

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 30, 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 all present for the meeting. Staff present were Mary J. Wynn, County Manager, Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and John Holland, County Attorney. Others present were Kyle Smith, Al Smith, Marie Hudgins, Nick Denham, Janet Winter, Election Superintendent, Jason Lawson, E-911/EMA Director, William Tompkins, Sheriff Andy Hester, Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer and Mike Mastrario, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator.

Chairman McCard the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Commissioner Hall gave the invocation.

Commissioners discussed the 5311 Transit Operating Contract for FY 2015 between the Department of Transportation and the County. Commissioner Hall expressed concerns about the management team, program operations and funds allocation of the 5311 Program. He would like to get a report of how the funds are being utilized before the Board approves the contract.

Commissioners discussed Zoning Application #TC14-03 Special Exception of the Turner County Zoning Ordinance for a (RFH) Rural Farm Homestead, to cut out the original farm house with dedicated yard and septic and well on less than required 5 acres in an Agriculture Zone. Commissioner Hall asked if the Board would consider abolishing the Homestead Exemption Ordinance by changing the 5 acres requirement to 1 acre to make it fair and affordable to everyone.

Commissioners discussed implementing a wellness policy. This is a requirement for the Wellness Grant.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. Wellness Grant – Wellness Committee in place. Committee has met and has begun work on the requirements of the grant.
- B. Auditors – Will have FY 2013-14 Audit ready for presentation later in the year.
- C. Courthouse Improvements and Repairs – Work has started with lead-based paint abatement. The work is being done by an environmental company and they are scraping the exterior and applied the paint primer.
- D. EMA Grant – Grant application in the amount of \$43,000.00 has been approved and the local match of 25% or \$10,750.00 will require a budget amendment.
- E. Local Maintenance Improvement Grant –Funds for FY 2015 LMIG in the amount of \$322,884.00 have been received and are advertising for bids for those roads on the priority list. The County is required to put in 30% of the grant amount or \$96,865.32.
- F. Sheriff's Department –This month we are highlighting the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Hester enlightened the Board on the day to day operations of the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to go into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, motion passed, with

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

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Hall to end the Executive Session at 6:57 p.m. and return to the regular portion of the meeting; motion passed, with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Hall, Hudgins and McCard all voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

Sam McCard, Chairman

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk