

MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 9, 2007- REGULAR SESSION

The Board of Commissioners of Transylvania County met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the large courtroom of the Transylvania County Courthouse.

Commissioners present were Lynn Bullock, Chairman Jason Chappell, Daryle Hogsed and Vice-Chairman Kelvin Phillips. Commissioner David Guice was absent.

Staff members present: Manager Artie Wilson, County Attorney David Neumann, Finance Director Gay Poor, Planning and Economic Development Director Mark Burrows and Clerk to the Board Trisha McLeod.

Media: *Times News*- Jonathan Rich
Transylvania Times- Kim MacQueen

There were approximately 10 people in the audience.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jason Chappell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME

Chairman Chappell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PRAYER

Chairman Chappell offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no Agenda modifications.

Commissioner Phillips moved to approve the Agenda as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Hogsed and unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved:

MINUTES

Minutes from the March 12, 2007 Regular and unsealed Closed Sessions and the March 26, 2007 Regular and unsealed Closed Sessions were approved.

FACILITIES USE REQUESTS

The use of Varsity Street Parking by the Unitarian Universalists on Saturday, May 12, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, June 3, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. was approved.

Commissioner Hogsed moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Chairman Chappell stated that Louis Koontz with the Council on Aging has requested that Transylvania County recognize the many contributions of our senior citizens and designate the month of May 2007 as "Older Americans Month."

Chairman Chappell read Resolution 44-07, "Older Americans Month, May 2007."

Commissioner Hogsed moved to approve Resolution 44-07 "Older Americans Month, May 2007", seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously approved.

Resolution 44-07 attached as part of the minutes.

APPOINTMENTS

JOINT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Mike Curtis resigned from the JHPC.

Commissioner Hogsed moved to appoint Ms. Connie Kay Hughes to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Mike Curtis on the Joint Historic Preservation Commission, seconded by Commissioner Phillips.

Commissioner Hogsed commented that Ms. Hughes is dedicated to preserving history and is active with the Transylvania County Historical Society. He thinks she would be a great addition to the JHPC.

Ms. Connie Kay Hughes was unanimously appointed to the JHPC.

OLD BUSINESS

INCENTIVE GRANT FOR SYTRONICS

Chairman Chappell stated that the Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing for an incentive grant for Sytronics at the March 26, 2007 Commissioners' meeting. There were no public comments made at that time.

Commissioner Bullock moved to approve an incentive grant for Sytronics in the amount of \$3,737.50 to be distributed over a three year period, seconded by Commissioner Hogsed.

Chairman Chappell noted the grant stipulates that Sytronics must employ at least five (5) employees over the three year period. Sytronics has met the grant requirements.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR PARTIAL REFUND OF EXCISE TAX

The Manager stated that Mr. Chuck Bradley has requested a portion of the excise tax paid on a recent sale be refunded since he retained a partial interest of 18.609% of the property when another investor backed out. The County Attorney and the Register of Deeds has reviewed the information. The Manager noted that state law allows this request to be made.

Commissioner Phillips moved to approve the reimbursement of \$717.94 in excise tax to Mr. Chuck Bradley, seconded by Commissioner Hogsed and unanimously approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager received some information from Raleigh this past Friday regarding Mental Health indicating a rate reduction for providers of Community Support. The rate has been reduced from \$60 per hour to \$40 per hour. The Manager has been in contact with the NCACC, Representative Walend and Senator Snow. He is hopeful that the rate reduction will be rescinded. He said there is a lot of activity flurrying around this decision made by the State.

The Manager said the County is continuing to work on the budget process.

The Manager stated that the Commissioners will hold a Planning Workshop around the 26th or 27th of April. The information for the Planning Workshop will be finalized this week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Chappell noted that Commissioner Guice is on vacation with his family.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Commissioner Phillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hogsed and unanimously carried.**

Jason R. Chappell, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Trisha D. McLeod
Clerk to the Board