

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the monthly work session with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Hall, Hudgins and McCard present. Staff present were Mary J. Wynn, County Manager, Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and John Holland, County Attorney. Others present were Marie Hudgins, Michael Coker, Lynn Davis, Haley Schofill, Janet Winter, Sheriff Andy Hester, Mike Mastrario, Jason Lawson, Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer and Charles Dean.

Chairman McCard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Hall gave the invocation.

Commissioners discussed the FY 2015 – Rural Public Transportation Application. Commissioner Hall spoke stating I would hope that as we go forward with this grant that we would put pressure on the grant administrator to give these employees a pay increase. Commissioner Hall also stated for the record “my mother does not work for this company.”

Commissioners discussed the contract with Scruggs Company. County Manager, Mary Wynn, gave an overview of the contract. Chairman McCard stated can we go back and force that to be cleared up (25%) and there be language put in it specific to unit price and the overall general language and if we could get some definition to exactly what the scope of work is by the next meeting.

Commissioners discussed extending the sheriff’s office and building a new 911 center. Chairman McCard stated he asked for this item to be on the agenda. This is something the board needs to look at before making a decision on the fire warehouse and a location of a new 911 center. At hand, we have an addition when we are breaking ground at the sheriff office already, this would be the prime place to also put a 911 center so that is something the board needs to look at (1) proceeding with the project and (2) the location to build a more secure 911 center than what we have now.

Sheriff Hester spoke stating his concerns for the need of more storage space at his office. He also stated having the 911 center on site will help ease his operation, serve the public better and for public safety reasons.

Lynn Davis, Interim County Extension Coordinator recognized Miss Hayley Schofill for being elected to the Southwest District Board of Directors.

County Manager’s Report:

Extension Service- Justin Lanier, Extension Coordinator for Crisp County is working one day a week (Tuesday) and more if needed in Turner County, until a replacement is filled, in May or June. A plaque was presented to former Director Scott Utley by Vice Chairman Brad Calhoun.

Airport-Scruggs Construction stated they will begin their work on the north end of the project so that Kendrick’s Flying Service will not be interrupted and the 4-H Shot-Gun Team can continue their practices at the Airport this year.

E-911 – By the end of April, dispatchers at the 911 Center will be certified in Emergency Medical Dispatching which includes First Aid, CPR and AED (Automated External

Defibrillator) and will be able to assist callers with some first aid help until EMS personnel arrive.

Emergency Medical Services- The new ambulance is finished and ready for pick-up on February 27. This is ahead of schedule.

Courthouse- The State Department of Corrections has looked at the Courthouse and determined they can do all work needed at the Courthouse which includes painting and all repairs from water damage. They can schedule the work for early summer. They do feel we should have the paint tested for lead paint prior to them beginning work. This is for the protection of the employees as well as the workers.

Commissioner Calhoun made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Sam McCard, Chairman

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk