

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

**MINUTES**  
**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**July 22, 2019 – 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, option, exchange, or lease, closed session was entered into at 7:50 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.

The Manager informed Commissioners about property that may potentially be available for purchase. She learned that the dentist office located adjacent to the Social Services Building will be relocating. The dentist office is the building's only tenant. The owner is out-of-state (Georgia) and has not yet indicated whether the building will go on the market. The assessed value of the building is \$370,000 and it contains 3,438 sq. ft. It was built in the 1970s, but there have been recent improvements.

The Manager informed the Board that she anticipates the need for future space due to continued growth in health and human services. The location of this building is ideal since it is adjacent to the Social Services Building. In addition, the County continues to lease space for Probation/Parole (NC Department of Corrections, Division of Community Corrections) as required by the State, and this building could serve as a short term home for them until they are permanently relocated into the eventual new courthouse. The Manager sought direction from the Board on whether to reach out to the current owner or wait until the building goes on the market.

Following discussion, Commissioners preferred the Manager wait until the building goes on the market to contact the owner. They agreed that adequate space is needed to accommodate growth, but stressed that the price has to be affordable.

In the meantime, Commissioners directed the Manager to calculate the amount spent on leasing space for Probation/Parole over the last several years.

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

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

ATTEST:

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