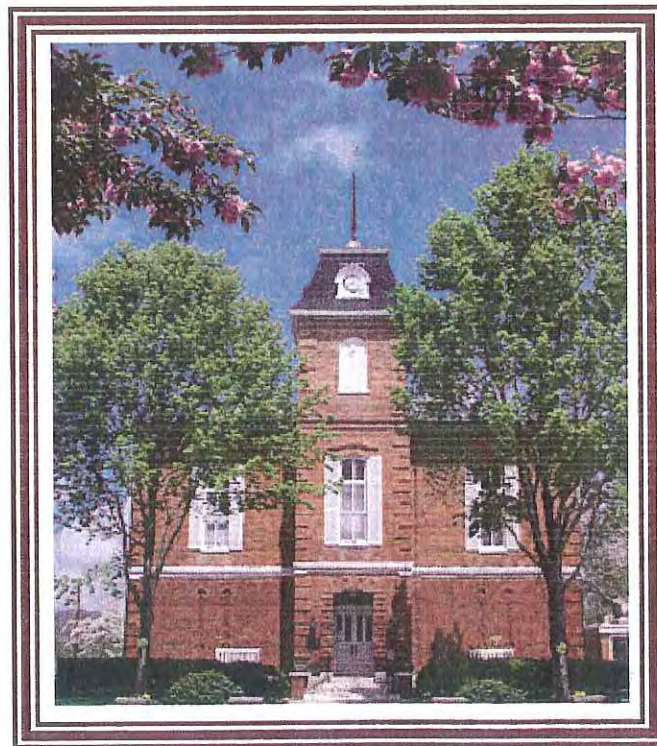


Courthouse Committee "A" Final Report



COMMITTEE "A"
Report to TC Board of Commissioners
June 9, 2008

The Transylvania County Courthouse – where the daily lives of Transylvanians have been recorded for generations and where community members gather together to honor and to celebrate. The courthouse is the visual center of downtown, the physical image many of us associate with the county and the significant and historic building around which much of Brevard has evolved.

The original concept was to place this building on a park-like one-acre square in downtown Brevard at the intersection of Main and Broad Streets. Completed in 1881, it was and remains the people's building – built by the people, for the people. What happens both inside and outside are extremely important socially, politically and economically. With this in mind, the County Commissioners created two committees to better understand both the impact of moving court functions and the costs associated with moving court functions to a new location.

This committee was charged with trying to better understand the impact of moving court functions.

Our efforts focused on the following questions:

- **What impact would this have on businesses in downtown?**
- **What impact would a move have on the security/safety of the downtown area?**
- **What impact would it have on parking?**
- **What impact would a move of court functions have on the workflow for various businesses and agencies that use the court functions?**

Courthouse Committee "A" consisted of 19 individuals representing a variety of interest and groups including the Heart of Brevard, the Chamber of Commerce, County and City representatives, business owners, non-profits and individuals from the community. This committee met four times (A list of Committee members and notes from the meetings are attached).

We were asked to meet and complete the following tasks:

- Develop and distribute a survey(s) to the general public, specific users of the Courthouse, business and property owners and court personnel that will assist in answering our assigned questions. Subcommittees were given the task of creating three different surveys for

- **Business Owners** (distributed by the Heart of Brevard and the Chamber of Commerce).
 - **Courthouse Users** and individuals who use different court functions or work in the courthouse (distributed by committee members to their respective organizations).
 - **General Public** (the questionnaire was placed in *The Transylvania Times* and also made available on line through the County's Planning and Economic Development web-site).
- Contact other counties that have moved court functions out of the downtown area and how that impacted them.
 - Complete the report by the end of May and present our finding to the County Commissioners by early June.

Conclusions:

A total of 268 individuals completed the three surveys. The results were compiled and summarized (attached). In general, individuals completing all three surveys noted that ***parking is a problem***, particularly on court days; however, a majority of respondents to the business survey stated that their customers and clients do not avoid the downtown area on court days. An overwhelming number of business respondents indicated that finding parking space in downtown Brevard was "hard." As one might expect, the most difficult time to find parking is typically on court days (Tuesday and Thursday) but many respondents stated that there was "no difference" in parking – it's always difficult. The time of day when parking is most challenging is typically mid-morning to mid-afternoon with the greatest number of respondents noting that the lunch hour was worse.

Based on the survey results, comments and observation, if the court functions are moved, parking availability around the courthouse would improve, particularly on days court is held.

Security was another issue addressed in the surveys. Business owners thought that safety would improve if the court functions were moved from the downtown area. As a group, Courthouse users were split – with a slim majority noting that moving court functions would improve safety (49 to 45 respondents with 5 not answering the question). Shoplifting was not seen as a particular problem for the majority of responders, including Heart of Brevard merchants and employees. While some merchants clearly experience a problem with shoplifting, it appears to be a specific problem experienced more by retail business owners near the courthouse. Sheriff Mahoney and Chief Wilde were asked to provide information about the number of incidents their officers had responded to in the downtown area. Sheriff Mahoney provided an email stating that Sheriff's deputies had logged 22 unique responses to the

downtown area from 2006 to present. All responses were made on court days. Chief Wilde provided the Committee with information identifying 43 unique responses during the same time period. Of the 43 responses, nearly half (20) were on either Tuesday (10) or Thursday (10).

When asked if moving the court functions would improve safety, the courthouse users were almost evenly split with 49 responding that safety would improve while 45 indicated that there would be no difference (4 did not respond).

The ***Economic Impact*** of moving the court functions was asked of the business owners and employees with 99 individuals responding (62% representing Heart of Brevard Businesses). ***Seventy-four percent of all business owners responding to the questionnaire indicated that they are not concerned about the possible loss of business due to moving court functions.*** Accounting for differences between Heart of Brevard and non Heart of Brevard business owners and employees, 70% of the Heart of Brevard respondents and 80% of non Heart of Brevard business owners and employees indicated that they are not concerned about the possible loss of business.

Workflow by courthouse users is more difficult to characterize. Ninety-nine individuals responded to workflow questionnaire. These individuals represented attorneys, surveyors, real estate brokers, county and courthouse personnel. Many responders wrote that a new facility would provide better parking, building design and efficiency for ***their business or work schedule.*** Conversely, a slightly larger number of responders noted that a move would be inconvenient and cost more (time and gas). Negative comments outnumbered the positive comments (60 negative to 53 positive).

Learning from other communities and their experience is insightful. Two members of Committee "A" contacted a number of counties and communities that had recently either moved court functions within their downtown area or out-of-town (see attached county summaries). ***There are several consistent themes – planning, anticipating needs and downtown impact.*** It seems you cannot plan carefully enough or for long enough. Those counties who moved the court function several years ago are already concerned about limited space and trying to decide what to do next. Some have separated functions into different buildings in the downtown area but are aware that it is just a "stop-gap" measure as far as judicial services are concerned. Others are in the same situation as Transylvania County and are debating some of the same issues. Removing or changing the location of some of the courthouse functions has definitely impacted such businesses as restaurants in the affected areas. Balancing that is the overall improvement of the quality of life within the downtowns that no longer house court functions in their central business district.

Other Comments:

Without a doubt, how the courthouse will be used in the future is an important concern not just for business owners and users of the courthouse (court functions), but also the citizens of Transylvania County. Each questionnaire provided respondents with the

opportunity to provide additional comments or suggestions – and they did! Some responders even attached lengthy letters expressing their concerns. In general, citizens feel that maintaining the courthouse's historic integrity is important, that the general public should have comfortable access (through the front door) and that the County should continue to provide an aesthetically pleasing setting for public gatherings and upholding the character of downtown are essential to guaranteeing our quality of life. This was balanced by other concerns regarding the cost of moving court functions and the need to build a new courthouse (or a new building to house court functions closer to the Law Enforcement Center being constructed off Morris Road). The majority of responses to the General Public Survey indicated that the court functions should move, that downtown parking was indeed a problem and that preserving the historical courthouse building was "important."

Of those who wrote comments, many respondents who use the courthouse on a regular basis felt strongly that criminal proceedings should be moved to a new building constructed near the Law Enforcement Center and other courthouse functions should remain downtown. Some were opposed to moving court functions while others felt that was the only solution. Several commented that the current courthouse could serve the needs of the community for years to come as a public meeting space, records office, museum, etc., keeping an historical building intact and maintaining a positive impact on downtown.

SURVEY FOR BUSINESSES

Courthouse Survey For Businesses

(Total Responses = 84)

1. Is your business in the Heart of Brevard (HoB) district?

Yes = 52 (62%)
No = 31 (37%)

No Response = 1 (1%)

2. Has the parking on court days affected the general availability of parking downtown for you and your customers? Or, do court days create a parking problem in the downtown area?

Yes = 51 (61%)
No = 26 (31%)

No Response = 7 (8%)

3. Do your customers or clients avoid the downtown area on court days?

Yes = 30 (35%)
No = 47 (56%)

No Response = 7 (8%)

4. Are you concerned about the possible loss of business due to moving court functions?

All Responses
Yes = 19 (22%)
No = 62 (74%)
N/A = 3 (4%)

Only HoB
Yes = 16 (30%)
No = 37 (70%)

Non HoB
Yes = 3 (10%)
No = 25 (80%)
N/A = 3 (10%)

5. Have you witnessed fights (verbal or physical) in the downtown area?

Yes = 27 (32%)
No = 53 (63%)

No Response = 4 (5%)

Is there an increase on court day?

Yes = 26 (31%)
No = 34 (40%)

No Response = 24 (29%)

6. Do you feel that the safety of you and your customers or clients will improve by moving the court functions out of downtown?

Yes = 42 (50%)
No = 33 (39%)

No Response = 9 (11%)

7. Is shoplifting a problem for your business during court days?

Yes = 10 (12%)

No Response = 17 (20%)

No = 57 (68%)

8. How easy is it for you, your employees or your customers to find a parking space in downtown Brevard? All Responses

Easy=10 1=1 2=6 3=9 4=5 5=8 Hard=37 N/A=8

How easy is it for you, your employees or your customers to find a parking space in downtown Brevard? Only HoB

Easy= 5 1=2 2=4 3=5 4=3 5=5 Hard=27 N/A=1

How easy is it for you, your employees or your customers to find a parking space in downtown Brevard? Non HoB

Easy= 4 1=0 2=2 3=4 4=2 5=4 Hard=9 N/A=6

9. What day or days of the week do you, your employees and customers find it most difficult to find parking? Check any that apply.

Monday (9)

Thursday (25)

No Response (8)

Tuesday (26)

Friday (14)

Wednesday (6)

No difference (43)

10. What time of the day do you, your employees or customers find it most difficult to find parking? Check any that apply

☐ 7 am – 10 am = 18

☐ 10 am – 12 pm = 37

☐ 12 pm – 1 pm = 43

☐ 1 pm – 3 pm = 36

☐ 3 pm – 5 pm = 19

☐ 5 pm and after = 2

☐ No difference = 19

11. Are you the business: Owner = 46 (54%)
Employee = 29 (35%)
No Response = 9 (11%)

12. Do you have any other suggestions or comments? See Attached Comments.

BUSINESS SURVEY

	Business Name	HOB District		Parking on Court days A Problem		Avoid Downtown on court days		Concerned about loss of business		Witnessed Fights		Fights increase on court days		Safety Improve by moving court functions	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Love's Jewelry & Gifts		1	1		1			1	1		1		1	
2	Ramsay & Pratt PA		1	1		1			1	1		1		1	
3	Dugan's Pub		1	1			1		1	1			1		1
4	Carolina Financial Group		1		1		1		1		1				1
5	Hunters & Gatherers		1	1					1		1				1
6	Brevard Antique Mall Inc.		1	1		1			1	1		1		1	
7	Underground Salvage Co.		1		1		1		1	1		1		1	
8	Pisgah Mini-Storage LLC		1	1			1		1	1		1			1
9	Neumann & Hall		1	1			1	1		1		1			1
10	Pink Flamingo		1	1		1			1	1		1		1	
11	Ecusta Credit Union		1	1			1		1		1			1	
12	Platt Architecture		1	1					1	1					1
13	Neumann & Hall		1	1			1			1			1		1
14	United Community Bank		1	1			1	1			1	1		1	
15	Drew Deane Gallery		1	1		1			1	1		1		1	
16	Carl Root Jr. PA Public Acc't		1	1		1		1			1			1	
17	Ragland Lighting Center		1	1		1			1	1		1		1	
18	White Squirrel Shop		1	1		1		1			1	1		1	
19	White Squirrel Shop		1	1			1	1			1		1		1
20	White Squirrel Shop		1					1							1
21	White Squirrel Shop		1	1		1		1			1	1			
22	White Squirrel Shop		1	1		1		1			1	1		1	
23	The White Squirrel Shoppe		1	1		1		1		1		1		1	
24	The White Squirrel Shoppe		1	1		1			1		1		1		1
25	Bluewood Gallery		1				1		1	1		1		1	
26	Gabler Molis & Company		1		1		1		1		1		1		1
27	Proper Pot		1	1		1			1	1		1		1	
28	Eight West Salon		1	1			1		1	1			1		1
29	The Branches at East Fork		1	1		1		1			1	1		1	
30	Prudential Beacon Realty		1	1			1	1			1	1		1	
31	Water Oak Dental Group		1	1			1		1		1		1		
32	Planet Media		1		1		1		1		1		1		
33	Western Carolina Counseling		1		1		1		1		1		1		1
34	Pink Flamingo		1	1		1			1	1		1		1	
35	PinkFlamingo		1	1		1			1	1		1		1	
36	Cocon Interior Design		1	1			1		1		1		1		1
37	RBC Bank		1				1		1		1		1		1
38	Transylvania Times		1		1	1			1		1		1		1
39	The Master's Table		1	1		1			1		1		1		1

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		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
80	Brevard Animal Hospital		1		1		1		1		1		1		1
81	Charles H. Peters PE		1	1			1		1	1					1
82	Sam Brewton, Architect		1		1		1		1		1		1		1
83	Moody-Connolly Funeral Home		1		1		1		1		1		1		1
84	No Name			1			1		1		1	1		1	
TOTALS		52	31	51	26	30	47	19	62	27	53	26	34	42	33

BUSINESS SURVEY

	Shoplifting problem during court days		Finding a Parking Space							Time of day, difficult to find parking							Business		Days Most Difficult to Park							
	Business Name	Yes	No	Easy	1	2	3	4	5	Hard	7 am - 10 am	10 am - 12 pm	12 pm - 1pm	1 pm - 3 pm	3 pm - 5 pm	5 pm & after	No Dif.	Owner	Employee	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	No Diff	N/A
1	Love's Jewelry & Gifts	1							1		1							1			1		1			
2	Ramsay & Pratt PA		1						1		1	1	1	1				1			1		1			
3	Dugan's Pub		1	1								1	1	1	1			1			1		1			
4	Carolina Financial Group		1	1													1		1						1	
5	Hunters & Gatherers								1			1	1	1	1			1							1	
6	Brevard Antique Mall Inc.	1			1						1	1	1					1			1		1			
7	Underground Salvage Co.	1			1						1	1	1					1			1		1			
8	Pisgah Mini-Storage LLC		1						1			1	1	1	1				1	1	1	1	1	1		
9	Neumann & Hall		1				1					1		1				1		1		1				
10	Pink Flamingo	1							1								1		1		1		1			
11	Ecusta Credit Union		1						1			1	1	1	1	1			1		1		1		1	
12	Platt Architecture		1					1					1					1							1	
13	Neumann & Hall		1						1		1	1	1					1		1		1				
14	United Community Bank		1						1			1		1	1				1		1		1	1		
15	Drew Deane Gallery		1				1					1	1					1							1	
16	Carl Root Jr. PA Public Acc't		1						1			1		1				1			1		1			
17	Ragland Lighting Center		1				1					1		1				1			1		1			
18	White Squirrel Shop		1						1								1		1					1		
19	White Squirrel Shop		1						1								1		1					1		
20	White Squirrel Shop		1						1								1		1					1		
21	White Squirrel Shop		1						1								1		1					1		
22	White Squirrel Shop	1						1					1	1						1		1	1			
23	The White Squirrel Shoppe		1						1			1	1	1	1			1						1		
24	The White Squirrel Shoppe		1						1								1		1					1		
25	Bluewood Gallery		1						1			1		1	1			1		1		1	1			
26	Gabler Molis & Company		1		1												1		1					1		
27	Proper Pot	1				1					1							1			1					
28	Eight West Salon		1						1		1	1	1	1										1		
29	The Branches at East Fork		1						1		1			1				1		1		1				
30	Prudential Beacon Realty								1			1	1	1					1					1		
31	Water Oak Dental Group		1						1								1		1		1					
32	Planet Media		1			1											1		1					1		
33	Western Carolina Counseling		1						1				1					1						1		
34	Pink Flamingo	1							1		1	1	1	1										1		
35	PinkFlamingo	1							1			1	1	1	1				1					1		
36	Cocon Interior Design		1						1								1		1					1		
37	RBC Bank		1	1													1		1					1		
38	Transylvania Times		1						1				1					1							1	
39	The Master's Table		1						1			1	1	1	1			1						1		

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40	Red Wolf Gallery		1						1	1	1	1	1	1				1		1	1		1			
41	Elements Spa		1				1					1	1			1		1			1		1			
42	Main St. Limited		1				1						1		1			1						1		
43	Steve Owen & Associates		1						1	1			1					1						1		
44	WSQL		1						1		1	1	1						1					1		
45	Brevard Insurance Agency		1			1						1							1				1			
46	Gallery on Main	1							1	1	1							1		1	1	1				
47	Water Oak Dental Group		1						1		1	1	1					1		1		1				
48	Cardinal Title center		1	1													1		1			1			1	
49	Falls Theatre																									1
50	Blue Wood Gallery	1							1	1		1												1		
51	No Name						1					1								1						
52	Transylvania Community Hosp		1					1									1		1					1		
53	Wimberly Construction						1					1						1					1			
54	Connestee Falls Realty					1						1					1	1						1		
55	Brevard Travel Agency		1						1		1	1	1	1				1						1		
56	Charlotte's Fibers, Inc.			1								1						1						1		
57	Main Street LTD		1	1														1								1
58	First Citizens Bank		1						1		1	1	1						1	1	1			1		
59	Center for Dialogue		1	1															1					1		
60	First Restoration Services		1					1				1							1					1		
61	Red Wolf Gallery								1		1	1	1					1		1	1		1			
62	The Wilds Christian Camp						1			1		1						1				1	1			
63	Transylvania Heritate Museum								1		1	1	1					1						1		
64	Gravely's Plumbing																							1		
65	Holly View Farm								1	1	1	1	1	1				1						1		
66	Rodeway Inn		1					1		1	1	1	1	1					1					1		
67	Appalachian Golf Cars		1				1					1						1						1		
68	Morrow Insurance Agency							1			1	1	1	1				1						1		
69	Gorges State Park		1						1								1		1					1		
70	Carolina Info. Tech. Resource		1						1		1		1					1		1		1				
71	DomestiCom Services		1				1			1	1	1	1	1				1		1	1	1				
72	Brevard Orthopaedics																									1
73	Elite Lending		1									1	1						1					1		
74	Brian Center		1														1		1					1		
75	Advanaced Business Equipment								1		1	1	1	1					1	1	1	1	1	1		
76	A Simple Move		1								1				1			1				1	1			
77	Mt. Toxaway Motel							1							1			1					1			
78	Blue Ridge Quick Print		1						1								1	1						1		
79	Brevard Animal Hospital		1															1								1

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TOTALS			10	57	10	1	6	9	5	8	37	18	37	43	36	19	2	19	46	29	9	26	6	25	14	43	8

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Business Name			Other Suggestions or Comments
1	Love's Jewelry & Gifts		Need to preserve the CH as historical landmark.
2	Ramsay & Pratt PA		Schedule court proceedings in a different, remote facility if vacant land next to CH not available
3	Dugan's Pub		On court days, people going to the CH occupy valuable parking spaces around my business.
4	Carolina Financial Group		
5	Hunters & Gatherers		Employees take most parking spaces. Meter maids should work every day, not just sunny days.
6	Brevard Antique Mall Inc.		Parking problems and retail theft would decrease if court moved. Open the main entrance.
7	Underground Salvage Co.		Entrance to the CH should be open to the public. If not, then Criminal Court should be moved to a more secure facility.
8	Pisgah Mini-Storage LLC		Move all offices out of CH except Clerk of Court and Tax. Do not keep building w/o parking
9	Neumann & Hall		None
10	Pink Flamingo		Move the court cases but retain the other offices (tax, deeds, etc.) in the CH
11	Ecusta Credit Union		Keep all functions in the same building. The flow of connected departments is very important.
12	Platt Architecture		
13	Neumann & Hall		
14	United Community Bank		
15	Drew Deane Gallery		
16	Carl Root Jr. PA Public Acc't		On court days, people going to the CH park in our lot, limiting the use for our customers.
17	Ragland Lighting Center		CH should be open, safe place to conduct business w/o harassment
18	White Squirrel Shop		Move the Criminal hearings only. We do not like the idea of an empty Courthouse.
19	White Squirrel Shop		Move the Criminal Court. Keep normal County functions in CH.
20	White Squirrel Shop		We don't want an empty CH. We only want the Criminal element out of downtown.
21	White Squirrel Shop		A lot of employees of Courthouse are customers and walk over to buy gifts.
22	White Squirrel Shop		
23	The White Squirrel Shoppe		Are there any plans for building multi-level parking garage? Sure would be helpfull
24	The White Squirrel Shoppe		Move court hearings - keep regular courthouse offices downtown in courthouse!
25	Bluewood Gallery		Jordan St does not have parking available for the courthouse, as it is too far away - but the lack of parking caused by court days on Main St. backlogs all the way to Jodan and our
26	Gabler Molis & Company		Let's buid the sidewalk between High School and Elementary before start wasting money on a new courthouse when we have available space to use.
27	Proper Pot		No further comments
28	Eight West Salon		Enforce - daily marking tires (this is rarely done). Employees use - private/restaurant - designated - spaces for their own use.
29	The Branches at East Fork		No further comments.
30	Prudential Beacon Realty		No further comments.
31	Water Oak Dental Group		beside Safe.
32	Planet Media		I usually park near city cab on Probart.
33	Western Carolina Counseling		New parking lot next (behind) the renovated hotel.
34	Pink Flamingo		Thank you for considering moving all court proceedings out of downtown.
35	PinkFlamingo		I think the court functions should be moved out of town. Visitors to our town should not have to witness the yelling, screaming, fight and cussing that goes on every court day.
36	Cocon Interior Design		No further comments
37	RBC Bank		Keep administrative offices downtown in historic building. Move court to another secure location.
38	Transylvania Times		Parking is more difficult on court days.
39	The Master's Table		No further comments.

BUSINESS SURVEY

Business Name			Other Suggestions or Comments
40	Red Wolf Gallery	Move the courts to open the courthouse	
41	Elements Spa	We are a bit away from the Main St./Broad intersection and our building does have its own parking (even though it is limited).	
42	Main St. Limited	Lawyers from out of town stop in on court days and purchase items. My location is far enough away where I don't feel the negatives, however I'm sure I will lose some business.	
43	Steve Owen & Associates	Our courthouse is a building for the public's use, and it shouldn't be locked down. Why bring those people who are a threat?	
44	WSQL	We need much more parkign in downtown Brevard.	
45	Brevard Insurance Agency	No further comments.	
46	Gallery on Main	No further comments.	
47	Water Oak Dental Group	We have private parking, but unless we start towing or post an attendant everyone uses our parking, we will have to gate our lot.	
48	Cardinal Title center	No further comments	
49	Falls Theatre	No Second Sheet	
50	Blue Wood Gallery	County and City must take traffic problem seriously - develop a by-pass	
51	No Name	Little available parking - thought should be given to building a parking deck	
52	Transylvania Community Hosp		
53	Wimberly Construction	Maintain the small town ambiance we love - "Change Consciously."	
54	Connestee Falls Realty	Register of Deeds needs to remain downtown	
55	Brevard Travel Agency	Makes perfect sense to incorporate court functions with the new law enforcement center	
56	Charlotte's Fibers, Inc.		
57	Main Street LTD	My location is far enough away that I don't have a lot of these problems	
58	First Citizens Bank	My parking lot is used by all of downtown (merchants and customers) - greater problems on court	
59	Center for Dialogue	Work with court clients every Tues and Thurs - budget increases will be necessary	
60	First Restoration Services	Court functions are necessary - if the needs can be met, no reason to incur cost to find/building	
61	Red Wolf Gallery		
62	The Wilds Christian Camp		
63	Transylvania Heritate Museum	Preserve the courthouse; don't close the front doors to the public; really scruffy characters	
64	Gravelly's Plumbing	Keep the tax offices, register of deeds and other non-court offices in the courthouse - move court	
65	Holly View Farm	Moving the court activities would improve the business functions - help shoppers	
66	Rodeway Inn		
67	Appalachian Golf Cars	Lengthy Comment. Use the courthouse, but not for court functions.	
68	Morrow Insurance Agency		
69	Gorges State Park	Parking is a serious problem for visitors in the downtown area. Parking tickets a problem.	
70	Carolina Info. Tech. Resource		
71	DomestiCom Services		
72	Brevard Orthopaedics		
73	Elite Lending		
74	Brian Center	I like the Courthouse being downtown - it's a "marker" and looks so nice after brick was redone	
75	Advanaced Business Equipment		
76	A Simple Move	Keep FREE parking in front of downtown businesses. No Parking Structures.	
77	Mt. Toxaway Motel	We don't live in Brevard.	
78	Blue Ridge Quick Print		
79	Brevard Animal Hospital		

BUSINESS SURVEY

Business Name		Other Suggestions or Comments
80	Brevard Animal Hospital	
81	Charles H. Peters PE	The criminal court should be moved. A study of all county space to include parking.
82	Sam Brewton, Architect	
83	Moody-Connolly Funeral Home	We do not have a parking problem.
84	No Name	
TOTALS		

SURVEY FOR PUBLIC

Courthouse Survey for the General Public

(Total responses = 86)

1. I am a resident of:

Brevard = 33 (38%)
Rosman = 1 (1%)
Transylvania County = 52 (60%)

2. I visit/use the courthouse:

Once a week or more = 11 (13%)
Once a month or more = 20 (23%)
Once or twice a year = 48 (56%)
Seldom or never = 6 (7%)
No Response = 1 (1%)

3. Court functions (i.e., Clerk of Court, Court) should:

Remain downtown = 22 (26%)
Move to a new location = 57 (66%)
Undecided = 7 (8%)

4. Parking in Brevard on court days (primarily Tuesday's and Thursday's) is:

A Problem = 65 (76%)
Not a Problem = 13 (15%)
Undecided = 8 (9%)

5. I use the following Courthouse functions (ranked by highest use):

Tax Offices = 71	Hearings = 18
Register of Deeds = 59	Criminal = 5
County Maps = 40	Civil = 8
Clerk of Court = 29	

6. What would be the impact on you of moving of court functions and the offices which will service court functions, such as Clerk of Court, to a location outside the downtown area: See Attached Comments.

7. Preserving the courthouse as a historic landmark is:

Important = 70 (81%) Somewhat Important = 11 (13%) Not Important = 5 (6%)

8. Do you have any other suggestions or comments? See Attached Comments.

9. Survey response by *The Transylvania Times* = 42 (49%) or Email = 44 (51%)

General Public Survey

	I am a resident of			I visit/use the courthouse				Court functions should			Parking		
	Brevard	Rosman	TC	1/week	1/month	1-2/year	S or N	Remain	Move	Undecided	Problem	N Problem	Undecided
1			1		1				1		1		
2			1		1				1		1		
3	1					1		1			1		
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36			1		1				1		1		
37	1					1				1	1		
38			1				1			1	1		

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General Public Survey

	I am a resident of			I visit/use the courthouse				Court functions should			Parking		
	Brevard	Rosman	TC	1/week	1/month	1-2/year	S or N	Remain	Move	Undecided	Problem	N Problem	Undecided
39			1			1			1		1		
40			1	1				1			1		
41			1			1			1		1		
42			1	1					1		1		
43			1		1				1		1		
44			1			1		1				1	
45			1			1			1		1		
46			1		1			1			1		
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75			1			1			1		1		
76			1			1				1	1		

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General Public Survey

	I am a resident of			I visit/use the courthouse				Court functions should			Parking		
	Brevard	Rosman	TC	1/week	1/month	1-2/year	S or N	Remain	Move	Undecided	Problem	N Problem	Undecided
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78			1		1				1		1		
79	1				1				1		1		
80			1		1				1		1		
81			1			1			1		1		
82			1		1			1				1	
83	1				1				1				1
84			1			1			1			1	
85			1			1		1				1	
86			1			1				1	1		
	33	1	52	11	20	48	6	22	57	7	65	13	8

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Impact			Other Comments
	Positive Effects	Negative Effects	
1	Get the court mess out of downtown	Increased traffic on 2 lane Morris Rd.	Just build it big enough for the future. Have a vision of the building lasting for at least 40 years.
2	A new building would be safer for all	As our area grows traffic will be a problem.	No further comment
3	No Comment		No further comment
4		Increase mileage, therefore increase general expenses. Especially gas expense.	If moving the courthouse helps with the vision of Brevard, then I support it.
5	Parking would be better. Distance would be the same. We need a Law Enforcement Center, not a jail. It could house the Sheriff's office and court functions. Transportation of prisoners would not be a problem, nor a necessity. Saves on gas and deputy time.		Working conditions for courthouse workers are too crowded. They literally step over each other. Consolidate services other than courtroom, into old courthouse. Leave exterior as is, renovate interior.
6	Moving the court functions out will make it much easier to park near the courthouse. There would be easier access to the areas I use. On some court days, it is difficult to just walk down the hall. Safety is key!	There would be no negative effects on me.	Lets make that very, very important that the courthouse be preserved as a historic landmark, with the front door open to the public.
7	It would move potentially violent people away from city center. The offensive security check could be removed from the historic building.		The Clerk of Court should have a presence in the historic building for services such as processing wills, estates, passports, registering voters.
8		Moving out of downtown would make it less convenient. How would a new building be paid for? Raising taxes to pay for a new building would be totally unacceptable. Has anyone considered that if we don't have enough space, it may be due to a county government that has gotten too big?	Since the budget fiasco/near disaster of last year, some of the county commissioners seem to have taken an attitude of, commit to spend the money and we will worry how to pay for it later. That is not how you manage a corporate or family budget, so why would they think it is acceptable for a county budget?
9	Remove criminal element, alleviate traffic/parking constraint, open front doors to		Courthouse is symbolic center of Transylvania County Government.

Impact			Other Comments
	Positive Effects	Negative Effects	
10	Not a big impact on me.		I just think it's an eye-sore and can't agree with pumping more money into it constantly. I like old buildings but the courthouse is u-g-l-y. Hendersonville restored their old courthouse but they had a nice building to start with, we do not.
11		There would be little physical impact, but the psychological impact would be severe. It would certainly make me question the intention and the "common sense" thinking of our county government and its elected officials (and Lord knows that they don't want the voters to actually "think" because that action would be detrimental to their candidacy). Sadly, it does not take a genius to know that court takes place in a courthouse. I realize that this thought is elementary, but sometime it is basics that seems to be forgotten first. I also realize that it is important to preserve the courthouse in a historical manner, but what my ultimate question to you the elected officials is, what justice would we be doing to its founders if we negate its purpose for being, and that is a courthouse.	I feel that functionality in conjunction with historical preservation is the ticket to success.
12	Most of my visits are to the tax office and Register of Deeds - these would remain convenient.	I would be inconvenienced by going to a new location for the Clerk of Courts, but that is the more desirable alternative.	The questions above concerning frequency of visits has a gap in the responses which I fall into. "Once a month or more" and Once or twice a year" are very specific, and I do neither. I visit about six times a year, and this does not fit into any of the offered responses.
13	Having everything in walking distance is a wonderful asset.		No further comments
14	No Comment		Court functions should move. Leave other offices downtown.

Impact			Other Comments
	Positive Effects	Negative Effects	
15	Not much		Having the prisoners transported to court seems wasteful and somewhat dangerous, if not annoying to those of us who must contend with the lowlifes for hall space, park space, etc.
16	Reduce downtown congestion	Slightly farther to travel	
17	There wouldn't be people mulling around outside	People would have to travel further	
18	There would be a positive effect based on keeping all court at same location and it would free other office space.		
19	Good parking - get away from groups of accused/smokers.	Extra Driving	No further comments
20	Free up court room and offices for other functions	None for common civilian in county.	No further comments
21		Negative Effects	Moving the Clerk of Court would allow the Tax Offices to move into their present location which would allow Register of Deeds to move most of their offices across the hall.
22	No Comment		Should improve parking on Main St. for shoppers and drivers.
23	No Comment		Use vacated court room for little theater, music venues etc. Functions for organizations that need a home. All for a small fee. Stop pussy footin around - Just Do it.
24	Less Congestion and disturbances	None	Why not build a building big enough to handle all functions of the courthouse as with the building that's going up soon. Instead of spending money here, there and all about.
25	I think that in the future that our tax burden would be less by putting all of the court functions at one location.		No further comments
26	More space inside facilities and less impact on traffic downtown.	None	No further comments

Impact			
	Positive Effects	Negative Effects	Other Comments
27	Would keep criminally charged folks from hanging around outside courthouse and would free up traffic and parking.	Not centrally located	No further comments
28	I feel it would reduce congestion in and around the courthouse, lessen security needs and make the other functions more user friendly.		I think that the animal shelter should be located at the new jail site so that the prisoners could care for them.
29	Even though moving the court and court functions out of the downtown Court House goes against the small town tradition, I would like to see a nice, comfortable location with plenty of parking. Parking is always a hassle and even worse now with the new security entrance.		No further comments
30	Move criminal courts so not in the middle of downtown - I believe it would decrease parking problems when court is in session - seems safer for the general public.		Seems logical to put courts closer to the jail - more safe and less costly than transporting a distance.
31	Better parking when visiting the courthouse if court functions were moved. Fewer criminals downtown on court day.		I strongly feel that the idea of putting all court functions in the new correction center is a great idea - Resources could be concentrated and transportation and security expenses minimized.
32	No Comment		No further comments
33	Moving court functions would have a positive effect on me, meaning that if I were to use the court facility for jury duty, estate settlement, etc., I would have easier access to the building with better parking opportunity.		No further comments
34	No Comment		No further comments
35		Removing the "heart" of Brevard away from the center of town - one of the remarkable things about Brevard is that it is still an authentic, alive small town. This move would significantly change that rare quality.	Just be sure to build it for the future even if it takes a bond issue!!

Impact		
	Positive Effects	Negative Effects
		Other Comments
36	No Comment	I believe moving the court functions to the Morris Road location will have a positive effect on everyone concerned. I believe the businesses in the downtown area will be minimally impacted as a result of moving the court facility. Additionally, by the time the new court facility is complete, the city limits probably will have been extended to that area of the county. So who will gain and who will lose?
37	No Effect	
38	None	
39	No Comment	It would improve downtown as a resident and tourist friendly area, but could also take away commerce for downtown restaurants that serve courthouse employees and those doing business there. However, it is probably time to bite the bullet and move out. The Courthouse should become a county museum, history foundation, art gallery, meeting area for local affairs or all of these.
40	No Comment	No further comments
41	No Comment	Do not waste any more tax dollars trying to restore or upgrade the current building.
42	It would certainly be an improvement.	No further comments
43	No Comment	No further comments
44	No Comment	No further comments

Impact			
	Positive Effects	Negative Effects	Other Comments
45	It would re-open the front doors of our courthouse and allow unrestricted access to our historic building by the general public for routine day-to-day business. Many of these activities are such that people can walk from nearby businesses or use existing parking throughout the downtown area. Court-based activities draw many participants who drive in and park nearby. In addition, they of necessity include some participants who project a negative appearance in the heart of our town that is off-putting to many residents and tourists.		Decisions should reflect the needs of the entire county where the court house is concerned. To base the decision of the few loud folks affiliated with the Heart of Brevard is not addressing this issue in a responsible manner.
46		We don't want a beautiful building empty in downtown Brevard.	A non-judicial 'branch' office for Clerk of Court relative to death, passports, etc. in downtown is a thought. Anything to relieve parking yet be convenient to non-prosecuting attorneys.
47	No Comment		I am a TC Sheriff's Dept volunteer who has worked at the courthouse several days per month for two years. I have reviewed the renovation plan. There is no way that a renovation will result in a satisfactory, safe, efficient facility. It would be a huge waste of tax funds and the real solution (to build a new facility in the right place) would have to be faced in a few years. And at that point, when a new courthouse is finally built, the "renovation" of the old courthouse will have left us with a damaged classic building that will be less suited for future non-court uses.

Impact		Other Comments
Positive Effects	Negative Effects	
48 I would be more inclined to be in downtown Brevard on Tuesdays and Thursdays (court days) as I could find a place to park. Also, I would avoid the possibility of having to walk through the groups of people that may be gathered on the sidewalks around the courthouse. Generally, this is not a positive experience. The atmosphere of downtown Brevard and the county is important to encourage tourism, shopping, recreational activities and retirement living. The activities of the criminal court operations do not create a positive atmosphere for the downtown area. Court activities will become greater as the population increases. Moving the court functions to a location outside the downtown area should be of economic benefit to all residents of the Brevard area and the county. To put it another way, what will the economic loss be if the word gets out to tourists to avoid downtown Brevard on court days?	I cannot think of any impact on me if the court functions and offices are moved outside the downtown area.	No further comments
49 Instead of walking, I would have to use a car, burn fuel, add to air pollution and miss the abundance of walking around downtown to do errands.		No further comments
50 No Comment		I think co-locating court functions with the new jail facility is an excellent approach.
51 No Comment		All court office should remain at the current location. You should be moving the criminal court hearings only, elsewhere. That would eliminate all the riff-raff on the streets during court days. And creating more parking.
52 Moving the court to a location outside the downtown area would have little effect on me. I would like to have the other county functions to stay at the courthouse.		

Impact		
	Positive Effects	Negative Effects
		Other Comments
53	Personally it wouldn't really affect me.	
54	Reduce congestion. Remove undesirable element from downtown area.	
55	None	I think that the courthouse is out of date and needs to be moved for more functionality of the services offered. Parking on court days is awful!!! I think that the courthouse should be preserved as historic. It would be nice to see a new building so the prisoners don't share the same hallways as law abiding citizens walk down.
56	Good	A good decision will require good vision especially when trying to understand what court needs will be years from now. I am encouraged by the process the commissioners are using and strongly encourage them to stay the course. As I understand it, Henderson county under built several years ago and is now facing a serious space problem. Maybe other smaller counties in NC have had similar problems. If so, then I encourage the commissioners to understand what happened in Henderson and other counties and learn from those experiences. Take your time and do it right. I pray that the commissioners will display good vision and judgment in this matter.
57	To move court/hearing/etc. parking relief; no more "rowdy" crowds hanging out in town. Less trouble. Locate Clerk of Court office at location other than where court is held.	Not as convenient for Clerk of Court to be located out of town.
		Is there a compromise available? Can the offices used by law-abiding citizens stay in the historic courthouse while the trials occur elsewhere?
58	No Comment	No further comment
59	Better parking ability	Travel distance.
		Several towns have moved all of government

Impact			
	Positive Effects	Negative Effects	Other Comments
60	Less traffic downtown	Nil - except cost. But cost will come sometime - best now.	It is important to maintain the courthouse and the stand of large, old trees on the east side of the courthouse for the stabilization of the downtown center of Brevard. Since safety is a large issue for the court, it makes sense to locate the court closer to the new jail.
61	Court functions should not be in the middle of downtown.	None.	Businesses are struggling because of the recession. Don't make it worse by moving court functions.
62	None	Very inconvenient, do not see a reason to move. Waste of money.	No further comment
63	If you move Register of deeds and tax administration to Sheriff's office. When Sheriff's office moving to Morris Rd area?	None	Leave historical sites in place.
64	No Comment	I see no need at this time to move outside of downtown area.	No further comment
65	No Comment	No comment	Room is available for new judicial center at the new law enforcement center building site. Some changes may need to be made.
66	To keep our downtown as special as it is to tourists and local folk.		No further comment
67	Depends on location, parking and security.	New comers may have trouble finding offices that should be in courthouse.	I'm bi-lingual and would love to work for the courthouse!
68	No Comment		Consider modular type construction for new facility.
69	Less costly. A new courthouse need not be a Taj Mahal. Keep it simple!		No further comment
70	Will create a safer feeling atmosphere - Allow re-opening for front doors.	None	
71	Less traffic and congestion downtown/parking problems. More courtroom = traffic. Undesirable citizens would not be in the downtown area.	I know of no negative effects.	

Impact			
	Positive Effects	Negative Effects	Other Comments
72	No effects		I seem we will never learn - bigger is not always better! Will it help the Clerk of Court keep records any better.
73		I can walk to courthouse now - if it's moved, I would probably have to drive.	No further comment
74	Improve parking and courthouse lawn would be kept cleaner.		Building new buildings at the cost of the tax payer is not necessary at this time. I like the plan of using old library and sheriff's office.
75	Positive would be more parking, no major changes to the exterior of courthouse.	No negative impact from moving the court functions.	No further comment
76	More parking, opportunity to make long range plan for use of county facilities at maximum benefit for dollars spent.		No further comment
77	Most of my use of the courthouse is related to county business not to he court functions. Positive effects would be less congestion on court days for downtown in general.	No negative effects	Restore if possible. Have a plan for better parking. Build a new courthouse in a good location.
78	Less parking problems, less disruptive behaviors in downtown.	None	Court functions, criminal hearing, civil, etc. At new jail house. Non-violent functions tax and register of deed remain where it is.
79	Less paring problem, less loitering down	None	Preserve the courthouse, but only as a historic landmark. At present, only maintain and routine expenses (necessary repairs).
80	Parking closer.	Not in center of town.	Keep citizens services. Move court functions out.
81	No impact		I would think a new building would serve the public better than a costly renovation that might not be all it should be.
82	No effect	No effect	No further comment
83			Keep courthouse in town. Find someplace else to hold court on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
84			No further comment

	Impact		Other Comments
	Positive Effects	Negative Effects	
85			I am a guardian ad litem and am most concerned about the effect of courtroom proceedings on children. The location of the courtroom does not matter as much as the atmosphere for these children.
86			The historic exterior of the courthouse and the old library/post office should be maintained, while the insides can be renovated and reorganized to provide offices and venues for other county needs.

SURVEY FOR USERS

Courthouse Survey for Businesses and Agencies that Use Court Functions

(Total Responses = 99)

1. When visiting the Courthouse, how easy is it for you to find a parking space in downtown Brevard?

Easy = 8 1=6 2=3 3=8 4=12 5=5 Hard = 55 N/A = 2

2. What day or days of the week do you, your employees or clients find it most difficult to find parking? Check any that apply. (Responses)

Monday (28)

Tuesday (62)

Wednesday (19)

Thursday (55)

Friday (25)

No difference (35)¹

3. What time of the day do you, your employees or clients find it most difficult to find parking? Check any that apply. (Responses)

☐ 7 am – 10 am (42)

☐ 10 am – 12 pm (45)

☐ 12 pm – 1 pm (41)

☐ 1 pm – 3 pm (48)

☐ 3 pm – 5 pm (17)

☐ 5 pm and after (1)

☐ No difference (27)

4. Frequency of visits to the courthouse (Responses)

(48) Daily + (13) 3-4 times/week (21) 1-2 times/week (12) 1-2 times per month

5. Courthouse functions used/visited (Responses)

Clerk of Court (78)

Register of Deeds (56)

Tax Offices (47)

Hearings (44)

County Maps, Criminal and Civil (41 each)

6. Your capacity or function (Responses)

County Employee (33)

Attorney (18)

Real Estate Broker/Agent (17)

SAFE (9)

Surveyor (3)

Law Enforcement Officer (1)

Title Checker (1)

Others (18)

¹ Most respondents that checked "No difference" usually noted that all days were difficult to find parking.

7. Do you feel that the safety of you, your employees and clients will improve by moving the court functions out of downtown?

Yes = 49 (49%)

No = 45 (46%)

N/A = 5 (5%)

8. Please state how movement of the courthouse would impact you or your organization as to safety or security issues: See attached comments.

9. Please state the anticipated impact to your business or work schedule on the movement of court functions and the offices which will service court functions, such as Clerk of Court, to a location outside the downtown area:

Positive Effects: See attached comments.

Negative Effects: See attached comments.

10. Do you have any other suggestions or comments? See attached comments.

	Finding a Parking Space						Days parking is difficult					Time of day, difficult to find parking								Frequency of visits				I use the following courthouse functions								
	Easy	1	2	3	4	5	Hard	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	No Dif.	7 am - 10 am	10 am - 12 pm	12 pm - 1 pm	1 pm - 3 pm	3 pm - 5 pm	5 pm & after	No Dif.	Daily	3-4 times/wk	1-2 times/wk	1-2 times/mo	Tax	R D	Maps	Clerk	Criminal	Civil	Hearings	
1					1		1	1	1				1	1	1	1	1						1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2							1						1		1	1	1	1					1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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	Finding a Parking Space							Days parking is difficult							Time of day, difficult to find parking								Frequency of visits				I use the following courthouse functions						
	Easy	1	2	3	4	5	Hard	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	No Dif.	7 am - 10 am	10 am - 12 pm	12 pm - 1pm	1 pm - 3 pm	3 pm - 5 pm	5 pm & after	No Dif.	Daily	3-4 times/wk	1-2 times/wk	1-2 times/mo	Tax	R D	Maps	Clerk	Criminal	Civil	Hearings		
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Courthouse Users

	Capacity or function								Improved Safety	
	Attorney	RE Broker	Surveyor	SAFE	Law Enforce	RE Title Checker	County Employee	Other function	Yes	No
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	Safety improve by moving		How movement would impact you	Anticipated impact to your business or work schedule
	Yes	No		
1		1	Negatively impact personal safety	Pos: Newer facility, ample parking, better design. Neg: Adversely affect businesses
2		1	No comment	Pos: Better parking. Neg: Need to drive vs. walk
3		1	Driving time and expense	Pos: None. Neg: Time, gas expense, traffic.
4		1	N/A	Neg: Located farther from downtown
5		1	N/A	Neg: Located farther from downtown
6		1	No difference	Pos: None. Neg: More time away from office, gas expense
7		1	I have no safety issues	Pos: More parking
8		1	More travel, less efficiency, more time for clients to access transportation.	Pos: None. Neg: More travel time, less efficiency
9		1	More efficient for attorneys	Pos: Parking, confidentiality. Neg: More driving, less walking
10	1		No opinion	Pos: No opinion. Neg: Distance from work.
11		1	Travel distance. Security not an issue	Pos: Don't know. Neg: Longer commute, less accessibility for businesses
12		1	Driving to CH; traffic congestion	Pos: Additional parking. Neg: Travel time by car.
13		1	No safety effect	Pos: None. Neg: More time to travel; less time for client services. Gas cost. Hardship on clients who now walk.
14		1		Second page missing
15	1		More inmates out of downtown	Pos: Ease of parking. Neg: Visits to Clerk of Ct.
16	1		Less traffic and congestion	Pos: Parking. Getting in to do business. Neg: None
17	1		No contact with criminal element; no threat by non-criminals	Pos: Parking. Time saved. Neg: Distance to access estate files
18	1		Eliminate vandalism to cars & parking; eliminate cursing & fighting; less traffic congestion; better working environment.	Pos: Greater ease of coming & going. Neg: Travel time to new offices
19	1		Eliminate vandalism & illegal parking	Pos: Easier entrance & exit. Neg: Harder to check & file documents.
20	1		Eliminate vandalism, people cursing and quarrelling	Neg: Inconvenience several times each day.
21	1		Our building has been vandalized.	Pos: Keep CSC and civil court here if possible. Neg: Less convenient but not devastating.
22		1	Lessen vandalism and illegal parking.	Neg: Incredibly inconvenient! I visit several offices many times each day.
23	1		Solve problems with people loitering in parking areas	Neg: Increased time to perform duties; gas costs
24	1		Removes the criminal element from our quaint downtown areas.	Pos: None. Neg: Time and cost to drive to new location.
25	1		Reduce risk of confrontations between clients and perpetrators	Pos: Improve efficiency Neg: Less convenient (distance) but safety and efficiency are more important.

	Safety improve by moving		How movement would impact you	Anticipated impact to your business or work schedule
	Yes	No		
26		1	Current location better for clients and staff	Pos: Make parking easier Neg: More driving time, mileage expense, less convenience to work with other agencies.
27		1	Moving the facility will not improve safety. Separate access needed for domestic violence victims	Neg: Increase cost and travel time; decrease immediate access.
28		1		Neg: Longer driving distance
29		1	Will not decrease improve exterior safety.	Pos: Assist with parking and faster access. Neg: Going to two locations is less safe.
30	1		None	None
31	1		Avoid mixing victims and criminals	Pos: Safer and more adequate space. Neg: May have to drive victims from SAFE offices to new courthouse
32	1		Security would be even better.	Neg: Problems with accessing court files on court days?
33		1	None	Neg: If functions are separated i.e. tax office one place clerk somewhere else - major impact - negative.
34		1	NA	Pos: More parking Neg: More difficult for my clients to make it to court.
35	1		Prisoner transport would be more secure	Pos: We would be able to meet with client and offer all services.
36		1	None	none
37		1	I don't feel unsafe the courthouse where it is. The problem is the buildings design and function. It is obsolete.	Neg: More travel time every work day.
38		1	Better parking but I like the courthouse downtown.	
39		1	No change whatsoever unless into a newly constructed building having security measure integrated into the design.	Pos: Minimal for temporary quarters, great for a new courthouse if properly designed. Neg: very serious for temporary quarters; very little negative for a new courthouse if properly designed.
40		1	I have no safety or security concerns. I know of no one who has ever been assaulted by a defendant in the vicinity of the court.	Neg: Will negatively impact our business functions as it will require more driving time and increase traffic congestion in Brevard.
41		1	No comment	Neg: It will require a lot more time driving around to different areas to complete our necessary day-to-day business.
42		1	I'm not sure moving the courthouse will do any good in regards to safety/security issues. Criminals still have to go to court, no matter where the courthouse is geographically located.	Neg: Increase in time away from office (driving, parking, traffic) to do necessary legal work.

	Safety improve by moving		How movement would impact you	Anticipated impact to your business or work schedule
	Yes	No		
43		1	No impact	Pos: None - unless better parking for clients at new courthouse. Neg: substantial time and travel costs to drive to new courthouse from downtown office; loss of present convenience of close proximity to courthouse.
44		1	No impact	Negative impact on Brevard's ability to be pedestrian-friendly, unnecessary increase in time spent getting to and from courthouse.
45		1	No comment	Neg: distance involved from employer's office.
46		1	Severely impact operations	Neg: increased travel time, inability to access information rapidly.
47		1	I think that it hurts the downtown. Criminal moved may be ok.	Pos: Only if criminal - better parking and safety. Neg: Less efficient, less convenient, negative impact on downtown.
48	1		By mainly having just certified personnel around the court. It would be better and safer.	Pos: More room, better parking; and able to move into the 21st century with a 21st century courthouse. Neg: Not as close to my work station. More time to get to courthouse, but I will gladly sacrifice!!
49		1	Not a safety issue but time and money issue.	Neg: Can't walk to courthouse, increased time and money.
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51	1		The current courthouse definitely has some security issues	Pos: Better Security Neg: None really, except for the tax consequences or having to build a new facility.
52		1	It could be safe and should be safe wherever it is!	Neg: More time and gas which is a heavy impact - increased spending = tax burden on our people.
53	1		Some very seedy "customers" to courthouse.	Pos: Parking easier.
54		1	Currently only have to walk a block to retrieve information.	
55		1	Movement to new location will jeopardize safety and security because of hazardous travel on 64 and increase amount of time in locating the new facility - security at the present courthouse is excellent.	Pos: The location would actually be more convenient for our office - but not necessarily convenient for our clients and local attorneys for closings. Neg: Inconvenient for most realtors and local attorneys - recording of deeds after closings would be inconvenient and delayed.
56		1	No impact safety or security wise.	No positive effects. Neg: It will cause me to have to drive more.
57		1	None	Pos: Ease of access, parking. Neg: distance from office - now walk - then drive.

	Safety improve by moving		How movement would impact you	Anticipated impact to your business or work schedule
	Yes	No		
58	1		It is a bother to me to have to go through screening devices and leave my PDA, cell phone, mini pocket knife behind when I am simply wanting to look up a deed. My PDA is what I use to record information! Now I can't use it!	Neg: Takes this office away from attorneys and the heart of Brevard, creates more driving - now I can park and walk and accomplish several errands.
59		1	What new courthouse? I have never felt threatened at the present courthouse. The biggest danger is walking through the cigarette smoke.	Neg: We don't need it to be moved. It is now centrally located to the upper and lower end of the county which is a plus. Cost would be high and enough money has been wasted already.
60		1	Not much	Neg: More of a drive.
61	1		As a realtor we try to present an image of our town that is safe, comfortable and accessible.	Pos: More parking for visitors, customers and employees!!!! Safer downtown.
62	1		It would make it a longer trip to go to new courthouse to get deed information and tax info.	Pos: moving of court functions will free up a lot of parking for the remaining activities.
63	1		If the need for security is great enough to require the courthouse to be locked down, does it really make sense to allow those same people who are such a threat to congregate on the town square where businesses are trying to attract customers and business men and women are attempting to conduct business?	Pos: We use the courthouse daily to access public records and tax information, moving the court functions will allow those uses to continue while preserving the integrity of the historic courthouse and lessening the impact on downtown and businesses in the downtown district.
64		1	Increase availability of parking is my only concern.	Neg: Will no longer be able to park and do several errands downtown.
65		1	Not at all	Neg: More of a hassle, more money on gas, just more inconvenient to drive outside of downtown.
66	1		If the court was moved security would improve because prisoners could be moved without leaving the building and only people who had business with the court would need to be there.	Pos: Parking in the downtown are should improve.
67	1		The biggest impact would be the length of time to get things done. With our office downtown, as well as the attorney that does many of our closings, moving the courthouse offices will lengthen the time to get information for/to our clients as well as deeds recorded for closings.	Pos: Don't see any at this point with the above proposed plan of action. However, if the court functions are moved out of the courthouse and the other offices stay in the courthouse, then it would be a big improvement.
68	1		Space, flow of defendants and witnesses	
69	1		No comment	
70		1	No comment	
71		1	Organization would be much easier	Pos: Hopefully more room for the legal workers which will benefit organization.
72	1		No court crowds or congestion	Pos: Better parking. Neg: would be inconvenient for attorneys & title searchers.

	Safety improve by moving		How movement would impact you	Anticipated impact to your business or work schedule
	Yes	No		
73	1		Won't have to deal with court crowd. Feel safer at work.	Pos: Better Parking, happier customers, no dealing with court crowds. Neg: Inconvenience for attorneys, title searchers, etc.
74	1		No court traffic, reduce parking problems. Separate criminals from citizens.	Pos: Improve parking, congestions and traffic flow. Neg: Inconvenient for attorneys and could effect the public.
75	1		No criminals, fights or foul language	Pos: Be able to find parking spaces
76	1		Remove the entire safety and security issue.	Pos: Safety & security. Neg: departments would be in different locations. Hard for researchers, attorneys, surveyors, etc.
77		1	Loss of security will increase danger to employees that remain at courthouse.	To make a perceived negative impact to another location does not automatically remove the negative aspect of the situation - it merely shifts the burden. Non judicial offices need to remain close to judicial office to remain effective.
78		1	Improvement	Pos: Improve parking downtown
79		1	None	Pos: Not as many fights
80	1		We wouldn't have to worry about the fights, drug addicts or drunks being in our hallways.	Pos: The criminals and trouble makers would be out of downtown area. Neg: As a tax office, we use the records of the Clerk of Court office and would have to travel to receive those records.
81	1		We would have only customers who are dealing with taxes, payments and county records so safety would greatly increase; parking would be easier.	Pos: Help safety, parking would be easier. Neg: Some of our work is with the Clerk of Court estate files and civil such as divorces, property settlements, etc.
82	1		Will increase safety in the work place/customer will feel more at ease coming into our office.	Pos: Increase safety in work environment/better parking/ customers will feel more secure. Neg: processing land transfers per estates will take more time to gather information if in a separate building.
83		1	no comment	
84		1	If the court facility is moved, our security goes with it.	Neg: our office works closely with the Clerk of Court on foreclosure, estates, civil cases, etc.
85	1		Would only have taxpayers or official business coming in.	
86	1		No comment	
87	1		No comment	
88	1			Pos: Lot less traffic, more parking. Neg: Dealing with Clerk of Court on estates and other functions which makes it difficult for tax offices.

	Safety improve by moving		How movement would impact you	Anticipated impact to your business or work schedule
	Yes	No		
89		1	We would lose our security if moved.	Pos: eliminate parking issue and safety issues. Neg: hard to access needed info from Clerk of Court if moved.
90	1		Taxpayers want to come in and not feel like criminals going through the security.	
91	1		Being staffed with armed deputies.	
92	1		Prisoner transport would be more secure	Pos: More space, better parking. Neg: further drive.
93	1		We need more parking	Pos: We could have the room and the parking we need.
94	1		Building would be built more secure.	Pos: Space and parking that we need.
95	1		No comment	
96	1		More room for workers and those who use Clerk of Court.	
97	1		Separate the general public from the court population	Pos: More room and space for offices.
98	1		More room in courtrooms would make altercations less likely and the public would not be as likely to come into close contact with criminals/inmates.	Pos: Better parking, larger and more updated facility. Neg: Couldn't walk to lunch (no restaurants nearby the proposed location).
99	1		Everything in one area	
Totals				
	48	50		

Other Comments or Suggestions	
1	Neg: Less centralization, attorneys may leave downtown; difficulty for lunch.
2	Neg: Less centralization, attorneys may leave downtown; difficulty for lunch.
3	Keep the Courthouse downtown
4	None
5	None
6	Find a better solution, closer to town. Use public input from survey.
7	None
8	None
9	CH could be used for a museum or offices for a community resource
10	None
11	Use a "fast track" court system to alleviate back-up and congestion. Move only criminal proceedings to another location.
12	None
13	Do not move CH; it needs to stay in town.
14	Second page missing.
15	None
16	None
17	If CH not moved, provide surveyors with access badges. We are being discriminated against.
18	Employees will not leave for lunch due to loss of parking space.
19	Move all trials to different facility. Find out how Jackson County operates with a split office. Use online systems for document review and control.
20	Move criminal division to LE Center; keep Clerk of Court and civil division in courthouse.
21	Keep CSC, Civil here; move criminal to LE Center
22	Move criminal to LE Center or buy adjacent lot and build a walk-over.
23	Move Criminal to LE Center.
24	Keep Clerk of Court & related offices in current location; move Criminal out.
25	None
26	Set specific times for different cases so everyone isn't trying to find parking at same time.
27	None
28	None
29	Establish a separate entrance for victims.
30	None
31	None
32	SAFE's victims need a designated space/room to wait outside the courtroom where their abusers are! The more security measures that are taken, the better we feel.
33	Pick a good site - build one law enforcement center as Jackson Co., Cleveland Co. and Henderson Co.
34	Please do not split up the court offices.
35	No comment
36	Sounds like a great plan!
37	Do not separate the parts of the clerk's office from one another in any way. Please don't do that!
38	No comment
39	Leave the functions of the courthouse as they are rather than moving them to a temporary facility.

Other Comments or Suggestions	
40	All courthouse functions should be in one location, preferably downtown. The simple solution is to take down the present courthouse and administration buildings and build a modern, functional building.
41	I feel the administrative offices should be moved from the courthouse - the Tax office and Register of Deeds should be moved to where those offices are now.
42	No comment
43	Building wing on present courthouse will be highly disruptive of ongoing court functions. When completed it will immediately be inadequate in terms of space needs and in terms of functionality.
44	See attachment to his survey.
45	On a personal level, I would like to see the "criminal" proceedings moved out of the downtown area.
46	I suggest that county administration move to another location to open more offices for courthouse purposes. It fits better at the county admin. Building or old jail location anyway.
47	This has been studied for years. People should become involved earlier and not at last minute if they want to be heard.
48	If a new courthouse is built, use padded bench seats, not the old too small chairs in current courtroom. If not built, tear out the old chairs and put in padded benches!!
49	Move tax offices etc. to professional plaza, keep courtrooms in the courthouse for client, attorneys, agency convenience.
50	
51	What will they do with the old courthouse if all functions are moved out?
52	In these economic times of crisis - just be sure to count the cost. Revise and use the most economic plan as well as considering the convenience and safety for our
53	No comment
54	Many of the courthouse functions that Realtors and Attorneys use on a daily basis are centralized in one location and can be easily accessed by many.
55	I do not favor the relocation for reasons cited before.
56	Don't move the courthouse.
57	No comment
58	I would like to once again be able to access the courthouse without screening and to see traffic flow in and out of the historic front doors.
59	I hope we will start assessing our needs versus our wants. We don't always need everything we want.
60	See survey for further comment.
61	Build a new courthouse out by the jail. The prisoners won't have to be transported. Downtown will be safer.
62	Move court facilities to new jail. Leave remaining activities in current building.
63	Please consider the fact that the courthouse will serve the needs of the community for years to come and can be maintained as such for a fraction of the long term cost associated with converting it to a security facility for court related activities.
64	No comment
65	Transylvania County.
66	See survey for further comment.
67	No comment
68	No comment
69	No comment
70	No comment
71	No comment
72	More downtown parking for tourists and restaurants, shopping. A central breakroom for employees would be nice, that would conserve gas and be more economical.
73	Parking deck. I think moving the court facilities will also help. People don't want to come here with a lot of court people standing around. This scares people away.
74	Employees need separate restroom facilities than general public; central break room lunch area for employees needed.
75	Need parking deck. More office space

	Other Comments or Suggestions
76	Register of Deeds and others need space! Office space and parking!
77	Think in terms of what is best for the county at large not special interest. Impact on tax rate, etc. to pay for additional buildings.
78	Follow county managers original plan which was well thought out, and backed up by a space needs study that was done by a professional hired by Commissioners.
79	No comment
80	Combine offices and move the criminal court.
81	No comment
82	No comment
83	No comment
84	Non-court offices should be moved to another location, within walking distance, to Clerk of Court functions.
85	No comment
86	No comment
87	No comment
88	No comment
89	No comment
	Other Comments or Suggestions
90	No comment
91	No comment
92	It is imperative that you realize that the Clerk of Court's office cannot be split due to work and safety issues.
93	The Clerk of Court offices needs to be together both criminal and civil.
94	Criminal and civil court cannot be split up. The function along with the employees as a whole.
95	It would be impossible to split the functions of Clerk of Court to two different locations.
96	No comment
97	No comment
98	It would be impossible to split the civil & criminal divisions of court. Employee parking would benefit those who work in the facility.
99	Taxpayers had rather have their tax dollars spent on a new building with space for growth than renovating with no growth space.

Mark Burrows

From: David Mahoney [sheriffmahoney@transylvaniasheriff.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 4:08 PM
To: Mark Burrows
Subject: RE: Calls for Service

All of those 22 were when court was operating. It may have been civil court rather than criminal, but all 22 occurred when court was operating.

David

From: Mark Burrows [mailto:Mark.Burrows@transylvaniacounty.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 3:56 PM
To: sheriffmahoney; elanceQ@transylvaniasheriff.org
Subject: RE: Calls for Service

David,

Thanks for the initial information. I haven't heard from Kevin yet. On the 22 calls, does Eddie have a list of the day/times. That's important as we try to determine whether or not the calls were made when court was in session.

Thanks,

Mark

From: David Mahoney [mailto:sheriffmahoney@transylvaniasheriff.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 3:43 PM
To: Mark Burrows
Subject: FW: Calls for Service

Here are our numbers. Of course, any 911 calls would have come through OCD. I hope this helps.

David Mahoney

From: Eddie Lance [mailto:elance@transylvaniasheriff.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 2:35 PM
To: 'David Mahoney'
Subject: Calls for Service

Sheriff,

We had 22 calls for service at the courthouse for 2006, 2007 and to date 2008.

Eddie

City of Brevard Police
2006 - 2008

Log	Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Saturday	Sunday
123	2/6/2006	1						
123	2/7/2006				1			
124	3/2/2006				1			
125	4/27/2006				1			
127	6/2/2006					1		
130	6/13/2006			1				
127	6/27/2006		1					
128	7/14/2006					1		
128	7/19/2006			1				
128	7/20/2006				1			
130	9/10/2006							1
130	9/13/2006			1				
131	10/10/2006		1					
132	11/14/2006		1					
132	11/25/2006						1	
133	12/12/2006		1					
139	1/2/2007		1					
139	1/4/2007				1			
139	1/16/2007		1					
139	1/18/2007				1			
140	2/8/2007				1			
141	3/1/2007				1			
141	3/16/2007					1		
141	3/17/2007						1	
143	5/4/2007					1		
145	7/4/2007			1				
145	7/22/2007							1
146	8/11/2007						1	
146	8/22/2007			1				
147	9/4/2007		1					
147	9/19/2007			1				
148	10/2/2007		1					
148	10/4/2007				1			
149	11/5/2007	1						
150	12/28/2007					1		
156	1/9/2008		1					
157	2/7/2008				1			
159	4/4/2008					1		
159	4/16/2008			1				
159	4/29/2008		1					
159	4/30/2008			1				
160	5/3/2008						1	
160	5/11/2008							1
43		2	10	8	10	6	4	3

Courthouse Committee "A"

Analysis of Court Activity on Downtown Parking Conditions

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to analyze the impacts of court activity on downtown parking conditions. This information is based upon an informal study of parking conditions conducted by the City of Brevard Planning Department during the spring and summer of 2007.

Methodology

Beginning May 10, 2007 and ending on August 17, 2007 Planning Staff inventoried all vehicles parked in the Heart of Brevard Tax District. Inventories were conducted between the hours of 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM, Monday through Saturday. A total of 23 inventories were conducted at various times of the day and on various days of the week. Of the 23 inventories, nine (39%) were conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays, which are the days of most intensive court activity.

The purpose of this inventory period was to understand parking demand during the city's peak tourist season. Note that only one inventory was conducted in the month of June.

Table 01 lists the dates of each inventory.

Table 01: Inventory Dates	
Date	Weekday
May 10, 2007	Thursday
May 12, 2007	Saturday
May 14, 2007	Monday
May 15, 2007	Tuesday
May 16, 2007	Wednesday
May 18, 2007	Friday
May 24, 2007	Thursday
May 25, 2007	Friday
May 29, 2007	Tuesday
May 30, 2007	Wednesday
May 31, 2007	Thursday
June 4, 2007	Monday
July 17, 2007	Tuesday
July 18, 2007	Wednesday
July 19, 2007	Thursday
July 20, 2007	Friday
July 23, 2007	Monday
August 06, 2007	Monday
August 07, 2007	Tuesday
August 10, 2007	Friday

Table 03: On-Street Parking Spaces	
Street	Spaces
Morgan	15
Jordan	11
Probart	6
Broad	35
Main	110
Total On-Street	177

Summary of Data and Conclusions

Table 04 indicates the average "fullness" of each parking lot during the study period by the day of the week. Maps 2 - 6 represent this same data geographically.

Table 04

Parking Lot	Percent Full By Day of Week					Weekly Average
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
City # 1	71%	60%	56%	68%	71%	65%
T. Times	72%	66%	65%	65%	75%	68%
Harris Arc.	47%	58%	63%	73%	62%	61%
County Courthouse	87%	81%	76%	83%	66%	79%
TC Admin	91%	95%	82%	99%	88%	91%
Water Oak # 1	63%	72%	69%	61%	28%	59%
Water Oak # 2	54%	60%	57%	65%	42%	56%
Water Oak # 3	42%	43%	39%	33%	24%	36%
Quotations	67%	42%	57%	50%	57%	55%
Elements	43%	54%	52%	54%	71%	55%
Wachovia	32%	29%	38%	35%	33%	33%
Dugans/Freeman	76%	59%	48%	61%	56%	60%
Dugans/Freeman 2	60%	30%	38%	41%	57%	45%
First Baptist # 1	71%	48%	65%	50%	56%	58%
55 East Main	16%	61%	42%	60%	61%	48%
Gil Coan # 1	50%	46%	43%	34%	43%	43%
Youngblood	90%	60%	72%	75%	78%	75%
Times Arcade	51%	77%	49%	69%	71%	63%
Wimberly (Jordan)	59%	64%	67%	79%	75%	69%
Wachovia	60%	42%	31%	62%	55%	50%
Harris	74%	74%	72%	73%	78%	74%
City Hall # 2	56%	65%	56%	63%	67%	61%
City Hall # 3	61%	49%	49%	54%	44%	51%
Summey Insurance	38%	39%	39%	38%	33%	38%
RBC	19%	15%	24%	18%	21%	20%
Caldwell/1st Citizens	53%	71%	86%	53%	71%	67%
Broad/First Citizens	55%	36%	45%	60%	59%	51%
Old Library	19%	31%	33%	18%	18%	24%
TC Sherriff	63%	78%	77%	75%	81%	74%
TC Jail	70%	77%	70%	74%	70%	72%

1. Data collection occurred during the peak tourist season for the purposes of understanding overall parking demand during that period of time. Data was not gathered for the purpose of understanding the implications of court activity. It is conceivable that the presence of tourist traffic diluted the influence of court activity on parking demand.
2. Data collection occurred during business hours but at different times of the day. It is likely that some data was gathered before or after court activity began or concluded on Tuesdays and Thursdays, thereby reducing the degree to which any influence by court activity would be measured and represented in the data.
3. On-street parking was inventoried and analyzed without consideration to block-by-block differences. The ability to differentiate on-street parking demand not only by street but also by proximity to the Courthouse (block-by-block) might have revealed greater court activity influence.

