

MINUTES
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 14, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Transylvania County met in regular session on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Commissioners Chambers at the County Administration Building, located at 101 S. Broad Street, Brevard, NC.

Commissioners present were Chairman Larry Chapman, Jason Chappell, Mike Hawkins, and Kelvin Phillips. Vice-Chairwoman Page Lemel was out of town. Also present were County Manager Jaime Laughter, Attorney Ashley Fortune filling in for County Attorney Tony Dalton, and Clerk to the Board Trisha Hogan.

Media: *The Transylvania Times* – Derrick McKissock

There were approximately 40 people in the audience.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Larry Chapman presiding declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

WELCOME

Chairman Chapman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the members of the public for participating in their local government. He introduced Commissioners and staff in attendance. Chairman Chapman reminded everyone of the new meeting schedule and that meetings can be viewed live online. The recordings are archived on the County website for viewing at one's convenience. The meetings are also broadcasted on the local cable channel twice a week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eleanor Mockridge: Mrs. Mockridge asked Commissioners and the public to contact Congressman Mark Meadows and urge him to reconsider his intent to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. She stated that the replacement plans proposed by the Senate would negatively impact the availability of low income housing, result in a loss of health insurance coverage for many of the 8% of residents currently covered by the ACA, and may force the local hospital to shut down because they will not be able to afford to serve the uninsured nonpaying patients who present themselves at the emergency room.

David Williams: Mr. Williams pointed out that nearly 2 million people in North Carolina are on Medicaid. North Carolina contributes almost \$3.5 billion annually to Medicaid, in addition to the federal government's contribution of \$10.5 billion. He stated that the replacement plan would eliminate the federal government's contribution and force states to figure out how to pay for coverage. Mr. Williams believes those costs will be passed down to the local level. He requested Commissioners devise a plan for how they intend to care for citizens in Transylvania County should that occur. Mr. Williams also requested Commissioners take a stand against the repeal and replacement of the ACA because our citizens are going to suffer as a result.

Kathleen Barnes: Mrs. Barnes commended Commissioner Hawkins on his stance on behalf of the people of Transylvania County and she hoped that the full Board would agree to follow his leadership. She said while the ACA is a federal issue, it is also a people issue. She reported that 2,700 of the working poor in

Transylvania County stand to lose their health coverage. She believes it is the duty of the Board of Commissioners to look out for the citizens of this County and she urged Commissioners to communicate to Congressman Meadows to consider those people that will be impacted by the repeal of the ACA.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no agenda modifications from Commissioners. The Manager requested to add under New Business Item VIII-E Audit Fee Increase and moved the Manager's Report to Item VIII-F.

Commissioner Chappell moved to approve the revised agenda, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Chappell and unanimously approved.

The following items were approved:

MINUTES

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 27, 2017. The minutes were approved as submitted.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT 2025 TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

As requested, Commissioners scheduled a public hearing for the draft 2025 Transylvania County Comprehensive Plan for the March 27, 2017 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE SMOKY MOUNTAIN RELAY EVENT

New policies and procedures of the NC Department of Transportation require approval from the local governing board for any events impacting traffic and road closures. Commissioners approved the draft letter acknowledging they have been made aware of the event and there are no objections.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

WNC MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM BUILDING PROPOSAL

The Manager recognized Emmett Casciato and Duke Woodhull. They presented a proposal to the Board of Commissioners for the WNC Military History Museum to lease the former Board of Elections Building. This is a summary of their PowerPoint Presentation and subsequent discussion of the proposal.

Museum Mission and Objectives

- Honor military service and sacrifice of WNC and Transylvania County citizens
- Educate young people about the rich heritage
- Preserve artifacts, documents and stories
- Promote patriotism
- Generate tourism and local economic benefits

Development Background (since late 2016)

- Elected Board of Directors and approved bylaws and strategic plan
- Acquired substantial artifacts: uniforms, weapons, documents

- Multiple temporary public displays which were all well attended
- Online, print, radio, television and film promotions

Current Status and Funding

- Operating under Community Focus Foundation; donations are tax deductible
- Articles of incorporation submitted to NC Secretary of State
- 501 (c) (3) nonprofit status is pending
- Fundraising activities underway
- Planning for the future

Upcoming Events

- March-May 2017 housed in Transylvania Heritage Museum
- Near future will have temporary occupancy in new building located at Broad and Jordan Streets; details not confirmed
- Evening presentations at Transylvania County Library Rogow Room
 - April 4, program on WWI by the curator of the museum
 - May 2, presentation by museum board member highlighting his military career and experience flying U-2 ops during the Cold War

Future Plans

- Expand military artifacts collection
- Perform educational presentations
- Actively support community
- Develop financial self-sufficiency
- Seek more permanent facility

Conclusion

Mr. Woodhull reported that they became aware of the possible availability of the former Board of Elections Building. They have visited the facility and feel it is a good fit in terms of size. They have also performed an analysis of the building operating costs when it was occupied by the Board of Elections. They feel certain their operating costs would be considerably less which they estimate to be approximately \$300/month. In addition, they feel the location near the Library is ideal. Mr. Woodhull also reported that the Museum, in considering this location for their future, has been in contact with several local government officials in their quest for information and support. He concluded by stating if the Museum were able to lease the building, it would make it possible for them to establish themselves and have a positive impact on the community.

This concluded the presentation. Board discussion ensued followed by direction to staff.

Commissioner Hawkins asked if the Museum had considered the old Duke Power building on Main Street because he feels this location is superior in many ways. Mr. Casciato reported that he contacted Charles Taylor and learned the building is currently being rented. He inquired about other potential locations and there were none that were move-in ready and/or affordable.

Chairman Chapman asked Commissioners to decide on a path forward.

Commissioner Hawkins stated that first the Board needs to determine if there is a County use for the building. The Board has yet to discuss any future plans for the former Board of Elections Building. If it decided there is a County need, then we engage no further; if there is no County use, then the Board should consider alternative uses including the Museum's proposal. The Manager agreed and said she

would provide Commissioners with the necessary information to help them make a decision. She pointed out that the Soil and Water Conservation Board has requested use of the building and that there will be office needs depending on the Board's decision on the use of current facilities and/or providing new facilities.

Commissioner Chappell asked the Manager to include in her information a list of agencies the County currently leases and/or provides space for. Chairman Chapman noted the old County Administration Building remains unoccupied.

Mr. Casciato stressed to Commissioners that the Museum wants to occupy the building with the least amount of burden to taxpayers. They are willing to pay for what is necessary to maintain the building which they see as a positive. He believes it would cost taxpayer money to house a County department in that building.

Commissioner Phillips agreed with Commissioner Hawkins' recommendations to first determine if there is a County need for the building. With that said, he requested to see details of what would be included in a lease and what the County's liabilities would be should the building be leased. The Manager will include this in her report back to the Board

Chairman Chapman read an email from the Marine Corps JROTC program supporting the efforts of the WNC Military History Museum. He thanked the gentlemen for their presentation and assured them Commissioners intend to make a decision in the very near future.

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Clark Lovelace presented the Board of Commissioners with an annual update on the work of the Transylvania County Tourism Development Authority (TCTDA). He presented via PowerPoint Presentation. Before beginning his presentation, he introduced Prentiss Brewer (Visitor Services, Chamber of Commerce) and Brad Campbell (Creative Director, Market Connections). This is a summary of the presentations followed by brief discussion.

TCTDA Mission

To generate and enhance tourism opportunities in Transylvania County through strategic promotion coordinated with tourism-related businesses and local government, and to contribute to a vibrant, sustainable economy.

TDA Board

The Board is made up of: two accommodations owners/operators, two interested individuals, and one representative each from Transylvania County, City of Brevard and Chamber of Commerce.

Impact of Tourism Industry on Transylvania County

- 2015 data from Visit North Carolina (the tourism resource for the State of NC) via the US Travel Association
 - \$88.86 million was generated in tourism revenue
 - 770 jobs with \$16.47 million in payroll
 - \$3.45 million in State tax revenue
 - \$4.06 million in local tax revenue
 - \$387 in tax savings per household
- If this data represented one employer in Transylvania County, it would be the highest revenue producing employer and have the most jobs of any employer at 10% of the workforce

- Tourism related jobs do not get outsourced to another country; stay local and are performed by locals

Impressive Results for Transylvania County

- Room revenue increased 18% this year compared to an 8.9% increase at the State level
- Average daily rate is \$122 compared to \$98.88 at the State
- Occupancy level at 76% compared to 64.9% across the State
- Demand for accommodations in Transylvania County is surpassing supply
- Total dollars collected by accommodations in 2016 was \$13.5 million and has continuously grown over the last few years
- Each month last year was a record month in terms of room revenue

2016/2017 Marketing and Advertising

- Marketing and advertising is primary duty, but efforts are focused on marketing outside of Transylvania County
- Current marketing plan reaches 30 million+ potential visitors
- Targeted through print, television, radio and social media
- A first for the TCTDA is billboard advertising on I-26; part of the “Play Here Stay Here” Initiative
- Special Projects
 - Photography – new photography to support “Drink It In” Campaign and enhance world-class photo library of 3,600 images; campaign won “Best in Show” award thanks to work by Market Connections on behalf of the TCTDA
 - Television and video ads featuring gorgeous images from around the County (paused presentation to show ads totaling 30 seconds in length)
 - Kiosks installed in downtown Brevard, Pisgah Forest Ranger Station, DuPont State Recreational Forest; additional planned for Gorges State Park, Sliding Rock in Pisgah National Forest

Partnerships

- Partnerships with various organizations have contributed to success
- Initiative to balance tourism and preserve natural assets
 - Multiple meetings with leaders of Pisgah National Forest, DuPont State Recreational Forest, and Gorges State Park, along with the Friends groups and others to determine how to deal with this issue
 - Ensure right message from these groups are being shared proactively
 - Host waterfall safety day this spring so that locals and visitors understand the need to be careful around waterfalls
 - Focus on those that are already working to preserve trails and other assets
 - Continue to meet moving forward and look for possible funding sources
- Grants
 - Provided over \$250,000 in grant and partnership funding over the past five years
 - Three recent examples:
 - \$30,000 in Small Grant Program
 - \$20,000 Festival and Event Grant to build shoulder season visitation
 - \$25,000 for Wayfinding initiative with Transylvania County

Reaching for the Stars

- Total Solar Eclipse August 21, 2017

- TCTDA, along with PARI and Transylvania County, have worked together to inform/educate key organizations and have arranged a community gathering to begin helping the community prepare (March 24, 3:30 p.m., Transylvania County Library Rogow Room)
 - Transylvania County focusing on public health and safety
 - PARI serving as expert from an instructional standpoint
 - TCTDA focuses on marketing and promotion
- TCTDA created \$10,000 mini-campaign to promote this once in a lifetime event

This concluded the presentation.

Commissioner Chappell thanked Mr. Lovelace for highlighting their grant program. These dollars benefit agencies, and when put to use, are magnified throughout the county. It was important to him as a former TCTDA member and now that the community is aware of their efforts.

Commissioner Hawkins serves on the TCTDA and he stated that during their recent retreat he was impressed with how the board continues to be a leader in dealing with the impact of visitation in Transylvania County. He commended the TCTDA board and Chamber staff for the great work they do.

Mr. Lovelace stated that the TCTDA is a very effective board made up of dedicated individuals.

Chairman Chapman added that he recently spoke to a Buncombe County Commissioner and asked them to give Transylvania County credit when they use pictures of our county in their advertising. Mr. Lovelace said one of their strategies involves us taking ownership of what is in our county. Their marketing will continue to focus on the “My Transylvania” Initiative. He thanked Market Connections for the wonderful job they do for the organization.

APPOINTMENTS

PERSONNEL BOARD

The terms of Jason Chappell and Bobby Cooper expired at the end of February. They serve in their capacity as County Commissioner and Department Head (EMS Director) respectively. Both are eligible to serve another appointment.

Commissioner Phillips moved to reappoint Jason Chappell and Bobby Cooper to the Personnel Board to serve in their respective professional capacities, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins and unanimously approved.

