

Unsealed by Board of Commissioners 04/28/2014.

**SEALED MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 17, 2014 – CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5) concerning the potential acquisition of real property closed session was entered into at 8:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Hawkins and Commissioners Chapman, Chappell, Hogsed and Lemel, County Manager Artie Wilson, and County Attorney Tony Dalton.

The Manager reported that he was contacted by local attorney Mike Pratt who is administering the trust for the late Bruce Smith. Mr. Smith instructed his trustee to convey property he owns off Williamson Creek Road to a charitable organization that would preserve it as a green space for use by residents. Unfortunately, Mr. Smith did not provide funds to accomplish the process to donate the property. Therefore, Mr. Pratt has inquired with the County about the possibility of the County using it as a park.

Staff has visited the property and determined it is not suitable or feasible for the County's use and it would be difficult to convert the property into a park. There is also a house on the property that would need to be demolished because it has mold issues and other damages. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Manager to decline the offer to accept the property.

Commissioners preferred to make a site visit before making a decision. The Manager will make arrangements for a site visit this week so that a decision can be made at the next meeting one week from tonight.

Commissioner Lemel moved to leave closed session, seconded by Commissioner Hogsed and unanimously carried.

Mike Hawkins, Chair
Transylvania County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Trisha M. Hogan, Clerk to the Board