Map 1

Table 02: Off-Street Parking Spaces

Lot #	Name	Spaces
1	City Hall # 1	34
2	T. Times	37
3	Harris Arc.	9
4	County Courthouse	56
5	TC Admin	44
6	Water Oak # 1	45
7	Water Oak # 2	23
8	Water Oak # 3	29
9	Quotations	23
10	Elements	14
11	Wachovia	24
12	Dugans/Freeman	39
13	Dugans/Freeman 2	22
14	First Baptist # 1	27
15	55 East Main	16
16	Gil Coan # 1	7
17	Youngblood	34
18	Times Arcade	25
19	Wimberly (Jordan)	30
20	Wachovia	13
21	Harris	38
22	City Hall # 2	36
23	City Hall # 3	23
24	Summey Insurance	64
25	RBC	18
26	Caldwell/1st Citizens	17
27	Broad/First Citizens	26
28	Old Library	8
29	TC Sherriff	40
30	TC Jail	37
31	First Baptist # 2	24
32	Legion/County #1	79
33	TC County # 2	77
Total Off-Street Spaces		1,038



- Public
- Private
- Private (Posted)

Percent Full: Monday

Lot Number	Parking Lot	Percent Full By Day of Week	
		Monday	
1	City # 1	71%	
2	T. Times	72%	
3	Harris Arc.	47%	
4	County Courthouse	67%	
5	TC Admin	91%	
6	Water Oak # 1	63%	
7	Water Oak # 2	54%	
8	Water Oak # 3	42%	
9	Quotations	67%	
10	Elements	43%	
11	Wachovia	32%	
12	Dugans/Freeman	76%	
13	Dugans/Freeman 2	60%	
14	First Baptist # 1	71%	
15	55 East Main	16%	
16	Gil Coan # 1	50%	
17	Youngblood	90%	
18	Times Arcade	51%	
19	Wimberly (Jordan)	55%	
20	Wachovia	60%	
21	Harris	74%	
22	City Hall # 2	56%	
23	City Hall # 3	61%	
24	Summey Insurance	38%	
25	RBC	19%	
26	Caldwell/1st Citizens	53%	
27	Broad/First Citizens	55%	
28	Old Library	19%	
29	TC Sheriff	63%	
30	TC Jail	70%	
31	First Baptist # 2	51%	
32	Legion/County #1	58%	
33	TC County # 2	50%	
City Wide Percent Full		60%	



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51% - 60%

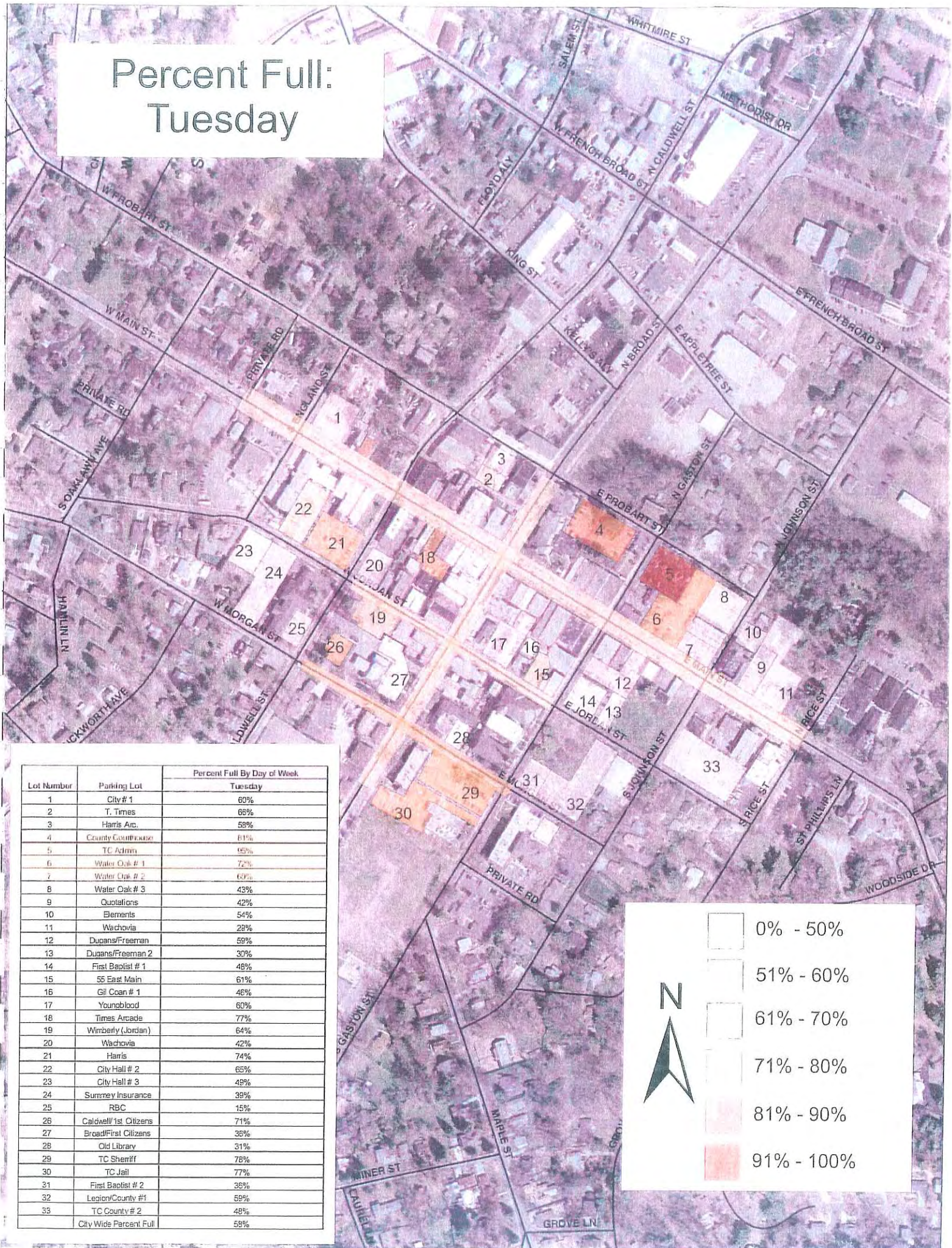
61% - 70%

71% - 80%

81% - 90%

91% - 100%

Percent Full: Tuesday



Percent Full: Wednesday

Lot Number	Parking Lot	Percent Full By Day of Week
		Wednesday
1	City # 1	56%
2	T. Times	65%
3	Harris Arc.	63%
4	County Courthouse	76%
5	TC Admin	82%
6	Water Oak # 1	69%
7	Water Oak # 2	57%
8	Water Oak # 3	39%
9	Quotations	57%
10	Elements	52%
11	Wachovia	38%
12	Dugans/Freeman	48%
13	Dugans/Freeman 2	38%
14	First Baptist # 1	65%
15	55 East Main	42%
16	Gil Coan # 1	43%
17	Youngblood	72%
18	Times Arcade	49%
19	Wimberly (Jordan)	67%
20	Wachovia	31%
21	Harris	72%
22	City Hall # 2	56%
23	City Hall # 3	49%
24	Summey Insurance	39%
25	RBC	24%
26	Caldwell 1st Citizens	86%
27	Broad/First Citizens	45%
28	Old Library	33%
29	TC Sheriff	77%
30	TC Jail	70%
31	First Baptist # 2	64%
32	Legion/County #1	57%
33	TC County # 2	42%
City Wide Percent Full		57%



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51% - 60%

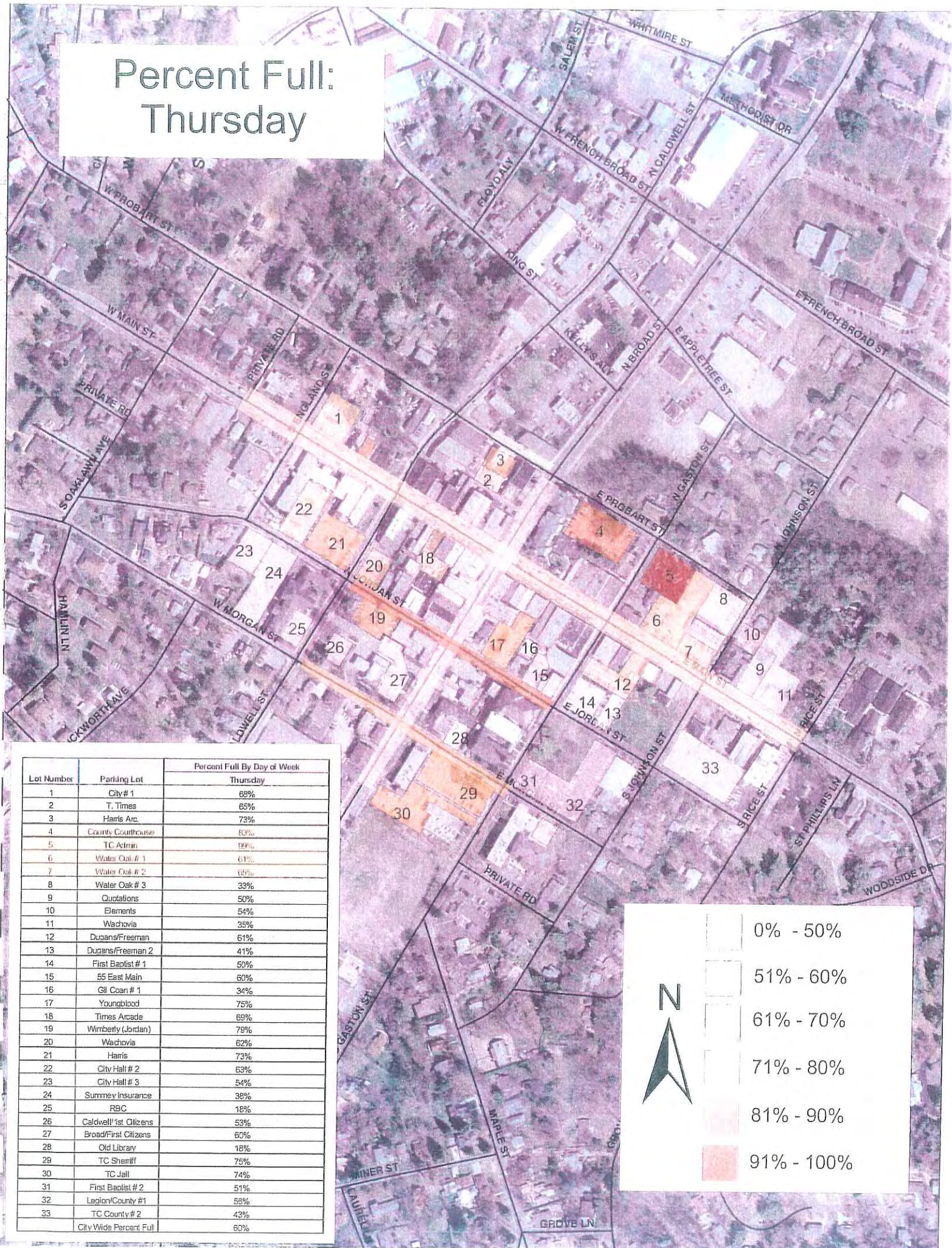
61% - 70%

71% - 80%

81% - 90%

91% - 100%

Percent Full: Thursday



Lot Number	Parking Lot	Percent Full By Day of Week
		Thursday
1	City # 1	68%
2	T. Times	65%
3	Harris Arc.	73%
4	County Courthouse	83%
5	TC Admin	99%
6	Water Oak # 1	61%
7	Water Oak # 2	65%
8	Water Oak # 3	33%
9	Quotations	50%
10	Elements	54%
11	Wachovia	35%
12	Dugans/Freeman	61%
13	Dugans/Freeman 2	41%
14	First Baptist # 1	50%
15	55 East Main	60%
16	Gl Coan # 1	34%
17	Youngblood	75%
18	Times Arcade	69%
19	Wimberly (Jordan)	79%
20	Wachovia	62%
21	Harris	73%
22	City Hall # 2	63%
23	City Hall # 3	54%
24	Summey Insurance	38%
25	RBC	18%
26	Caldwell 1st Citizens	53%
27	Broad/First Citizens	60%
28	Old Library	18%
29	TC Sheriff	75%
30	TC Jail	74%
31	First Baptist # 2	51%
32	Legion/County #1	55%
33	TC County # 2	43%
City Wide Percent Full		60%