LAND OF SKY REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DELEGATES

It is time for the annual certification of delegates and alternates to the Land of Sky Regional Council. The term is for a period of one year. Delegates and alternates may serve more than one consecutive term as long as approved by the local governing board. Current members are Commissioner Mike Hawkins as the primary member and Commissioner Jason Chappell as the alternate member. In addition, Josh Hallingse was appointed to serve as the Economic Development Appointee and Sheila Norman serves as the Minority Representative. Both members are in good standing with the Council.

Chairman Chapman moved to reappoint the following to the Land of Sky Regional Council Board of Directors:

1. Primary – Commissioner Mike Hawkins
2. Alternate – Commissioner Jason Chappell

3. **Economic Development Appointee – Josh Hallingse, Executive Director of Transylvania Economic Alliance**
4. **Minority Representative – Sheila Norman, Executive Director of Rise and Shine Freedom School**

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY PURCHASING CARD POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Finance Director Gay Poor presented this item. The State of North Carolina has a contract with Bank of America to issue and maintain purchasing cards and administer the purchasing card program. In addition, Bank of America provides a web-based solution known as *Works*® that permits real-time, online management of card controls and tracking of transactions. Through its workflow features, the system allows purchasing card activity to be verified, reconciled, approved, and ultimately integrated with financial software to charge the appropriate ledger accounts and generate payments. *Works*® also offers both pre-configured report templates and on-demand customizable reporting. As a unit of local government, Transylvania County may participate in the Bank of America purchasing card program under the State contract.

Ms. Poor expects there to be numerous benefits of implementing a purchasing card program for Transylvania County, including:

- Improved traceability and accountability for purchases
- Ability to assign spending limits by individual, single transaction amounts, period of time, and type of merchandise
- Flexibility to change controls for pre-authorized exceptions or emergency needs
- Greater convenience for staff both in making and approving purchases and in coding transactions to the proper accounts
- Reduced risk of fraud, card misuse, and blockage of individual cards due to suspicious activity on group cards
- Automatic integration of card spending data with our accounting software
- Decrease in processing time and costs associated with the purchasing and accounts payable functions
- Creation of reports that will identify purchasing patterns and provide better data for comparing prices and negotiating with vendors

Transylvania County will also receive a rebate based on total statewide annual purchases made through the Bank of America purchasing program.

Bank of America provides the cards, program administration, and *Works*® software free of charge. Finance anticipates a reduction in costs related to the processing of accounts payable and revenue from the rebate.

Chairman Chapman inquired about the County's financial liability for fraudulently used cards. Ms. Poor stated the County has no financial liability with the current credit card system. She is unaware of any liability with this program, but said she would find out.

Commissioner Chappell moved to approve the Transylvania County Policy and Procedures as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phillips and approved unanimously.

RECREATION CENTER GYMNASIUM AIR CONDITIONING ADDITION

Parks and Recreation Director Carleen Dixon reported that the use of the County's gymnasium is in high demand, but many programs have been cancelled during the warmer months due to heat inside the gymnasium. At their January meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission voted to request that the Board of Commissioners fund the purchase and installation of air conditioning in the gymnasium out of the monies allocated for implementation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. To date none of those funds have been utilized.

Ms. Dixon requested up to \$15,000 for the design work to determine what is specifically needed to properly cool the facility, the electrical load capacity, etc. She noted that the building was constructed with the goal of one day adding air conditioning, but due to the age of the facility it is recommended that the 26-year-old heating unit be replaced at the same time.

Commissioner Phillips inquired about the estimated cost to install air conditioning. Ms. Dixon said the estimate ranges from \$167,000 to \$210,000. The design work will help narrow down the cost and she expects it to be on the lower end of the estimate.

Chairman Chapman stated that companies should be able to provide estimates on installing HVAC systems, so he questioned the need to spend \$15,000 on design work. Ms. Dixon reported that the design work will be completed by an engineer that specializes in HVAC systems for large facilities. The engineer will need to determine if components of the building (ducts, electrical, etc.) can handle a new HVAC system and ensure that it operates efficiently. It also includes an inspection of the current heating system. The Manager noted that the installation of a new system will require some modifications to the building in order to handle a modern HVAC system. Chairman Chapman requested the work include an inspection of insulation requirements to ensure optimal efficiency.

Commissioner Phillips preferred to have local firms provide an initial assessment on the needs and cost before spending money on engineering services. He pointed out this would not be an unusually large project for some of these firms. The Manager stated that the County cannot go out for bids without having the design work in place because modifications to the building will be required to meet current code. The project was coordinated through Maintenance and the Project and Operations Managers to ascertain what was needed for this project. The design work is necessary to define the cost and this is the message continually received from vendors.

Commissioner Phillips stated that air conditioning for the gymnasium was not one of the top priorities listed in the Master Plan. He asked what caused this item to become a priority. Ms. Dixon said one of the priorities included renovations to the Recreation Center. Small gains have been made in improvements to the facility through the annual budget, including new or upgraded flooring and restrooms. She noted that the Master Plan included a list of items for consideration, but they were not necessarily ranked in order of completion. The highest recommendation was to ensure all facilities are ADA compliant which is a current and ongoing project. The Manager added that another reason that air conditioning has not been recommended until now is that the Master Plan anticipates the County will invest in a multigenerational facility. This is a very large capital item estimated at \$19 million, so this step allows us to expand programming in the existing facility while the larger capital component can be further vetted.

Commissioner Chappell was concerned about spending monies from funds allocated for implementation of the Master Plan and asked if the use of these funds will impact any plans for the current fiscal year. The Manager stated there should be no impact to the current fiscal year. She stated that the next steps on the Master Plan have yet to be determined. She believes this project is a logical next step. There will be requests in next year's budget for ways to move the Master Plan forward. Furthermore, if the design

work determines the cost of a new HVAC system to be significantly higher than estimated, then Commissioners should be made aware before proceeding further.

Commissioner Phillips stated that the ADA compliance component should be the top priority. The Manager informed Commissioners that she and staff have been working with the City of Brevard to chart an ADA plan. The League of Municipalities has a subcontractor that performs these assessments and staff anticipated combining that work with the County and bringing forth a proposal to fund a portion of the work. At this stage, it appears the City and County will be using separate contractors. She stated there will likely be monies remaining to start addressing ADA compliance and potentially other items recommended in the Master Plan.

Commissioner Hawkins confirmed that the Manager has been working with the City on devising an ADA plan. He agreed that although air conditioning is not the highest priority, it is a priority and it should be done. He requested that staff include in their report back to Commissioners an estimate of what the additional operating expenses will be if the decision is made to approve the installation of a new system.

Commissioner Hawkins moved to authorize staff up to \$15,000 to get design specifications as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chappell. Chairman Chapman asked that the design work include as much as feasibly allowed for the amount allocated so that the estimate will be as accurate as possible. Commissioner Chappell asked for confirmation that the design work will include a determination of the structural integrity of the building. The Manager confirmed that an assessment of any structural components that will be impacted by the HVAC system will be completed. Chairman Chapman asked who will be completing this work. The Manager reported that staff has been working through the existing architectural contract with Rich Worley who happened to design the original building. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

ROSMAN FREE DROP-IN SUMMER CAMP FOR 2017

The Board of Commissioners allocated one-time funds in 2016 for a free drop-in camp in Rosman. The summer camp served as a recreational option for youth in the community while Champion Pool was under repair. The camp was open for 10 weeks and served a total of 255 youths. Survey results were positive and included comments requesting additional hours for working parents. Rosman Mayor Brian Shelton and the Parks and Recreation Commission support continuing the program. Staff intends to increase its marketing campaign to garner more participation. This is the only program of its kind in this area of County. The Boys & Girls Club is full and regularly has a wait list of eager participants.

Parks and Recreation Director Carleen Dixon requested Commissioners allocate funding in the amount of \$17,738 to continue the program this year. The funds will pay for three full time seasonal staff, program supplies, and food/snacks and to extend hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to accommodate working parents. These funds will span over two fiscal years.

Commissioner Hawkins moved to continue the program under the terms specified by Parks and Recreation Director Carleen Dixon in her presentation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phillips and approved unanimously.

NONPROFIT FUNDING REPORT FOR FIRST HALF OF FY 2016-17

In October, staff issued \$171,910 in funds to nonprofit organizations as approved by the Board of Commissioners in this year's budget. The nonprofit funding policy that was adopted in 2016 requires agencies requesting funds to include target outputs and outcomes on their applications. Those chosen for full or partial funding are required to submit a six month report and an end of year report showing how actual measures stack up against those presented in the application. This is an effort to increase

accountability of public funds that are disbursed to other agencies in order to provide services in our community.

The Manager reported that all of the nonprofits complied with the six month reporting requirement. Most of them were on target for their stated goals and those that were not provided justification and how they plan to ensure their goals are met at year's end. The Manager pointed out this information will be used by a staff committee for FY 2018 requests in order to gauge whether a nonprofit is using funds in the way they intended and for accountability purposes in determining approval for future funding. The information is available to the public on the County website. Commissioners were impressed with the reports and the positive impact the partnerships with these nonprofits have on the community.

AUDIT FEE INCREASE

Finance Director Gay Poor presented this item. On March 8, the County's auditing firm Martin Starnes & Associates notified Ms. Poor of an increase in the audit fee for FY 2017. The amount quoted in their response to the RFP last year was \$39,100. The proposed revised fee is \$44,000. The County and its auditing firm enter into an annual contract, which is legally enforceable. A proposal, however, is not binding per 20 NCAC 03.0502 (c) (6). According to an email from the firm, "the increase is due to the nature and complexity of the governmental audit industry and the amount of hours required to audit a County." Martin Starnes cited two primary factors. Due to new requirements issued by the Office of the State Auditor, the firm will have to spend more time testing files for Medicaid eligibility determination. The sample size will grow from sixty to a minimum of ninety-three. In addition, upcoming GASB's and revisions in Uniform guidance will mean changes must be made to the presentation of the County's financial statements.

Upon the suggestion of Martin Starnes, County staff contacted the two firms that bid on the audit contract in 2016 to see if either might be able to perform the FY 2017 audit at a lower cost. One has responded that his firm does not currently have the capacity to accept a client of our size; the other submitted a quote that was higher than Martin Starnes. While the County is not legally required to issue an RFP for auditing services, doing so gives the County the opportunity to obtain competitive quotes from qualified firms experienced in conducting governmental audits and preparing comprehensive annual financial reports. Since the bidding process takes six to eight weeks, issuing an RFP now would make it difficult to schedule the audit so that it could be completed by the deadline set by the Local Government Commission.

Ms. Poor asked Commissioners to allow staff to contact other qualified auditing firms for quotes and bring back a recommendation to the Board at their next meeting, depending on the timeliness of the responses. There is time pressure for Commissioners to decide upon an auditor because the interim field work for the audit is normally conducted in April and early May, with the final field work occurring in the early fall. If the decision is delayed any further than recommended, it will be difficult to meet deadlines set forth by the Local Government Commission. The Manager added that if staff does not receive any quotes lower than Martin Starnes, the County should proceed with the current auditor and consider issuing an RFP out of cycle next year. By consensus, Commissioners approved of staffs' recommendations.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager reported the following:

- Congratulations to Commissioner Hawkins on his appointment to the North Carolina Travel and Tourism Board
- Commissioners will conduct a public hearing at the next meeting on incentive package for the LeParc LLC development

- Budget review for FY 2018 is under way for County departments and nonprofits
- Great news from the Early Childhood Initiative – WNC Community Foundation gave a \$100,000 grant for a joint collaboration between Smart Start and United Way for the Smartly United Early Childhood Collective (SUECC) effort
- Total Eclipse Town Hall Meeting to be held on March 24 at 3:30 p.m. at the Library; joint function of Chamber/TCTDA, PARI, County; the County's role is public safety and emergency planning

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Phillips responded to recent claims about unread emails and agendas. He reported that problems with his iPad prevented him from accessing emails and other documents in a timely manner. He thanked IT staff, the Manager and the Clerk for their assistance in dealing with these problems and for providing him with a better option in the form of a laptop.

Commissioner Chapman thanked everyone for attending the Board's first daytime meeting and anyone who may be viewing online. The next meeting is Monday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Commissioner Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Chappell and unanimously carried.**

Larry L. Chapman, Chairman
Transylvania County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Trisha M. Hogan, Clerk to the Board