

Unsealed by Board of Commissioners 01/13/2020.

MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 26, 2018 – CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session #1

Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5) to establish, or 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 to purchase, option, exchange, or lease, closed session was entered into at 8:30 p.m. Present were Chairman Chapman, Commissioners Chappell, Hawkins and Phillips, County Manager Jaime Laughter, County Attorney Misti Bass and Clerk to the Board Trisha Hogan.

Brevard College Property (Old Airport)

The Manager provided an update from the closed session on February 26 with regards to the old airport property for sale by Brevard College and sought direction from the Board on next steps.

The Manager reported she met with Dr. David Joyce, President of Brevard College, to express the County's interest in the property. She felt that \$300,000 remained a good starting point for negotiations. She suggested this offer to Dr. Joyce, along with naming rights. The Manager noted that she ordered an appraisal on the property as directed by the Board which is due in two weeks. The tax value is more than \$500,000.

Transylvania Economic Alliance is working with an engineering firm to understand if the plans for converting the property to parks and recreational use are realistic and doable. The Manager is also working with the Boys and Girls Club to come to terms on a potential future partnership, while helping to resolve some of their immediate needs to address the waiting list of youth wanting to participate in the organization.

The Manager asked if the Board, in addition to the work being done by the Alliance, wanted to move forward with due diligence with contracted firms to determine elements such as costs to upkeep, or if they wanted to determine the next steps once the Alliance provides a report from the engineering study. She pointed out that Brevard College has received another offer on the property; however, they have expressed a desire for the property to be used for the good of the community. The Manager felt that the property was valuable enough to continue exploring for parks and recreation usage, but she did not see a need for due diligence contracts at this stage. The engineering report should be complete within two months and should include revisions to the fill areas, wetland stream delineations, modeling to determine flood rise and when flooding is expected on certain points on the property. Any of these factors could change the layout of the design.

Commissioners were comfortable with the Manager's recommendation to wait until the engineering report was complete to determine next steps.

ATTEST:

Larry L. Chapman, Chairman
Transylvania County Board of Commissioners

Trisha M. Hogan, Clerk to the Board