

MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 14, 2008 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Transylvania County met in regular session on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the large courtroom of the Transylvania County Courthouse.

Commissioners present were Lynn Bullock, Chairman Jason Chappell, David Guice, Daryle Hogsed, and Vice-Chairman Kelvin Phillips. Also present were County Manager Artie Wilson, County Attorney Curtis Potter and Clerk to the Board Trisha McLeod.

Media: *Hendersonville Times News*: Leigh Kelley
Transylvania Times: Mark Todd

There were approximately 15 people in the audience.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jason Chappell presiding called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

WELCOME

Chairman Chappell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no Agenda modifications.

Commissioner Hogsed moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bullock and unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Guice moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bullock and unanimously approved.

The following items were approved:

MINUTES

The Minutes of the March 24, 2008 regular meeting were approved.

FACILITIES USE REQUESTS

The use of Silvermont by the Transylvania County Democrat Party for an ice cream social for candidates on Saturday, May 10, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. was approved.

The use of the Courthouse lawn and gazebo by the Transylvania Heritage Coalition to conduct street dances on Tuesdays in July and August 2008 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. was approved.

The use of the Courthouse lawn and gazebo by the Heart of Brevard for the White Squirrel Festival on Saturday, May 24, 2008 and Sunday, May 25, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. was approved.

The use of the Courthouse lawn and gazebo by the Heart of Brevard for the Fourth of July Celebration on Friday, July 4, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. was approved.

The use of the Courthouse lawn and gazebo by the Heart of Brevard for a Super Cruise-In Auto Show with the Transylvania Cruisers Club on Saturday, August 30, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. was approved.

The use of the Courthouse lawn and gazebo by the Heart of Brevard for the Halloweenfest and Old Time Music Competition on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. was approved.

The use of the Courthouse lawn and gazebo by the Heart of Brevard for the Twilight Tour on Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. was approved.

The use of the large courtroom in the Courthouse by the Chamber of Commerce for a candidate forum on Thursday, April 24, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. was approved. Security will be provided by the Sheriff's Department at the rate of \$35 per hour per officer. The Sheriff will determine the number of officers that are needed.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH – MAY 2008

Ms. Louise Koontz with the Area Council on Aging and Transylvania County Council on Aging has requested that Transylvania County recognize the many contributions of its senior citizens and designate the month of May 2008 as "Older Americans Month".

Commissioner Guice moved to approve Resolution 16-08, designating May 2008 as "Older Americans Month", seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously approved.

(Resolution 16-08, Older Americans Month – May 2008, attached as part of these minutes.)

APPOINTMENTS

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Commissioner Phillips nominated and moved to appoint Heather Layton, seconded by Commissioner Guice and unanimously approved.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Commissioner Guice moved to reappoint Pat Menser, Commissioner Lynn Bullock, Sheryl Fortune, Andrew Hogan, Paul Welch, Ed Martin, Diane Rogers and Artie Wilson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously approved.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Phillips moved to reappoint Ralph Cobb and Mac Morrow and appoint Jacob Wiggins to replace Joe Albright, seconded by Chairman Chappell and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Bullock moved to reappoint Dana Hawkins as Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Guice and unanimously approved.

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

Commissioner Bullock nominated and moved to appoint Michael West, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A BRANCH CAMPUS OF THE UNC SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. Bob Bednarek, CEO of Transylvania Community Hospital, addressed the Board to advocate for a medical school in Western North Carolina. Mr. Bednarek said he believes the addition of a medical school in Western North Carolina will help address the national and statewide shortage of physicians. The medical school would be housed in Asheville and provides opportunity for housing two third or fourth year medical students in Transylvania County.

Mr. Bednarek further stated that the UNC Board of Governors has approved this project which includes expansion or development of programs at East Carolina University, UNC Chapel Hill, and Charlotte, as well as in Western North Carolina. The Transylvania Community Hospital Board recently passed a resolution in support of this proposal. Mr. Bednarek asked Commissioners to pass a similar resolution that will go to the State Legislature in support of this proposal.

Chairman Chappell said he believes this project would have a dramatic impact on this part of the State. He thanked Mr. Bednarek for bringing the resolution before the Commissioners. Mr. Bednarek added that the State Legislature will also be asked to increase the number of residency slots.

Commissioner Guice moved to approved Resolution 15-08, seconded by Commissioner Bullock and unanimously approved.

(Resolution 15-08, Resolution Supporting a Branch Campus of the UNC School of Medicine in Western North Carolina, attached as part of these minutes.)

FIRST AMENDMENT TO TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT

The Manager reported that Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless had agreed to amend the Tower Lease Agreement signed on September 7, 2007. Verizon will pay the County \$1,000 per month from February 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 and \$2,000 per month beginning August 1, 2008. Staff hopes Verizon will have their equipment installed on the tower at this point. The Manager said he believes staff's efforts and calls to Verizon from people within the community have hopefully encouraged Verizon to expedite installing their equipment on the tower.

Commissioner Phillips moved to approve the first amendment to the Tower Lease Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Hogsed. Commissioner Guice asked if the amendment prohibits other carriers from leasing space. The Manager responded no. Commissioner Phillips asked if Verizon will begin paying \$2,000 per month in August regardless of whether their equipment has been installed on the tower. The Manager responded yes. **The motion passed unanimously.**

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager reported the following:

- The County just received a \$60,000 grant for assistance with water management at the Public Safety Facility. The County received this grant due to the efforts of County Cooperative Extension Director Eric Caldwell.
- The Flood Study Report will be presented to Commissioners at the next meeting in April. Commissioner Bullock has been involved in this project.

Commissioner Guice requested that Chairman Chappell send a personal note on behalf of Commissioners to Eric Caldwell thanking him for his efforts in obtaining grant funding for water management at the Public Safety Facility.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Chappell commented that the one year anniversary of the Board of Commissioners' invocation policy is approaching. He asked everyone to remember the 2,000 citizens that came to the Courthouse in support of the policy and all those that were involved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Commissioner Bullock moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Guice and unanimously carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Jason R. Chappell, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Trisha D. McLeod
Clerk to the Board