

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the regular Board Meeting with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon present. Staff present were Cherysh Green-Caldwell, County Manager, Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and Hank Pittman, County Attorney. Others present were Mike Mastrario, Zoning/Building Inspector, Debbie Hughes, Wesley Hughes, Tekela Burgess, Mrs. Mary Nell Gipson, Tykhia Burgess and Family, Mandi Cole, Janet Winter, Elections Superintendent, Mr. Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Dustin Beaty, Public Works Director, Sheriff Andy Hester, and Jamie Williams.

Chairman Calhoun called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Denham to adopt the agenda and add item # 6 under New Business: Approve Library Board Appointment, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Commissioners presented a Proclamation to Tykhia Burgess for her achievements in Basketball.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve the financial information for January 2023 as presented, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Denham to approve minutes of previous meeting, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: (Concerning Agenda Items): None

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Denham to go into the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m. to hear comments in favor of TC Zoning Application #23-01 and to hear comments not in favor of TC Zoning Application #23-01, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Denham to end the Public Hearing and return to the regular portion of the meeting at 6:12 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approved TC Zoning Application #23-01 for Jamie Williams, to cut out a house on a family farm on an undersized lot with existing yard and well and septic, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to approve beer license for Ashburn Golf & RV LLC located at 3812 GA Hwy 112 West, Ashburn Georgia, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to approve licenses for beer, wine, and distilled spirits for Hughes Industries located at 1390 US Hwy 41 South, Ashburn Georgia, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve revision of the purchasing policy to increase spending limit for all Department Heads from \$500.00 to \$2500.00 to purchase and approve before requiring County Manager approval, and to increase spending limit for Public Works from \$500.00 to \$5000.00 to purchase and approve before requiring County Manager approval, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver seconded by Commissioner Denham to approve Executive Session Minutes for the following as printed: Tuesday, February 7, 2023, Tuesday, March 7, 2023, Wednesday, March 15, 2023, and Tuesday, March 28, 2023, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to appoint Mr. Brad Christian to the Library Board term beginning July 1, 2023, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

County Manager Comments:

- (1) Update on Edmunds Gov Tech.
- (2) Update on Re-Val.
- (3) Informed the Board of the loss of Ms. Carolyn Douglas, Clerk of Superior Court.

Public Comments: Mrs. Debbie Hughes thanked the board for approving the licenses for Hughes Industries.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Weaver to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Brad Calhoun, Chairman

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk

