

Approved and unsealed by the Board of Commissioners 02/25/2008.

**SEALED MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CLOSED SESSION MEETING- November 13, 2007**

Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5) to instruct staff on position of terms of contract, Closed Session was entered into. Chairman Chappell, Commissioners Bullock, Guice, Hogsed and Phillips, County Manager Artie Wilson, County Attorneys David Neumann and Curtis Potter, and Clerk to the Board Trisha McLeod were present.

The Manager explained that Staff has met with members of the American Legion regarding the use of their parking lot. The American Legion has verbally agreed to allow the County to use their parking lot until June 30, 2010 under the condition that the County repairs the large section of their parking lot and seal and stripe the parking lot by August 2008. The estimated cost of the repair is between \$10,000 and \$12,000. The Manager noted that the project was not budgeted for this year but Commissioners could consider it for next year. The County would continue to provide snow removal during inclement weather. The Manager further stated that the American Legion would allow the County to use the nine parking spaces that are currently designated for their patrons until 1:30 p.m. and they will change the signs to indicate so at their expense. The Manager believes this is a great opportunity to provide much needed parking for the next 30 months. American Legion members requested to receive a letter from the County regarding this discussion which they would bring before their membership for consideration.

The Manager requested authority to negotiate a deal with the American Legion and if they so choose to move forward, the County Attorney would draft a contract. Commissioner Phillips stated that he believes the offer is reasonable and would prefer signage indicating that the parking lot is to be used by County employees and American Legion patrons. Commissioner Guice added that in the County's negotiations with the American Legion, Staff should request a first right of refusal if they should decide to sell their facility in the future.

The Manager also noted that the American Legion seemed agreeable to discussions about leasing their building temporarily while the County deals with some of its space needs issues.

Commissioners authorized the Manager to send a letter to the American Legion regarding the County's interest in contracting with them to provide parking for County employees.

Chairman Chappell moved to reenter Open Session, seconded by Commissioner Guice and unanimously carried.

Jason R. Chappell, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Trisha D. McLeod
Clerk to the Board