

**MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY
OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY
&
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 5, 2022**

An oath of office ceremony for newly elected officials was held on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in the Multipurpose Chambers at the Transylvania County Administration Building, located at 101 S. Broad St., Brevard, NC. There were approximately 80 in attendance, including media representation from *The Transylvania Times*.

Court Sergeant Alton Newman opened the special ceremonial court session presided over by the Honorable Thomas M. Brittain. The oaths of office were administered as listed below:

OATH OF OFFICE – SHERIFF

The Honorable Thomas M. Brittain administered the oath of office to Sheriff Christopher Charles “Chuck” Owenby.

OATH OF OFFICE – CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, ASSISTANT CLERKS, and DEPUTY CLERKS

The Honorable Thomas M. Brittain administered the oath of office to Clerk of Superior Court Kristi B. Brown, followed by the assistant clerks and deputy clerks.

OATH OF OFFICE – SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

The Honorable Thomas M. Brittain administered the oath of office to Soil and Water Conservation District Board Supervisors Alan Johnson, Joffrey Merrill and Bob Twomey.

OATH OF OFFICE – TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Honorable Thomas M. Brittain administered the oath of office to County Commissioners Emmett Casciato and Jake Dalton.

This concluded the Oath of Office ceremony.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Present for the meeting were County Commissioners Emmett Casciato, Larry Chapman, Jason Chappell, Jake Dalton, and Teresa McCall. Also present were County Manager Jaime Laughter and Clerk to the Board Trisha Hogan.

Clerk to the Board Trisha Hogan convened the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of holding the organizational meeting as required per North Carolina General Statute.

Nomination and Election of Chairman

The Clerk called for nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner McCall nominated and moved to elect Commissioner Chappell to serve as Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Dalton.

Commissioner Casciato nominated and moved to elect Commissioner Chapman to serve as Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Chapman.

The motion to elect Commissioner Chapman failed 2 to 3, with Commissioners Chappell, Dalton and McCall voting against.

The motion to elected Commissioner Chappell passed by a vote of 3 to 2, with Commissioners Casciato and Chapman voting against.

Nomination and Election of Vice-Chairman

The Clerk to the Board turned the meeting over to Chairman Chappell who called for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Chappell nominated and moved to elect Commissioner Dalton as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Commissioner McCall. There were no other nominations. **Commissioner Dalton was elected as Vice-Chairman by a unanimous vote.**

Inspection and Approval of Official Bonds

Chairman Chappell reported that the official bonds for the Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Tax Administrator, Finance Director and County Manager have been inspected by the County Attorney and Finance Director and are in order.

Commissioner Dalton moved for the approval of the bonds as submitted, seconded by Commissioner McCall and unanimously approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda for the organizational meeting, **Commissioner Dalton moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Casciato and unanimously carried.**

Following adjournment of the organizational meeting and at the request of NC Representative Mike Clampitt, Commissioners received a brief legislative update.

Jason R. Chappell, Chairman
Transylvania County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Trisha M. Hogan, Clerk to the Board