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51% - 60%

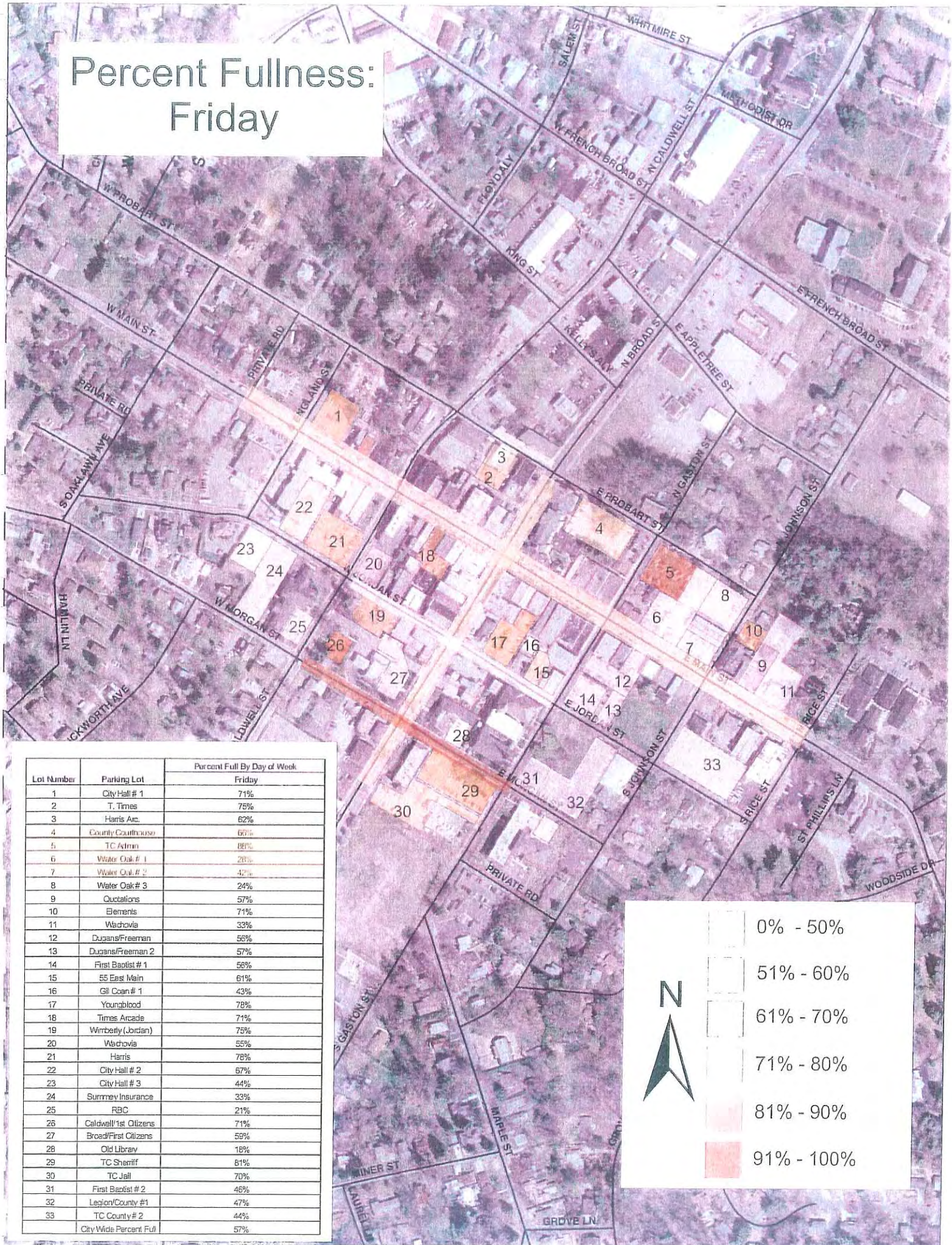
61% - 70%

71% - 80%

81% - 90%

91% - 100%

Percent Fullness: Friday



Lot Number	Parking Lot	Percent Full By Day of Week	
		Friday	
1	City Hall # 1	71%	
2	T. Times	75%	
3	Harris Arc.	62%	
4	County Courthouse	60%	
5	TC Admin	88%	
6	Water Oak # 1	28%	
7	Water Oak # 2	42%	
8	Water Oak # 3	24%	
9	Quotations	57%	
10	Elements	71%	
11	Wachovia	33%	
12	Dugans/Freeman	55%	
13	Dugans/Freeman 2	57%	
14	First Baptist # 1	58%	
15	55 East Main	61%	
16	Gli Coan # 1	43%	
17	Youngblood	78%	
18	Times Arcade	71%	
19	Wimberly (Jordan)	75%	
20	Wachovia	55%	
21	Harris	78%	
22	City Hall # 2	67%	
23	City Hall # 3	44%	
24	Summey Insurance	33%	
25	RBC	21%	
26	Caldwell/1st Citizens	71%	
27	Broad/First Citizens	59%	
28	Old Library	18%	
29	TC Sheriff	81%	
30	TC Jail	70%	
31	First Baptist # 2	46%	
32	Legion/County #1	47%	
33	TC County # 2	44%	
City Wide Percent Full		57%	



- 0% - 50%
- 51% - 60%
- 61% - 70%
- 71% - 80%
- 81% - 90%
- 91% - 100%

The Committee thought that it would be important to contact other counties that had moved their court functions. Although a number of counties were contacted, the following provided information:

Alleghany
Ashe
Catawba
Clay
Davidson
Harnett
Jackson
Stanly

Questions asked included:

Original Courthouse location:

Core of downtown _____ Outskirts of downtown _____ Other _____

What were the reasons for moving court (judicial) functions to a new location?

Were non-judicial functions moved as well? _____yes _____no

If so, what did that include?

Date court functions relocated?

How close is this location to the core of downtown?

Is the current Courthouse at the same location as the jail facility and/or law enforcement offices?

_____ jail _____law enforcement offices _____both _____neither

What impact did court functions have on the following, both before and after the relocation?

- The "life" of downtown
- The economic health of downtown
- Parking
- Traffic
- Public safety (public security inside/outside of the building)
- Court functions

How is your original Courthouse currently being used?

Alleghany County

This survey really does not apply exactly to Alleghany County's situation. We did not move Court facilities from downtown. We moved Register of Deeds, Tax Office and Mapping out of the Courthouse about three blocks down the road. The remodeled historic courthouse still houses the clerk of court, probation, DA and court functions. Our law enforcement center (Sheriff, Dispatch Center and Jail) is located just behind our Courthouse. We moved non-court related agencies down the road because we needed additional space. Moving the Tax Office, ROD and Mapping office had some impact on downtown diners, but not much since they are only 3 blocks away. I hope this helps.

Don Adams
Alleghany County Manager

This morning I spoke with Mr. Don Adams, the County Manager in Alleghany County. He said he received an email from you but decided to call me and explain their situation and reported the following:

- They split court functions from the Register of Deeds, etc. (moved about 3 blocks away, driving)
- Negatively impacted some attorneys and realtors, especially for title searches; set up internet in Register of Deeds office to connect them with the Clerk of Court
- Moved Administrative functions to an old grocery store that they renovated; court functions remain in downtown
- Courthouse in very poor condition so had to renovate anyway
- Moving Admin functions away negatively impacted restaurants in the immediate area at the Courthouse
- Expect renovated Courthouse to meet needs of court for 10-12 years only, only a stop gap measure
- Expects that they will build a new facility in the next few years
- Renovated Courthouse will allow use by others at that time
- Still receive complaints from people who are unhappy about splitting the functions. They tried to keep the focus on those they serve. Most people are ok with the move.

Ashe County

Original Courthouse location: Downtown Core

What were the reasons for moving court (judicial) functions to a new location?

- All Courthouse functions moved together due to overcrowding, and separated services
- Government functions were in eight locations
- Parking was very insufficient for court and public
- Additional room for future expansion

Were non-judicial functions moved as well? Yes

If so, what did that include?

- Administration, Finance, DSS, Planning, Elections
- Emergency Management, tax collecting & assessing
- 911 addressing, mapping, veterans Services
- Register Deeds, Maintenance, Building & Grounds

Current Courthouse location: 150 Government Circle, Jefferson NC 28640

How close is this location to the core of downtown? ¾ mile - still in City Limits

What impact did court functions have on the following, both before and after the relocation?

- The "life" of downtown, has not been affected a great deal as the downtown was not a retail district.
- The economic health of downtown is still good due to the vehicle traffic which is not as congested with court/ government functions out of town.
- Parking was never good or available in town, now parking is better.
- Traffic, is much better and less congestion.
- Public safety (public security inside/outside of the building) The Town Police moved into a building vacated by the County giving more room and greater visibility.
- Court functions have been improved tenfold due to much more room, two courtrooms, much better parking and greater office space for all functions.

How is your original Courthouse currently being used? The previous Courthouse is in the process of being remodeled and converted into a Visitors Center and Museum. This is being completed by an organized "1904 Courthouse Preservation Organization".

If you had to go through this process again, what would you do differently? More time and planning should be spent in the planning of future needs; we have been in our facility for 8 years and needing more room for several different functions.

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Catawba County

Spoke with County Manager Tom Lundy.

Original Courthouse location was on the main square in heart of downtown. It was built in 1924, was actually the county's second courthouse. The original courthouse also housed the tax office.

County purchased 118 acres about 4-5 blocks away, and built new courthouse in 1979 or 1980. Need cited was lack of space and desire to consolidate other departments to one location. New detention facility built at the same time.

New Government Center was built at same location in 1990 which houses practically all county offices including administration, tax office, register of deeds and building inspections. Most of these had previously been housed in an old hospital building.

Manager did not have strong feelings for effect on downtown. The core business district in Newton is to this day very small, with some retail and a few restaurants...but with very close proximity of much larger city of Hickory...downtown Newton is not a huge hub of activity.

Catawba has just finished major addition to jail facility, and are currently renovating old jail space for housing juvenile and female inmates. Cost of housing these inmates elsewhere costs county some \$90,000 yearly.

Catawba is somewhat unique. They have seven total courtrooms. Five are in Newton at main complex, and there are two in Hickory. The secondary courthouse in Hickory was built by the City of Hickory with city funds in 1979 primarily to save money on transport costs. They estimate that the cost to transport all cases to Newton from Hickory would cost the city up to \$200,000 per year.

Catawba County is currently planning to expand the Justice Center again to alleviate the overcrowding problem. The plans are estimated to exceed \$30 million and will provide another 3 or 4 courtrooms and more space for clerk of court downstairs.

There has been much discussion about consolidating the Hickory caseload over to Newton facility, but is met with much opposition primarily due to the logistics and costs of transportation.

Clay County

Contacted County Manager Paul Leek. He did not return e-mail or survey, but had a good conversation by telephone. Original courthouse was historic building in core of downtown. The jail was not adjacent to that location which he said did create issues with transporting inmates and security. I believe that it was exclusively used for judicial functions.

Clay County has just built a brand new facility that consolidates the court facility, tax offices and register of deeds at one location. They just moved into this facility in October of 2007. They also built a new jail facility which they have just received certificate of occupancy in the last few weeks and will begin using in June.

The new facility is still in town, several blocks away, but is out of the core of the central business district.

Mr. Leek indicated that this current facility should meet their needs for the next 30-50 years.

He also indicated that the plan was first received with considerable opposition due to its large scale and cost for a small community...and that he was "nearly crucified" over the project...but that now everyone is moved in and settled it is the "best move the county has made".

He indicated that they also had issues with parking and with altercations in the downtown area, and that his gut feeling is that the downtown merchants and citizens feel that the move has been beneficial to the quality of life in the downtown area.

The old courthouse is currently empty, and in need of major repair and renovation. Some work has been done to remove some old rotting wood to stave off termite damage, and efforts are underway to find grant money to help with the restoration...but there are no definite plans for the use of the building.

I asked if he would do anything differently. He said that he probably would not, other than the way some of the opposition was handled at first. Overall, it has been a very positive process resulting in an excellent facility for the community.

Davidson County

The original courthouse was built in the downtown area in the 1850's. A new courthouse was constructed a couple of blocks away (still in the downtown area) in the 1950's. A major addition was completed to this courthouse in 2000 (additional jail beds, courtrooms, district attorney offices, register of deeds).

The Courthouse complex includes the jail, court rooms, district attorney, register of deeds, clerk of court, and sheriff.

The original courthouse is now being used as the Davidson County Historical Museum. It is operated by the County with an annual operating budget of approximately \$150,000.

I'm not sure of what the impact was in the 1950's when the courthouse operations moved from the original courthouse to the new courthouse. Because the two courthouses are located so close together, I expect that there was little impact to the downtown area. The new courthouse location did provide more parking. In the late 1990's the County did build a parking deck adjacent to the Courthouse to handle the additional traffic anticipated due to the planned expansion of the jail and courthouse that was completed in 2000.

A recent facility space needs study identified that the County needs to increase jail capacity. The study also identified additional space needs for the clerk of court and the sheriff's office. The County is in the process of selecting a consulting firm to assist the County in planning for this new space. One of the major questions to be addressed is whether the County should attempt to expand again on the existing courthouse campus that is very congested or should it relocate to another area outside of the downtown.

I hope this information helps. If you have other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Robert Hyatt
County Manager

Harnett County

Contacted County Manager Neil Emory by e-mail and by telephone. He did not return the written survey, but we did discuss the information by phone.

Original courthouse was in core of downtown. In 2003, commissioners purchased 300 acres about 2 miles north of town and built a huge new courthouse facility, reasons cited were cramped overcrowded conditions and the desire to consolidate ALL county offices to one location.

Departments that were consolidated include Dept of Human Services, Building/Inspections Department, Register of Deeds and Sheriff's Office. Also constructed at the site is a Veterans Memorial Park. A new jail is currently under construction at the site.

The original courthouse was demolished and is currently a vacant lot with no immediate plans for use.

Manager felt that the move out of the core of downtown has been great for the downtown. Lillington is a small town of about 4000, yet located in close proximity to greater Charlotte area and Fayetteville. Being near the huge urban area, the town is positioned to attract businesses needing access to urban areas yet offer small town livability. Downtown revitalization is a priority.

The development of the large area north of town has stimulated more development in that area in the form of offices and fast food restaurants, however, much of this was probably inevitable due to its location at a major crossroads.

Interesting side note...the county was actually sued by a group of citizens when it made public its plans to relocate the courthouse out of town. They actually won initial judgment but it was overturned on appeal. Reasons were complicated.

Both the county manager and sheriff are anxious to get new detention facility complete due to the cost and security issues involved with transportation.

Jackson County

The only response we received was from the Director of the Downtown Sylva Association.

Our historic county courthouse sits atop a hill overlooking downtown Sylva. It is without a doubt the "symbol" of our county. A new building was constructed several years ago and all county offices moved out of the historic courthouse.

Last year the county commissioners decided to renovate the old courthouse and add onto the back to house our new library. It's a wonderful solution to a long debate over where to put a new library (the current one is on Main Street), while also saving the courthouse and opening it to the public. It will also house some gallery and office space for groups such as the Historical Society.

We, at the Downtown Sylva Association, are thrilled to see the old courthouse being renovated and historically preserved and the library staying downtown. It will be a great asset.

Stanly County

Contacted county manager Jerry Myers, he did not return actual survey form, but did provide information via e-mail and brief conversation. Also spoke with staff at Chamber of Commerce and Chris Bramlet of Downtown Development Corporation.

Original courthouse location was at the main town square on Main St. New courthouse was built in about 1972 about one block away, still adjacent to central business district. Some non-judicial functions were housed in new courthouse for some time, but were later moved (not exactly sure when) to other county buildings also located within a few blocks of the courthouse.

Mr. Myers provides some insight into the prioritization process in his e-mail, quoting...

