Brevard Elementary School and the Boys and Girls Club of Transylvania County due to the proximity of the property. Staff will report back to Commissioners any further communications received from Brevard College officials.

Chairman Chapman moved to leave closed session, seconded by Commissioner Lemel and unanimously carried.

Larry L. Chapman, Chairman
 Transylvania County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Trisha M. Hogan, Clerk to the Board