

Unsealed by the Board of Commissioners on 11/13/2023.

**MINUTES**  
**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**October 14, 2019 – CLOSED SESSION**

Per North Carolina 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, option, exchange, or lease, closed session was entered into at 6:33 p.m. Present were Chairman Hawkins, Commissioners Cathey, Chappell, Guice and Lemel, County Manager Jaime Laughter, County Attorney Misti Bass, and Clerk to the Board Trisha Hogan.

Commissioners received an update from the County Manager, the Board's negotiating agent, on the potential purchase of property. She informed the Board that the former Peter Vitalie building is for sale for \$2 million. It sits on 13.8 acres, contains almost 49,000 sq. ft., and is partially located in the floodplain. The building has received substantial upgrades. A section of the building is being leased as warehouse space for the next 1+ years.

Commissioners felt it was appropriate to order an appraisal of the building to determine where it fits in the current market, as well as determine the overall condition. It could be of potential use for economic development or by the School System for CTE programs.

Commissioners directed the Manager to get two appraisals of the building for comparison purposes. The appraisal report should be complete within 3-4 weeks.

**Chairman Hawkins moved to leave closed session, seconded by Commissioner Cathey, and unanimously carried.**

S://Mike Hawkins, Chair  
Transylvania County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

S://Trisha M. Hogan, Clerk to the Board