

Unsealed by Board of Commissioners 04/13/2015.

**SEALED MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 8, 2013 – CLOSED SESSION**

Per NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with an attorney and (a) (4) to discuss matters relating to the expansion of an industry, closed session was entered into at 8:35 p.m. Present were Chairman Hawkins, Commissioners Chapman, Chappell, Hogsed and Lemel, County Manager Artie Wilson, Planning and Economic Development Mark Burrows, County Attorney Tony Dalton and Clerk to the Board Trisha Hogan.

Project Bottle

Planning and Economic Development Director Mark Burrows updated Commissioners on Project Bottle. He visited with the business owner last week. The business owner is now looking to construct an 85,000 sq. ft. building themselves at a cost of \$3 million and is still interested in property at the TVS site. The business owner would need to come up with the monies to purchase the property. Mr. Burrows reported that the business owner has not yet provided information to him about the number of jobs potentially being created. He needs this information to figure out how to help them with grants and so forth.

The Manager suggested the possibility of consulting with an attorney that deals with land lease and purchase options in the economic development realm in order for the County to find creative ways of helping the business owner remain here in Transylvania County.

Mr. Burrows will continue meeting with the business owner and will explore grant opportunities once the necessary information is received from the business owner.

Biodiesel

The Manager and Mr. Burrows reported they met with the Henderson County Manager and local engineers about this project. They discussed how to handle the waste and other logistics. There remain too many unanswered questions about this project and the project developers have not been very responsive.

Stakeholders plan to make a presentation to the public on Thursday night of this week. They will be involved in several other meetings this week to answer questions and address concerns of adjacent property owners and others. It is important that they hear from the public about this project.

Mr. Burrows said the County will continue its due diligence on this project. He noted, however, that the County has no zoning and therefore may not have a say in the project if the stakeholders acquire the necessary permits from the State. The only say the County may have in this project is whether or not to provide the County's waste as feedstock. Mr. Burrows will keep Commissioners informed of the progress and any other news that may arise.

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

Mike Hawkins, Chair
Transylvania County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Trisha M. Hogan, Clerk to the Board

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