

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 6:02 P.M. for the monthly "Work Session" at the Turner County Agricultural Center with Commissioners Calhoun, Hudgins, Hall (6:34 p.m.) and McCard all present for the meeting. Commissioner Burgess was 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 Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Stevi Thompson, Chamber Director, Marie Hudgins, Otis Reese, Janet Winter, Election Superintendent, Nick Denham, Sheriff Andy Hester, Bob Roberson, Judge Bill Reinhardt, Judge Melanie Cross, District Attorney Paul Bowden, Charleston Carter, Court Administrator and Mary Lee Green, Clerk of Superior Court.

Chairman McCard called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and welcomed everybody.

Commissioner Hudgins gave the invocation.

Commissioners discussed changing the process of applying for garbage service in the County. Chairman McCard stated sometime ago we talked about changing this process or making the process better as far as collections goes. We need to make some changes and we have talked about trying to move the garbage collections to the tax bill on a yearly basis. One of the things we talked about changing is when someone applies for service it needs to be the property owner, the homeowner of that dwelling will need to apply for service. County Manager Mary Wynn spoke stating there are a couple ways of accomplishing that is simply a vote from this board to make that change or an amendment or revision to our ordinance. The change will apply only to new customers not existing customers.

Commissioner discussed submitting an application for 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and discussed potential projects. CDBG funds are federal dollars allocated to the State of Georgia by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are earmarked to benefit primarily (70%) low to moderate income people with local governments providing a 5% cash match

Commissioner discussed submitting an application for an Employment Incentive Program (EIP) Grant. EIP is a grant to local government who may then loan the EIP proceeds to a sub-recipient industry to finance various fixed assets which will be used in an eligible economic development project. EIP loan repayments may be used to establish or recapitalize a local revolving loan fund (RLF) to be used in other eligible projects. Bob Roberson, Grant Writer, spoke on the process and the requirements of applying for an Employment Incentive Program Grant. Chairman McCard stated he would like for the board to allow County Manager Mary J. Wynn to work with Mr. Roberson to discuss different kind of projects and options available for the County.

County Manager's Report:

Letter from local Health Department – Letter of appreciation was received from the local Health Department for the increase in their budget for the FY 2014-2015.

Airport Update – A lot of earth work has been done at the Airport since July 21 when Scruggs began work. We have had a few minor problems since they started working but have been able to work through very well.

Wellness Grant – We have been awarded a Wellness Grant through the Association County Commissioners of Georgia in the amount of \$1,500.00. As part of the grant criteria we must appoint a wellness committee, which we are working on. This is one step in the direction of getting county employees to be more conscious of their health and hopefully help to lower health insurance premiums at renewal next year.

Roof on Concession Stand Building – Bids are due on Friday, August 29 for roof replacement on the Concession Stand Building at the Recreation Park and will be on the agenda for September 4 for approval.

Department Head Meeting – We had a Department Head Meeting on Wednesday, August 20 at 10 AM and all department head want to have a meeting each quarter, so we tentatively set the next meeting in November and hopefully will stay on track with these meetings.

Vietnam Moving Wall – We are working together on getting ready for the Moving Wall to come to our County. I have requested the community service supervisors to consecrate on picking up trash on Sylvia Drive and Hatfield Boulevard for the next few weeks and Tim is making repairs to the Peanut Monument. This is in an effort to help our County be more presentable to those coming in during the time the Wall is in Ashburn/Turner County. The Road Department has assisted in the ground work and the Recreation Department has assisted with the grass maintenance.

Superior Court – This month we are highlighting the Superior Court. We are honored to have Chief Judge Bill Reinhardt and Judge Melanie Cross to talk to us about how Superior Court works in Turner County. Judge Bill Reinhardt spoke on behalf of Superior Court.

Motion by Commissioner Hudgins to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 P.M.

Sam McCard, Chairman

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Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk