

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for a Work Session and Called “advertised” Meeting with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, and Hall present. Commissioner McCard was not present. Staff present were Joseph Saxon, County Manager, Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and John Holland, County Attorney. Others present were Sheriff Andy Hester, Commissioner Elect Dana Whiddon, Corey Hull and Magen Fowler, With Regional Commission. Mark Dill, Statewide Engineers, Jeanne Reckley, Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Jan Winter, Elections Superintendent, Dustin Beaty, Road Superintendent, Chief Deputy Charles Dean, Robby Royal, EMS Director, William Eastin, and others.

Chairman Denham called the Work Session/Called Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to adopt the agenda as printed, motion passed with Commissioner Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, and Hall voting in favor of the motion.

William Eastin, TIA Regional Coordinator at Georgia Department of Transportation, gave an update on proposed LET Projects for Hobby Road, Glynn Cook Road and Reid Road for Turner County.

Corey Hull, SGRC 5311 Transit Program, gave an update on Southern Georgia Regional Commission Transit Program for Turner County.

Sheriff Andy Hester spoke to the board on the Jail salaries and retirement plan and 911 employees pay.

Commissioners discussed the 2020 LMIG contract and bids: East Coast Asphalt LLC - \$461,13.64, The Scruggs Company - \$ 555,754.18 and Reeves Construction Co. - \$ 608,336.10.

Commissioners discussed ABM escrow account in the amount of \$40,986.48.

Commissioners discussed 5311 programs and resolutions with SGRC and Mids, Inc.

Commissioners Victims Assistance funding – Quarterly payments, set percentages for Disbursement for CASA, Ruth’s Cottage, and Tifton DA’s Victim Assistance Fund.

Commissioners discussed a resolution for adopting an alternative and additional location for holding sessions and sittings of the Superior Court of Turner County and the State Court of Turner County.

Commissioner discussed adoption of rotating Chairman for Board of Commissioners. Options are (1) Every year rotate by Districts starting with District 1. It is not mandatory that you must serve, you can opt out if you do not want to serve as Chairman. (2) Newly elected can not serve in the first year of being elected.

Commissioners table Discussion of E-911 Operations/Control.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to set percentages for Victims Assistance as follows: CASA -60%, Ruth’s Cottage – 35% and Tifton DA’s Victim Assistance Fund -5% on a quarterly payment schedule and leaving a balance of \$10,000.00 in the account, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Hall voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Hall seconded by Commission Burgess to adopt Resolution # 2020-11-01 adopting an alternative and additional location for holding sessions and sittings of the

Superior Court of Turner County and the State Court of Turner County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Hall voting in favor of the motion.

County Manager, Joseph Saxon, gave an update on COVID-19 issues in the County.

Public Comments: Commissioner Elect Dana Whiddon spoke stating her concerns on the rotation of chairman for Turner County BOC.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

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Nick Denham, Chairman

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Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk