

Unsealed by Board of Commissioners 04/13/2015.

**SEALED MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 11, 2013 – CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session #1 Project Bottle Update

Per NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with an attorney and (4) to discuss matters relating to the expansion of an industry, closed session was entered into at 9:35 p.m. Present were Chairman Hawkins, Commissioners Chapman, Chappell, Hogsed and Lemel, County Manager Artie Wilson, Planning and Economic Development Director Mark Burrows, County Attorney Tony Dalton and Clerk to the Board Trisha Hogan.

Planning and Economic Development Mark Burrows updated Commissioners on Project Bottle. Mr. Burrows reported that the TVS Board approved the sale of property. He continues to work with a private company who is interested in potentially constructing a building for a local business that has intentions to expand but is unable to find another building in the County with enough square footage. The local business is also looking at options to expand on its own property. They are refining the figures to reduce the cost of a new building and still get the square footage they need. The business owner's goal is not to pay more than \$4.25/sq. ft. for a facility because he intends to invest mostly in equipment and expanding operations.

The project at this point continues to move forward and the local business owner continues to seek assistance from the County. The County has already helped them by negotiating the price of land for potential purchase and is helping them gather information for grant opportunities through the NC Department of Commerce and Golden Leaf Foundation. There has to be a tangible project in place to qualify for grant funding. There is also the possibility of the business pursuing industrial revenue bonds which would require action by the County. Mr. Burrows suggested that he be instructed to make a recommendation to the Board about the membership for the Industrial Pollution and Facilities Financing Committee and ensure the bylaws are current. This has to be in place for a local business to pursue industrial revenue bonds. The structure is in place but there are no members on that board.

Commissioners expressed their desire for this business to remain in Transylvania County and instructed staff to continue helping them in any way they can and to keep Commissioners informed.

Mike Hawkins, Chair
Transylvania County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Trisha M. Hogan, Clerk to the Board