

MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 8, 2024 – SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Transylvania County met in a special meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the Arthur C. Wilson, Jr. Conference Room located at the Transylvania County Administration Building, 101 S. Broad St., Brevard, NC. The meeting was called for the purpose of allowing the Board to convene in a closed session as allowed by N.C. General Statutes.

Commissioners present were Emmett Casciato, Larry Chapman, Chairman Jason Chappell, Vice-President Jake Dalton, and Larry Chapman. Also present were County Manager Jaime Laughter, County Attorney Julie Hooten, and Clerk to the Board Trisha Hogan.

There were three members of the public present. There was no media present.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jason Chappell presiding declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Chairman Chappell moved to enter into a closed session per N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (3) To consult with an attorney in order to protect the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged, (a) (4) To discuss matters related to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, and (a) (5) To establish, or instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken on or behalf of the public body in negotiating the price or other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, exchange or lease, seconded by Commissioner Dalton and unanimously carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (3) To consult with an attorney in order to protect the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged, and (a) (4) To discuss matters related to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, the first closed session was entered into. Present were Chairman Chappell, Commissioners Casciato, Chapman, Dalton, and McCall, County Manager Jaime Laughter, County Attorney Julie Hooten, Vice-President of Pardee's Operations and Support Services John Bryant, Blue Ridge Community College's Vice-President of General Administration Chad Merrill, Transylvania Economic Alliance Executive Director Burton Hodges, and Clerk to the Board Trisha Hogan.

The Board of Commissioners consulted with the County Attorney and staff and discussed a potential economic development project.

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The Board of Commissioners consulted with the County Attorney and staff regarding the potential purchase of property, and then directed staff on how to proceed.

Chairman Chappell moved to leave the closed session, second by Commissioner Dalton and unanimously approved.

OPEN SESSION

Chairman Chappell moved to seal the minutes of the closed session until such time that opening the minutes does not frustrate the purpose of the closed session, seconded by Commissioner Dalton, and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Chappell moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Dalton and unanimously carried.

Jason R. Chappell, Chairman
Transylvania County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Trisha M. Hogan, Clerk to the Board