

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the monthly "Work Session" meeting at the Turner County Agricultural Center 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 J.B. Newell, Road Superintendent, Robby Royal, EMS Director/Fire Chief, Jason Lawson, E911/EMA Director, Charles Dean, Sheriff Andy Hester, Billy Watson, Richard Griffin, Ervin McPherson, Glenda Felton, Dale Stephen, Bill Tompkins, Katelyn Ireland, Marie Hudgins, Mike Coker, Recreation Director, Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Billy Ray Hall and Willie Jordan.

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

Commissioner Hall gave the invocation.

Road Superintendent, J.B. Newell, Jr., present a retirement plaque to Ervin McPherson for his dedicated services to the County.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun and seconded by Commissioner Burgess to re-appoint Scotty Wilkerson, Ross Kendrick, Jay Leatherwood, Eric Richter and Mike Mastrario to the Airport Authority Board for a one year term beginning July 1, 2014 and term ending June 30, 2015, motion carried, with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Hall, Hudgins and McCard all voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to appoint Mrs. Marie Hudgins to serve on the Election Board replacing board member Shelia Douglas for a four year term beginning July 1, 2014 and term ending June 30, 2018, motion carried, with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Hall, Hudgins and McCard all voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to re-appoint Wayne Blue and Jennie Merriweather to serve on the Election Board for a four year term beginning July 1, 2014 and term ending June 30, 2018, motion carried, with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Hall, Hudgins and McCard all voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to approve the project list which consist of the following roads: (1) Bethel Road (1.8 miles); (2) Leon Williams Road (2.5 miles); (3) Lakeview Drive (1/4 miles) for the Local Management & Improvement Grant (LMIG) for fiscal year 2015, motion carried, with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Hall, Hudgins and McCard all voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to approve the Consent agenda as follows: adopt Budget Resolution #2014-06-07 amending the FY 2013-2014 General Fund Budget for the 5311 Public Transportation Program in the amount of \$17,574.75 for reimbursements for January through March 2014, Budget Resolution # 2014-06-08 for Special Appropriations Department for the Fire Ant Contribution and the Vietnam Wall Contribution in the amount of \$18,000.00 and Budget Resolution # 2014-06-09 for Special Appropriation Department for the Airport in the amount of \$302,998.43 for mitigation credits and engineering fees and authorize the Chairman to sign budget resolutions on behalf of the

County, motion carried, with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Hall, Hudgins and McCard all voting in favor of the motion.

Commissioners discussed travel allowance for Commissioners. Commissioner Hall stated the allowance of \$200.00 would be for phone and travel per month for each Commissioners. No action was made on this matter.

Report(s):

County Manager's Report:

**Landfill** - We are having an inspection at the County Landfill this week by the Environmental Protection Division (EPD). There are fourteen groundwater wells at the Landfill and thirteen methane monitoring wells at the Landfill. All well stakes have been painted and identified which was advised by Mulsow, Inc. who performs the groundwater and methane testing at the Landfill. The Road Department has mowed the Landfill in May. The groundwater wells were painted blue and the methane wells were painted orange and each well is numbered.

**Siren Grant** -The siren in Rebecca has been installed. The siren for Sycamore is scheduled to be installed within the next few days and will be installed on a light pole rather than the water tower. This was a grant for \$50,000.00 and will provide notice to those incorporated areas of bad weather approaching, such as tornadoes or storms. We will be submitting documents to GEMA to close this grant out by the end of June.

**Old Jail** -Repairs have been made to the roof at the Old Jail and we have received reports that is has not leaked after the rain. We filed a claim to assist with the interior damage to the Old Jail and the net cost to the County for those repairs will be \$2,242.43.

**Fire Department**-We were able to purchase eight (8) 10 HP pumps for the Fire Department from the Georgia Forestry Commission at a cost of \$100.00 each (usually cost \$4,600.00 each). These pumps will pump 125 gallons per minutes and will upgrade the pumps on the Fire Knockers at the Fire Stations. These are replacing pumps that are old and can no longer be worked on because parts have become obsolete.

**Lease on Turner County Agricultural Center**- I have sent a letter of request to lease the Turner County Agricultural Center for an additional year to Moultrie Technical College.

Road Superintendent, J.B. Newell, Jr. gave a presentation to the Board about what's going on in the Road Department and where they are now.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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Sam McCard, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk

