

**MINUTES**  
**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**July 9, 2007- REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of Commissioners of Transylvania County met in regular session on Monday, July 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the large courtroom of the Transylvania County Courthouse.

Commissioners present were Lynn Bullock, Chairman Jason Chappell, David Guice and Daryle Hogsed. Vice-Chairman Kelvin Phillips was absent.

Staff members present were County Manager Artie Wilson, Bailiff Supervisor Jimmy Jones, County Cooperative Extension Director Eric Caldwell, Transportation Director Keith McCoy, Planning and Economic Development Director Mark Burrows, County Attorney David Neumann, Social Services Director Carson Griffin, Board of Elections Director Judy Mathews, Finance Director Gay Poor, Solid Waste Director Jeff Brookshire, Tax Assessor/Collector David Reid and Clerk to the Board Trisha McLeod.

Media: *Times News*- Jonathan Rich  
*Transylvania Times*- Derrick McKissock

There were approximately 21 people in the audience.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Chappell presiding called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**WELCOME**

Chairman Chappell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ROAP)**

Transportation Director Keith McCoy addressed the Board requesting permission to apply for the FY 2007-2008 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) grant. He explained that a Public Hearing must be held to receive local input regarding the sub-allocation of the ROAP funds before application can be made.

Three programs included in the ROAP application are:

- Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP)- \$45,165
- Work First/Employment- \$4,043
- Rural General Public (RGP)- \$34,883

The total amount of funding requested, including supplemental funds for Employment and RGP, is \$92,239. Mr. McCoy thanked the Commissioners for their support of transportation programs in the County.

Chairman Chappell declared the Public Hearing open.

There was no public input.

Chairman Chappell declared the Public Hearing closed. Commissioners will vote on this item later in the meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jean Wish: Ms. Wish addressed the Board to voice her concern about the amount of sawdust being generated by a local business in her neighborhood. She said residents have been asked to be patient about the matter while it's being investigated. She reminded Commissioners that she and others addressed the Board of Commissioners last year regarding this same issue.

Alice Saunders: Ms. Saunders thanked the Staff from the Health Department and Planning and Economic Development Director Mark Burrows for their assistance in helping residents in her neighborhood deal with the sawdust matter. She read a letter from a resident who is also concerned about the sawdust. Ms. Saunders stated that Mr. Burrows was contacted by the owners of the company recently. The business owners plan to purchase a container to catch sawdust.

Chairman Chappell asked Mark Burrows to report on the matter.

Mark Burrows: Mr. Burrows informed the Commissioners that the company has changed ownership since last year. The new owner is Ann Ramey. He said Ms. Ramey is aware of the residents' concerns and she wants to be a good neighbor. Ms. Ramey is working toward purchasing a vacuum to help reduce the debris.

Betsy Deutschman: Ms. Deutschman also expressed her concerns about the amount of sawdust. She said the sawdust covers people's homes and she fears that they are breathing in chemicals as well.

### **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

There were no Agenda modifications.

**Commissioner Guice moved to approve the Agenda as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Hogsed and unanimously approved.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### MINUTES

Minutes from the 2007 Budget Workshops and the June 25, 2007 Regular Meeting were approved.

### FACILITIES USE REQUESTS

The use of Silvermont by the Children's Center from November 22, 2007 through December 3, 2007 for the Festival of Trees was approved.

## **PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

### NC STATE UNIVERSITY WATERSHED EDUCATION FOR COMMUNITIES AND OFFICIALS (WECO)

Mr. Patrick Beggs, with North Carolina Cooperative Extension Services, showed a Power Point Presentation which provided an overview of the EPA Low Impact Development Education Grant. Several agencies and groups have received the grant for the purpose of protecting waters in Transylvania County as the area develops and grows.

Mr. Beggs explained where rain water goes in forests versus parking lots and also how development impacts the water cycle. WECO has had numerous meetings with the Transylvania Natural Resources Council to determine an action plan. They decided to hold Roundtable meetings and bring together various stakeholders with various perspectives and interests to discuss land use and water quality. Mr. Beggs noted the concerns presented at the Roundtable meetings and how the County is already working to address a lot of those concerns. He announced that another Roundtable meeting has been scheduled for September 11, 2007 at the Transylvania County Library.

### ANNUAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT

Mr. Bob Bednarek, CEO/President of Transylvania Community Hospital, presented Commissioners with the Annual Community Benefit Report. TCH is a non-profit organization whose basic mission is to assume a leadership role in operating, collaborating, coordinating and providing a quality healthcare delivery system to serve the residents of Transylvania County and surrounding areas.

Mr. Bednarek noted the following facts about TCH:

- Founded in 1933
- Community institution governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees
- 517 employees
- 53 Active Medical Staff Members and 100+ Courtesy or Consulting Physicians
- 100% Board Certified or Eligible Medical Staff
- 275 volunteers who donate 23,000 hours of service each year
- Accredited by the Joint Commission

- 1,800 – 2,000 acute admissions per year
- 16,000 emergency visits per year
- 25,000+ diagnostic & ancillary visits per year
- Critical Access Hospital, a government designation as a “necessary” hospital
- Full-service, acute care hospital
- Supported by the community through individual gifts to the TCH Foundation
- \$42+ million in revenue per year

Mr. Bednarek highlighted new some of the new programs offered by TCH. He also noted that in 2006, TCH provided nearly \$650,000 in charity care. The total value of TCH’s contributions to the community totals over \$5 million. TCH invested over \$1 million last year in physician recruitment so the communities’ needs can continue to be met. Mr. Bednarek is working with the County to establish a dialysis center. He is attending a Public Hearing on Friday to advocate for a center in the County.

According to a NC Office of Research, Demonstrations and Rural Health Development economic impact study, TCH impacts Transylvania County \$110 million per year. Mr. Bednarek thanked the citizens for their support of TCH’s building campaign. He thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to make his presentation.

Chairman Chappell stated that the County’s economic and physical health is directly related to the success of our community hospital. He said Transylvania County is blessed to have such state of the art facilities and fine staff. Commissioner Hogsed echoed Chairman Chappell’s statements and thanked Mr. Bednarek for his presentation and for the services that TCH provides to the community.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**Commissioner Guice moved to reappoint Dana Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Hogsed and unanimously approved.**

**Chairman Chappell moved to appoint Raymond Norris, seconded by Commissioner Guice and unanimously approved.**

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

### **WESTERN CAROLINA COMMUNITY ACTION**

**Chairman Chappell moved to appoint Karen Canman to fill an unexpired term that expires in 2008, seconded by Commissioner Bullock and unanimously approved.**

### **JURY COMMISSION**

**Commissioner Bullock moved to reappoint Gay Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Hogsed and unanimously approved.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CERTIFIED ENTREPRENEURIAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM**

The Manager stated that Transylvania County has already made application to participate in the Certified Entrepreneurial Community Program. The next step is for the Board of Commissioners to pass a resolution stating that the County will set aside the necessary resources to conduct this program and send two members of the leadership team to training.

**Commissioner Hogsed moved to approve Resolution 52-07, seconded by Commissioner Bullock and unanimously approved.**

Chairman Chappell noted that the County's contribution is Staff.

Resolution 52-07, Resolution in Support of a Certified Entrepreneurial Community Program in Transylvania County, is attached as part of the minutes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **POSITION REALLOCATION REQUEST**

The Manager stated that the Department of Social Services currently has a vacant Social Worker III position. DSS Director Carson Griffin has requested the position be reallocated to a Social Worker Supervisor II position for adult services. Ms. Griffin addressed the Board and provided the justification for her request. The Manager noted that the impact for the reallocation is \$1,486.

**Commissioner Guice moved to approve the position reallocation, seconded by Commissioner Bullock and unanimously approved.**

### **RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ROAP)**

A Public Hearing to receive input on the sub-allocation of ROAP grant funds was held earlier in the meeting. There was no input from the public. Mr. Keith McCoy is requesting permission to apply for the ROAP grant funds. The application deadline is July 13, 2007.

**Commissioner Hogsed moved to approve the application package, seconded by Commissioner Bullock and unanimously approved.**

### **BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CELL #5**

Transylvania County received three bids for the construction of Cell #5 at the landfill. The three bids received were:

- T&K Construction, LLC- \$2,061,406.52
- Thalle Construction Co., Inc.- \$2,113,615.50
- Comanco Environmental Corp.- \$2,469,927.65

The Manager reported that all bids were deemed complete and no irregular items were noted. Joyce Engineering, Inc. has reviewed the bids and references and recommends awarding the bid to T&K Construction, LLC. The Manager noted that the bid for T&K Construction was \$222,944.13 lower than the estimated cost provided by Joyce Engineering, Inc.

**Commissioner Guice made a motion to award the bid to T&K Construction, LLC for 2,061,406.52, seconded by Commissioner Hogsed and unanimously approved.**

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager reported that Staff is working on the final documents for the Public Safety Facility and hopes to go out for bid on the project in August. He noted that the issue with the City has been resolved.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

#### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Chairman Chappell stated that Commissioner Phillips was absent due to illness.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Jason R. Chappell, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Trisha D. McLeod  
Clerk to the Board