

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, October 5, 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 Cherysh Green-Caldwell, County Manager, Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and Brent Hyde, County Attorney. Others present were Sheriff Andy Hester, Dustin Beaty, Public Works Director, Charles Dean, Chief Deputy, Mandi Cole, Robert Caldwell, Lester Green, Mary Lee Green, Clerk of Superior Court, Mr. Jerry Lewis, and Mr. Leon Lawson.

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

Mr. Jerry Lewis gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Weaver to go into the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m. to hear comments from citizen on the proposed tax increase for 2023 property taxes, motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Calhoun stated that there would be no tax increase.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to close the Public Hearing and return to the regular meeting at 6:03 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to adopt Resolution #2023-10-05 setting the 2023 tax levy for maintenance and operation of county affairs at 15.984 mills and for maintenance and operations of public schools in Turner County at 15.973 mills (total of 31.957) for tax year 2023 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 Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Denham to accept bid from Chosen First Cleaning Services LLC for Janitorial Cleaning, motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: Sheriff Andy Hester spoke stating He appreciate the Board willingness to make the decision not to raise property taxes.

Executive Session: None

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

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Brad Calhoun, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk