

Unsealed by Board of Commissioners 01/13/2020.

**MINUTES**  
**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**September 24, 2018 – CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session #2

Pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (5) § to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease, the second closed session was entered into. Present were Chairman Chapman, Commissioners Chappell, Hawkins, Lemel and Phillips, County Manager Jaime Laughter, Parks and Recreation Director Jared Mull, participating via conference call County Attorney Misti Bass, and Clerk to the Board Trisha Hogan.

Parks and Recreation Director Jared Mull updated Commissioners on his visit to property on Barclay Road. He reported that while it has great connectivity to Hap Simpson Park, it is overgrown and needs to be clear-cut. He advised against placing portable toilets on the property for public use for fear they might float away.

Additionally, he contacted local and regional organizations (Conserving Carolina, River Link) to get their expertise on developing the property for river access.

The property has been on the market for some time so Mr. Mull did not feel pressure to purchase at this time. He asked for direction from the Board. He wanted to know if they were ready to make an offer or if they preferred he continue to work with Conserving Carolina and other organizations regarding what can be done on the property.

Commissioners preferred staff continue working with the local and regional organizations and determine if they can provide resources. In addition, they asked Mr. Mull to explore if the property owner would be willing to donate the property to Conserving Carolina. Mr. Mull will coordinate a visit with the organization.

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

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Mike Hawkins, Chair  
Transylvania County Board of Commissioners

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Trisha M. Hogan, Clerk to the Board