

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. for the monthly “Work Session” meeting at the Turner County Agricultural Center with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun and Hudgins present for the meeting. Commissioners Hall and McCard were not present for the meeting. Staff present were Mary J. Wynn, County Manager, Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and John Holland, County Attorney. Others present were Nick Denham, Mike Coker, Recreation Director, Marie Hudgins, Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Marian Office, Pam Nunes, Jason Lawson, E911/EMA Director, Robby Royal, EMS Director/Fire Chief and Sheriff Andy Hester.

Vice-Chairman Brad Calhoun called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

Commissioner Hudgins gave the invocation.

Commissioners discussed the safety incentive discount requirements to qualify for a discount on the county’s workers compensation and general liability annual insurance premiums.

Commissioners discussed recommendation from Recreation Mike Coker to change hours for Archery Range. Recreation Director, Mike Coker, spoke stating the only change would be during the months of June and July because there are no activities going on at the Archery Range during this time.

Commissioners discussed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant. EMA Director, Jason Lawson, spoke stating this is a pre-application for funding for next year grant. If application is approved then the County would be responsible for 25% of the \$50,000.00 grant.

**County Manager’s Report:**

**Fiscal Year End** – At June 30, 2014 the County completed another year under budget (1% under) on expenditures.

**Building and Zoning** – For Fiscal Year 2013-2014, the County received \$43,649.00 in permit fees. This is the largest amount received in permit fees 2008, and since the decline in the economy.

**911 Department** – The new 911 equipment that was purchased this year has been delivered to the department and will be installed within the next few weeks.

**Visit from Yipsalanti, Michigian** – I wanted to mention this visit because the people in Turner County made a lasting impression on a young boy who was eleven (11) years old when a bus accident happened in Turner County in April 1978 that he was a passenger on. He called on July 2 stating he wanted to come by and visit with me and ask questions about what I knew about the accident and ask about some of the people he met on the day of the horrible accident that killed three of his friends (one who was sitting in the seat with him). I researched through the library as much information as I could prior to his visit to have for him when he came on July 9. I asked Commissioner Hudgins who was a paramedic at the time of the accident to come by the office and meet with Mr. Vaughn and his family. Mr. Vaughn and his wife were most appreciative of us taking the time to answer his questions and told us he would always hold Turner County and Ashburn, Georgia dear in his heart. We escorted he and his family over to the monument on the

Courthouse lawn which shows appreciation from the Yipsalanti Boys Club to Ashburn and Turner County.

**Superior Court** – We met with Architect Rusty McCall in the Courtroom to look at possible changes to the Judge’s Bench to make it more accessible to the disabled or handicapped. Mr. McCall stated he would need to clear the proposed changes with the State Fire Marshall before recommending final changes to the Judge’s Bench.

**Administrative Department** – I want to begin highlighting a department each month to update the Board on some of the duties of that department. Each and every year July the Administrative Department has additional work to do entering new budget numbers into the bookkeeping system for revenues and expenditures for each department. Prepares twelve months’ trail balances getting ready for auditors to come. Submits the new budget to the University of Georgia as required by law. All of the past year’s accounts payable and receivable records must be purged from the active files and boxed up for auditors to inspect.

**Recreation Department** – We will advertise for bids for re-roofing the Concession Stand during the month of August. Also, get bids for two (2) scoreboards that need to be replaced.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

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Brad Calhoun, Vice Chairman

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Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk