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SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC HEARING: 2025 REAPPRAISAL SCHEDULE OF VALUES
December 2, 2024**

An oath of office ceremony for newly elected officials was held on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Multipurpose Chambers at the County Administration Building, located at 101 S. Broad Street, Brevard, NC. There were approximately 40 people in attendance.

OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners Trisha Hogan administered the oaths of office to the following:

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD SUPERVISOR

1. Richard "Dick" Bragg
2. Scott Galloway

REGISTER OF DEEDS, ASSISTANT REGISTER OF DEEDS, and DEPUTIES

1. Beth Landreth, Register of Deeds
2. Karin Smith, Assistant Register of Deeds
3. Beverly Aldridge, Deputy Register of Deeds
4. D'Ree McCall, Deputy Register of Deeds
5. Antje Owen, Deputy Register of Deeds

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1. Larry L. Chapman
2. Jason R. Chappell
3. Teresa K. McCall
4. Chase R. McKelvey

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

County Commissioners Larry Chapman, Jason Chappell, Jake Dalton, Teresa McCall, and Chase McKelvey were present for the Organizational Meeting. County Manager Jaime Laughter and Clerk to the Board Trisha Hogan were also present.

Convene

Clerk to the Board, Trisha Hogan, convened the Organizational Meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Nomination and Election of Chair

The Clerk to the Board called for nominations for Chair.

Commissioner McCall nominated Commissioner Chappell for Chair, seconded simultaneously by Commissioners Dalton and McKelvey. Commissioner Chapman expressed his preference for a rotational leadership approach to foster fresh ideas and improve communication. **Commissioner Chappell was elected Chair by a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Chapman voting against.**

Nomination and Election of Vice-Chair

Chairman Chappell called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Commissioner McKelvey nominated and moved for the election of Commissioner Dalton as Vice-Chair, seconded by Commissioner McCall. Commissioner Dalton was elected Vice-Chair unanimously.

Inspection and Approval of Officials Bonds

Finance Director Meagan O'Neal presented the following surety bonds for inspection and approval:

Covered Positions	Bond Amount
Accountant	\$50,000
County Manager	\$200,000
Finance Director	\$1,000,000
Finance Specialist	\$50,000
Register of Deeds	\$50,000
Sheriff	\$25,000
Tax Administrator	\$200,000

Commissioner Dalton moved to approve the surety bonds as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCall, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Adjournment

Commissioner McKelvey moved to adjourn at 9:25 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Dalton and the motion was unanimously carried.

SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC HEARING: 2025 REAPPRAISAL SCHEDULE OF VALUES*Public Hearing*

Chairman Chappell convened the special called public hearing immediately following the Organizational Meeting.

Tax Administrator Jessica McCall provided an overview of the 2025 Reappraisal Schedule of Values, a document outlining property appraisal standards for Transylvania County.

Proper public notice was provided, and the document is available for review at multiple county offices and online. The Schedule of Values must be approved by December 31, 2024, and will be on the December 9, 2024, agenda for approval.

Commissioner Chapman acknowledged the extensive work in creating the over 250-page document and thanked the staff.

Commissioner McCall inquired about the impact of Hurricane Helene on property valuations. Ms. McCall confirmed property valuations will be assessed as of January 1, 2025, and encouraged property owners to report damages during the January listing period. Damaged properties identified through Building Permitting records will also be considered. Property owners retain the right to appeal their valuations after reappraisal.

Chairman Chappell opened the floor for public input at 9:30 a.m.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Chappell closed the hearing at 9:31 a.m.

Adjournment

Chairman Chappell expressed gratitude for the opportunity to continue serving as Chair and congratulated all newly elected/re-elected officials.

Commissioner McCall moved to adjourn at 9:32 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Dalton, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Jason R. Chappell, Chairman
Transylvania County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Trisha M. Hogan, Clerk to the Board