"We have a court's facility that was constructed in the early 1970's and is adjacent to our Sheriff's office and Jail Facilities. It was more practical to relocate the non-court functions than to relocate the courts operations. By being located adjacent to the jail we could minimize the costs (transportation and officer's time) associated with moving inmates from the jail to the courts and back again. We are in the process of construction of a jail addition that will allow continued costs savings associated with the jail and the courts. Security issues are minimized by the proximity of law enforcement, jail and courts operations."

The original courthouse was demolished in 1973 and is currently a small park at the town square.

Mr. Myers did acknowledge some traffic and parking issues, but seemed to feel that the overall flow and accessibility of the courthouse and other non-judicial offices made for a healthy mix and provided a certain vitality to the downtown due to the large number of employees downtown every day.

The Chamber staff I spoke with seemed to concur with this thought.

Chris Bramlet of Downtown Development Corporation indicated that downtown had gone through a period of decline in the time since the 70s like so many other downtowns, but is now in a strong pattern of revitalization. They are feeling some growing pains with traffic and parking, and that there are both positives and negatives associated with court traffic.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Ea Dossey
Michael Eubanks
Tad Fogel, Chairman
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Jimmy Perkins
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Mike Young

**Court Functions – Committee “A”
Summary Notes**

**May 27, 2008 at 9:00AM
Community Services Building- Conference Room**

Committee members present: Mark Burrows, Tom Cabe, Michael Eubanks, Tad Fogel (Chairman), Josh Freeman, Clarence Jenkins, Jon Montague-Clouse, Jimmy Perkins, Gayle Ramsey, and Susan Threlkel. Members absent: Joe Albright, Ea Dossey, John Folger, Carson Griffin, Sue Hershey, Jack Hudson, Ann Hollingsworth, Tracey Love and Mike Young. Public attending the meeting included: Pete Peters and Derek McKissock.

Chairman Fogel welcomed the members and guests and called the meeting to order. Mark Burrows handed out summary information for each of the three surveys. Board members reviewed and discussed the summary information. Josh Freeman presented the group with information that the City had compiled regarding parking. He indicated that parking was more a “perceived” issue although around the courthouse, parking is limited on Tuesday and Thursday. Mark presented the group with a summary report and all members took a few minutes to read it. Comments were made by several members regarding minor changes. All seemed very satisfied with the document. Mark identified missing pieces to the full package to present Artie Wilson and the County Commissioners.

Tom Cabe motioned to approve the summary document, with the discussed modifications, and present it to the County Commissioners. Seconded by Jon Montague-Clouse and unanimously approved.

Chairman Fogel thanked all the committee members for their time and commitment to the process. He specifically noted the time and energy that Susan Threlkel and, in particular, Mark Burrows had devoted to this project.

The meeting adjourned at 10AM.

**Court Functions – Committee “A”
Summary Notes**

**May 14, 2008 at 7:00PM
Community Services Building- Conference Room**

Committee members present: Mark Burrows, Tom Cabe, Ea Dossey, Michael Eubanks, Tad Fogel (Chairman), Carson Griffin, Jack Hudson, Clarence Jenkins, Gayle Ramsey, and Susan Threlkel. Members absent: Joe Albright, John Folger, Josh Freeman, Sue Hershey, Ann Hollingsworth, Tracey Love, Jon Montague-Clouse, Jimmy Perkins and Mike Young. Public attending the meeting included: Elizabeth Rahn, Derek McKissock and Madrid Zimmerman.

Chairman Fogel welcomed the members and guests and called the meeting to order. Members present reviewed the notes from the previous meeting – no corrections or changes were made. Survey results were discussed including updates on the business survey, other counties, parking, general public, workflow and security safety. Mark Burrows noted that more work was needed to complete the three surveys – it was taking more time than originally anticipated.

Chairman Fogel reported to the group that he had talked with Artie Wilson about making a final presentation on May 30th. Board members questioned whether or not all the survey work and data input could be completed by that time. The consensus of the group was to have Tad go back to Artie Wilson and suggest an alternate date that would give the committee more time to compile of the information.

The next meeting was set for May 27th at 9:00AM with the location to be announced.

**Court Functions – Committee “A”
Summary Notes**

**April 23, 2008 at 7:00PM
Rogow Room – Transylvania County Library**

Committee members present: Mark Burrows, Tom Cabe, Ea Dossey, Michael Eubanks, Tad Fogel (Chairman), John Folger, Josh Freeman, Carson Griffin, Sue Hershey, Jack Hudson, Jon Montague-Clouse, Jimmy Perkins, Gayle Ramsey, Susan Threlkel and Mike Young. Members absent: Joe Albright, Ann Hollingsworth, Clarence Jenkins and Tracey Love. Public attending the meeting included: David Morrow, Pete Peters, Elizabeth Rahn, Dick Thomas and Madrid Zimmerman.

Chairman Fogel welcomed the members and guests and called the meeting to order. Afterwards, he began asking committee members if they had reviewed the summary notes from the previous meeting (held March 26th). All members acknowledged that they had received the notes. No changes or additions were noted by members present.

Chairman Fogel stated that he thought the meeting should be short – the primary task to review the draft questions/questionnaires that the different subcommittees had developed and that Mark Burrows, with assistance from Trish Hamilton, had put together for the meeting. The group, with participation from the audience, reviewed the draft questionnaires, distribution methods and timetable. All agreed that the questionnaires designed for the Heart of Brevard and businesses outside the Heart of Brevard could be consolidated.

Attached are the three draft questionnaires that the committee agreed to by the end of the meeting. The questionnaire was to be distributed via an ad in *The Transylvania Times* and a web link. The committee's goal was to have the ad ready to be published in the April 28th edition of *The Transylvania Times*. [Note: the first ad will appear in the May 1st edition.]

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15th at 7PM – location to be announced. The purpose of this meeting will be to begin compiling the results of the different questionnaires.

**Court Functions – Committee “A”
Summary Notes**

**March 26, 2008 at 7:00PM
Community Services Building Conference Room**

Committee members present: Joe Albright, Mark Burrows, Tom Cabe, Michael Eubanks, Tad Fogel (Chairman), John Folger, Josh Freeman, Carson Griffin, Ann Hollingsworth, Jack Hudson, Clarence Jenkins, Tracey Love, Jon Montague-Clouse, Jimmy Perkins, Gayle Ramsey and Susan Threlkel. Members absent: Ea Dossey, Sue Hershey and Mike Young.

Chairman Fogel welcomed the members and guests and called the meeting to order. Afterwards, he began summarizing the summary notes from the previous meeting (held March 13th). All members acknowledged that they had received the notes.

Chairman Fogel asked each of the subcommittees to update the full committee on their progress since the previous meeting.

- a) **Business Community.** Tracey Love noted that the group had met immediately following the last meeting and were still working on questions that could be presented to business owners. This group, at the suggestion of Chairman Fogel, decided to meet during a break
- b) **Other Communities.** Susan Threlkel reported that she, Jimmy Perkins and Mark Burrows had met to discuss questions that should be sent to community leaders where the court functions had been removed from the downtown area. Susan handed out a draft questionnaire and identified several NC counties that had moved their court facilities including: Stanly (Albemarle), Clay (Hayesville), Henderson (Hendersonville), Jackson (Sylva) and Davidson (Lexington). Individuals to be contacted in these communities include the City/County Managers, Main Street Coordinator, City Planning Director and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director.
- c) **Parking.** Josh Freeman discussed several different ways to evaluate the impact that moving the court facilities will have on parking in the downtown area. Sampling would be done by staff as well as reviewing past information collected by his department. Concern was raised about the impact that court days have on parking and the timing of the surveys. It was noted that parking was worse during the peak tourist times. Also discussed was the potential impact that moving the court facilities would have on the Morris Road area. Michael Eubanks reported that Committee “B” had discussed the potential court case growth through 2030 and wondered how that impact would be accounted when trying to identify the impact.
- d) **Security and Safety.** Joe Albright reported that he had obtained information from the Police Department identifying all calls that the City Police had responded to over the past twelve (12) months. Mark Burrows reported that he had sent an email request for similar information to Sheriff Mahoney and Kevin Shook, Director of Communications for the County. The intent is to try and correlate reported incidents with court days. Tom Cabe asked how to account for incidents that might have occurred, but were not reported. Essentially, “how do we quantify

“safety issues?” Joe Albright reminded the group that if the court functions moved, the immediate impact would be that the number of disturbances would be, logically, non-existent.

- e) **Workflow.** Mike Eubanks reported for this group and handed out a simple survey that they proposed to provide to: attorneys, realtors, law enforcement officers, Center for Dialogue employees, appraisers, surveyors, SAFE and county employees working in the courthouse. Following some general discussion, Mike indicated that the group would add two questions.

Chairman Fogel asked the members in the audience if they had any questions prior to taking a ten minute break. Nilsa Lobdell asked the committee if they had considered what the impact of transporting prisoners from the new law enforcement center would be. Madrid Zimmerman asked how the general public was going to be included. Committee Member Jon Montague-Clouse asked a technical question regarding the different questionnaires and making sure that the targeted audience understood the purpose of the questions.

Following a ten minute break the committee reconvened. Tracey Love reported a number of questions that that the Business Survey group had developed.

Chairman Fogel suggested to the committee that all sub-committees complete work on the survey and submit the following information to him electronically by April 16th

- Finalize the questions
- Identify to whom the question should be sent
- Identify how the questionnaire(s) should be distributed.

On the issue of developing a questionnaire for the general public, Tad volunteered himself and Mark Burrows to have that information prior to the next meeting. Chairman Fogel asked Jon Montague-Clouse, Ann Hollingsworth and Susan Threlkel to develop an introduction that could be used for each of the questionnaires.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 23rd at 7PM. The meeting will be in the Rogow Room, Transylvania County Library.

Court Functions - Committee "A"
Summary Notes

March 13, 2008 at 7:00PM
Transylvania County Library, Rogow Room

Committee Members present: Joe Albright, Mark Burrows, Tom Cabe, Michael Eubanks, Tad Fogel (Chairman), Josh Freeman, Carson Griffin, Sue Hershey, Jack Hudson, Clarence Jenkins, Tracey Love, Jimmy Perkins, Gayle Ramsey, Susan Threlkel and Mike Young. Members absent: Ea Dossey and Ann Hollingsworth.

Chairman Fogel welcomed members and guest and called the meeting to order. All committee members were asked to introduce themselves. Following that, Chairman Fogel provided the members and audience with a **short history/overview** of the courthouse and the reason why the County Commissioners formed to committees to better understand both the impact of moving the court functions (Committee "A") and the cost to move the court functions to a new location (Committee "B").

Tad read the following:

Committee "A" Purpose: To determine the impact of moving court functions out of downtown Brevard. This committee should seek answers to the following questions:

- 1. What impact would this have on businesses in downtown?**
- 2. What impact would this have on the security/safety in the downtown area?**
- 3. What impact would this have on parking?**
- 4. What impact would this have on the continuity of work flow for various businesses and agencies that use the court functions and also the Register of Deeds and Tax Offices which would remain in the downtown area?**

Members will meet regularly and as necessary to complete the following tasks:

- 1. Develop and distribute a survey(s) to the general public, specific users of the Courthouse, business and property owners and court personnel that will assist in answering the first 4 questions.**
- 2. Contact other counties that have moved their court functions out of downtown and how that impacted them.**
- 3. Complete the report by the end of May 2008 and present to the Board of Commissioners on June 2, 2008.**

Random selection of two new members: Tad asked individuals in the audience to complete a form if they were interested in serving on Committee "A". Forms were collected in a basket. Member Michael Eubanks was asked to draw two slips of paper.

Audience members selected were John Folger and Jon Montague-Clouse. Tad asked both to join the other members at the table and to introduce themselves.

Questions and Comments (Committee and Public) with inputs and suggestions: Tad asked committee members and the public if they had questions or comments about the structure of the committee and the process. Many individuals asked questions or made statements including

- There are lots of reasons to move – is it cost?
- Do we need to form groups in order to move forward?
- Does Committee “A” have any say about moving the court functions to a different location or keeping them downtown?
- Concern was expressed about the need for a court facility that will last more than 7-10 years as originally proposed by the County Commissioners.
- We need to build a facility that will last and reflect the community.
- Can we separate the civil and criminal functions as we study this issue?
- Having lived in other areas, it is my observation that communities that try to minimize expenses on court facilities usually end up paying more in the long run.
- How do we get a survey or questionnaire to the community – *The Transylvania Times*, in person, via Heart of Brevard, MonkeySurvey, Library or other locations?
- How do we measure the historic value of the building as part of the process?
- What about the “personal use” impact by those individuals who use the courthouse for genealogical research or other non-court function reasons?
- Is Committee “A” responsible for measuring the impact of a new court facility on the new area where it would be located (i.e., what would the impact be of a new court facility on the Morris Road area)?
- What is the significance of the courthouse to the community?
- How do we develop a survey(s) that provide(s) “context” to the historic nature of the building and the functions of the court facilities to the community?

Chairman Fogel suggested that Committee form **subcommittees** to explore the four (4) questions he read at the beginning of the meeting. After some further discussion by board members the following sub committees were formed.

Business: Tom Cabe, Ann Hollingsworth, Tracey Love and Mike Young

Other Communities: Mark Burrows, Jimmy Perkins and Susan Threlkel

Parking: Joe Albright and Josh Freeman

Security: Joe Albright and Mark Burrows

Workflow: Ea Dossey, Michael Eubanks, John Folger, Carson Griffin, Sue Hershey, Jack Hudson, Clarence Jenkins, Jon Montague-Clouse and Gayle Ramsey

Schedule: Tad asked members to review the proposed time schedule that he and Mark Burrows had drafted for their consideration. **All agreed that the group should meet again on March 26th (location to be announced)** and that the purpose of that meeting would be to review questions for the survey and information that each sub-committee developed. All members were encouraged to send their questions to Tad prior to the meeting. At the next meeting, the full committee would develop the survey(s) and determine how to make the survey(s) available to the different groups that use the court functions as well as the general public.

Mark Burrows volunteered to summarize and distribute the meeting notes for committee members and individuals in the audience wanting a copy including.

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