

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

MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 9, 2020 – CLOSED SESSION

Per 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 7:40 p.m. Present were Chairman Hawkins, Commissioners Cathey, Guice, and Lemel, County Manager Jaime Laughter, County Attorney Julie Hooten, and Clerk to the Board Trisha Hogan.

The Board of Commissioners had previously authorized the Manager to make a counteroffer on property located at 134 S. Johnson St. in the amount of \$510,000, with negotiations capped at \$525,000. The current offer sits at \$515,000. The offer has not been accepted yet. There are first several questions that need to be addressed.

An environmental study of the site needs to be completed. If a deal is reached, the property owner has requested the County prepare the deed without additional cost. The property owner has also requested a \$10,000 deposit/earnest money from the County, but it is refundable if the transaction falls through.

The Manager requested authority to enter into a contract for a period of 90 days' due diligence to allow time to complete the environmental report.

Due to space needs issues and the location of the property adjacent to the County's campus, Commissioners felt that the property could be beneficial for the County to own. Commissioners authorized the Manager to move forward as recommended. The Manager stated she would send the draft agreement to the County Attorney for review and arrange an environmental study of the site. She noted the property owner wishes to close by July 20.

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

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

ATTEST:

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