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**SEALED MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CLOSED SESSION MEETING – OCTOBER 24, 2005**

Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5), to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property, the group entered closed session, Chairman Miller presiding. Present were Chairman Ray Miller, Commissioners Jason Chappell, Jeff Duvall, David Guice and Kelvin Phillips, Manager Wilson, Attorney David Neumann, and the clerk to the board.

Manager Wilson reported that he received a call from Ms. Ann Swangim asking if the county would be interested in purchasing her parent's property (two parcels) adjacent to the county's property at the DSS building. Ms. Swangim has not put a price on the properties; however, the assessed value of the two properties is \$92,690. The manager stated that the house on the property is small and would not be of much use to the county. He suggested, however, that the properties could be a potential parking area for the county and could help solve the parking situation at DSS. In addition, there would be more parking for voters during election times. The manager does not know how the property is currently zoned.

The First Baptist Church and the American Legion are currently using more and more of the parking lot for their own purposes. The church is using more of the parking lot since they have started a day care center. The county's current agreement with the church and the American Legion is to keep up the maintenance on the lot, to seal and stripe the lot from time-to-time, and to remove snow when needed. Commissioner Duvall expressed concern about the price of the property and the perception of the public that we are spending too much money. Attorney Neumann suggested that this would be cheaper than building a parking deck. This lot could service the Community Services building, the Health Department and the Department of Social Services. However, any purchase of the property would be contingent upon zoning.

There was discussion about the purchase of the property. The commissioners foresaw two possible barriers to the purchase, cost and the possibility of city opposition. There was consensus that the manager should try to get Ms. Swangim to negotiate a price for the properties, and for the manager to talk with the City of Brevard to let them know about our plans.

Following the discussions, **Commissioner Duvall moved to leave closed session and reconvene open session, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.**

ATTEST:

Jason R. Chappell, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Trisha D. McLeod, Clerk to the Board