

**UNSEALED MINUTES  
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CLOSED SESSION MEETING – JUNE 27, 2005**

Pursuant to NCGS 318.11(a)(5) (to instruct the public body's staff concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price of a proposed contract for the acquisition of real property) closed session was entered at 8:45 p.m. in the large courtroom. Chairman Miller, Commissioners Chappell, Duvall, Guice and Phillips, the county manager, Attorney David Neumann and the clerk to board were present. Chairman Ray Miller presided over the meeting.

The manager presented an overview of the events of last week. Rob McKown has reported that he has been able to reach an agreement to purchase the 19.58 acre parcel for \$1,750,000, contingent upon the City of Brevard allowing the county to construct a public safety facility on the site, a favorable environmental assessment and a geological study of the site. The manager asked for direction on whether to pursue the 5.12 acre adjoining parcel. According the Mr. McKown, that parcel, known as parcel A-2, is available for \$475,000. The manager reported that the property was purchased for \$275,000 and rolled over for \$375,000.

There was discussion about the possible uses for the parcel, including its possibilities for a courthouse. Commissioners also discussed moving the EMS station to the site, which would free up the old site for other uses. After the discussion, Commissioner Duvall suggested that we offer \$450,000.

Chairman Miller stated that he was concerned that we do not have fully developed plans for the site at this time. We should make sure that we use the property to its best advantage. Commissioner Guice suggested that we could have criminal court at the Morris Road site and continue civil court at the downtown courthouse. In that way, downtown parking will not be as strained and the attorneys located in the downtown area will have easy access to civil court and other courthouse functions. In addition, there might be room, perhaps, for the historic society to house a heritage museum in the old courthouse. We should fully utilize the property and consider selling off any excess property to help offset the costs. He noted that the Morris Road property is already zoned Industrial.

At the request of the manager for directions on how to proceed, **Chairman Miller moved to proceed with a purchase offer on the 5.21 acres, seconded by Commissioner Guice and approved by a vote of 4 to 1 (Commissioner Phillips voting no).**

**Commissioner Duvall moved to offer up to \$450,000, contingent on getting the other parcel and meeting all other requirements, seconded by Commissioner Guice and approved by a vote of 4 to 1 (Commissioner Phillips voting no).**

There being no further business, **Commissioner Duvall moved to leave closed session and reconvene open session, seconded by Commissioner Chappell and unanimously carried.**

ATTEST:

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Raymond D. Miller, Chairman

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Kimberly T. Conover, Clerk to the Board

Minutes were approved and unsealed on 10/24/2005.