

Unsealed by Board of Commissioners 01/13/2020.

MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 11, 2018 – CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session #2

Pursuant to NCGS 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, the second closed session was entered into. Present for the second closed session were Vice-Chairwoman Page Lemel, Commissioners Chappell, Hawkins and Phillips, County Manager Jaime Laughter, Parks and Recreation Director Jared Mull, and Clerk to the Board Trisha Hogan.

The Manager reported that Parks and Recreation Director Jared Mull approached her with a potential proposal to purchase a 5 acre lot on Barclay Road along the French Broad River for the purposes of providing a river access point. The property is located in the floodplain and the current asking price is \$35,000.

Mr. Mull wanted to first see if Commissioners were receptive to the idea of exploring a river access point with permission to explore purchasing the property at a later date. With permission to explore further, he can provide Commissioners with a better plan/picture and potential offer in order to make a cash purchase. He would like to visit the property on Thursday and then potentially partner with the State to develop river access points.

The Manager reminded Commissioners she is authorized through the end of September to enter into purchase contracts with the ability to withdraw interest. She asked Commissioners to give staff permission to visit the property and complete due diligence.

The Barclay Road property has the potential to provide a parking area and other amenities, like fishing piers, canoe guides into the river, etc. Mr. Mull may be able to engage a State engineer in this process. The State takes on the permitting, so their factors weigh in, like ADA.

Staff was given permission to further explore the property.

Larry L. Chapman, Chairman
 Transylvania County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Trisha M. Hogan, Clerk to the Board

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