MINUTES TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS September 9, 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 6:30 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.

The Manager reported that a building located at 134 S. Johnson Street adjacent to the Department of Social Services Building has been placed on the market for sale. It is currently under lease as a dentist office through July 2020.

The sales price is listed at \$599,000. Its tax value is \$370,560. It contains 3,438 square feet of space on 0.52 acres.

The Manager has not yet seen the interior of the building. She has requested the realtor send her a layout of the building to better understand the structure.

With immediate and future court needs, the Manager felt this building should be considered as an option to help resolve those issues. If it is not suitable for court services, its proximity to the County's campus warrants further exploration. She stated the next steps should include ordering an appraisal of the building.

Commissioners discussed further and agreed it was worth exploring whether the building could serve the needs of the County in some way. Commissioners instructed the Manager to order two appraisals on the building.

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