

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the Monthly Board Meeting with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon present. Commissioner Burgess was not present. Staff present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk, Cherysh Green-Caldwell, County Manager and Brent Hyde, County Manager. Others present were Mr. Lester Green, Mr. Jerry Lewis, Mr. Leon Lawson, Janet Winter, Elections Superintendent, Dustin Beaty, Public Works Director, Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Mrs. Mandi Cole, Robby Royal, EMS Director, Mr. Nathan Bartell, Mary Lee Green, Superior Court Clerk, Erza Robinson and Robert Caldwell.

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

Mr. Jerry Lewis gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Denham to amend the agenda to add "Library Board Appointment", motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

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

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to approve minutes of previous meeting for September 2023 as printed, motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Weaver to adopt Resolution No # 2023-10-01 authorizing the filing of an application with the Department of Transportation, United States of America, and Georgia Department of Transportation, for a grant under Title 19 U.S.C., Section 5311, and authorize the Chairman to sign resolution on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to adopt Resolution No # 2023-10-02 for Turner County Board of Commissioners providing for the levy and collection of an annual ad valorem tax to provide funds for the payment of the principal of and interest on \$15,195,000.00 in aggregate principal amount of the Turner County School District (Georgia) General obligation bonds, series 2023, and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Weaver to adopt Resolution No # 2023-10-03 urging the Governor and General Assembly of Georgia to continue efforts to reform and improve mental health services for the citizens of Georgia and authorize the Chairman to sign resolution on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to appoint Mr. Robby Royal to the Turner County Board of Health to fill the physician appointment by County Commission position, motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Weaver to accept bid from John Deere for a 2022 John Deere 6120E Cab Tractor in the amount of \$92,400.00 for Turner County Public Works, motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Denham to approve Joint Applicant Letter of Agreement between Turner County Board of Education and Turner County Commissioners for support of Turner County 21st CCLC Initiative, motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Denham to appoint Mrs. Kelly Wilson to the Library Board, motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

County Manager Comments:

Public Hearing scheduled for October 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to set the 2023 Millage Rate.

October is National 4-H Week.

Announced Work Anniversary for employees.

Cleaning concerns – need to appoint someone temporarily or look into contacting TASC or Easter Seal.

Public Comments: None.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Weaver to go into closed session at 6:15 p.m. for personnel matter, motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to return to the regular meeting at 6:53 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Brad Calhoun, Chairman

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk