

UNSEALED M I N U T E S
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CLOSED SESSION MEETING - JULY 11, 2005

Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) (to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agent 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. Present were Chairman Ray Miller, Commissioners Chappell, Duvall, Guice and Phillips, the county manager, and Ms. Jeanne Hall, county attorney. Chairman Miller presided over the meeting.

The manager gave a brief update on Mr. Rob McKown's efforts to negotiate for land for the new jail/law enforcement center project. The properties are a 19.83 acre parcel located on Morris Road at the corner of Highway 64/276, and a 5.12 acre parcel adjacent to it. Mr. McKown has attempted to negotiate the price of the five-acre parcel down to \$450,000; however, Mr. Eubanks remains firm at \$475,000. The commissioners discussed their options regarding the purchase of the five-acre parcel.

Manager Wilson has been in contact with Moseley Architects and they have drawn a preliminary site plan for the use of the two parcels, including a law enforcement center, jail facility, district court space, and a maintenance facility. The preliminary plan shows that the necessary facilities will fit on the two parcels, with room for expansion.

The manager requested direction on how to proceed. The consensus was for Mr. Wilson to continue his efforts on behalf of the county to secure the property.

Commissioner Guice moved to accept the negotiated price of \$475,000 for the 5.12 acre parcel of property on Morris Road, seconded by Commissioner Duvall.

There was a brief discussion about the necessity of the additional five acres.

The motion passed with a vote of 3 to 2. (Commissioners Chappell and Phillips voted no.)

Chairman Miller made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Commissioner Guice and approved unanimously. The closed session adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Raymond D. Miller, Chairman

Respectfully submitted by:

Kimberly T. Conover, Clerk to the Board

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