

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 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 Nick Denham, Raymond Poore, Mike Coker, Recreation Director, Marie Hudgins, Bill Tompkins, Dan Bolinger, City Manager, Kamala Harden, Gwen Bridges, Raneé Gregory, Tax Commissioner, Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Janet Winter, Elections Superintendent and Robby Royal, EMS Director/Fire Chief.

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

Commissioner Hall gave the invocation.

Commissioners discussed the appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2015.

Commissioners discussed the rotation of the Chairman position. Commissioner Burgess spoke asking the Board to consider rotation of the Chairman position by districts. County Attorney advised it is more of a formal action to change the rotation versus the normal practice of appointing a Chairman each January of each year. Other Commissioners expressed their concerns on the rotation of the Chairman position.

Commissioners discussed the appointment of Clerk and County Attorney.

Commissioners discussed the board appointment to the Library Board replacing Commissioner Gregory Hudgins. His term will end December 31, 2014.

Commissioners discussed the concession stand at the Recreation Department. The current operator, Raymond Poore, has submitted a letter to the board to not continue with the operation of the concession stand for 2015. Commissioners discussed whether to bid the service out or operate with county personnel.

Commissioners discussed county property adjacent to the Eureka Heights Project. Mr. Dan Bolinger, City Manager, spoke stating the City needed additional 10 or 12 feet to put an access gate to the new well. He will have more information about this project at the next meeting.

Commissioners discussed residential garbage. Chairman McCard asked that he be allowed to appoint a committee and report back to the board. There was a consensus of the board to allow the Chairman to form a committee.

County Manager's Report:

Beaver Control – There have been thirty-seven (37) beavers caught at twelve locations throughout the County off the county rights-of-way during the month of December. They were stopping pipes and culverts all over the County.

Courthouse – Work is progressing well on the improvements to the Courthouse. Department of Corrections Supervisor reported they will complete the interior of the Courthouse before moving to the exterior. They expect to be here probably until the spring before completing all of the work.

Landfill – We (the Road Supervisor and I) met with representatives from the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) on December 11 going over the cited deficiencies at the Landfill. He

made recommendations to us on corrective measures. The Road Department employees have been making these corrections for the last week. On December 19, the EPD representative came back to the Landfill and was amazed as to how much had been corrected already. He is working with us on a schedule of March 1, 2015 to have all corrections made (weather permitting).

Sheriff's Office Addition – We met with the Architect on December 15 (Chairman McCard, Sheriff Hester, Deputy Dean, 911 Director Jason Lawson and I) going over the final plans for the addition to the Sheriff's Office. Rusty McCall, Jr. stated the plans should be back from the Fire Marshall's Office by mid January and would probably be ready for bidding sometime in February.

Tax Commissioner's Department – This month we are highlighting the Tax Commissioner's Department and are honored to have Tax Commissioner Rane Gregory to tell us about her department. Mrs. Gregory gave a brief summary of the duties of her department. Chairman McCard thanked the Tax Commissioner and her department for coming out tonight.

Roads – County Manager, Mary Wynn, gave an update on the roads that were closed during the rain last week.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Hall to enter into Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter, motion passed, with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Hall, Hudgins and McCard all voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to return back to the regular portion of the meeting at 6:56 p.m with no actions taken in Executive Session, motion passed, with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Hall, Hudgins and McCard all voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Hall to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Sam McCard, Chairman

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, Clerk