

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the Work Session with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon present. Staff present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and Brent Hyde, County Attorney. Others present were Mayor Gary Walker, Mr. Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Dustin Beaty, Public Works Director, Janet Winter, Elections Superintendent, Lynn Davis, Extension Coordinator, Robby Royal, EMS Director, Mrs. Cristi Brown Ellis, and others.

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

Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Denham to amend the agenda to add: Revise item # 3, to read as, discuss 2023 CDBG Potential Conflict of Interest concerning Sheriff Andy Hester and any other potential conflicts for Stanford Road Project, add TIA Projects, add litigation under Executive Session, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments (concerning agenda items): None

Speaker(s): Moved to next month meeting.

Commissioners discussed board reappointment for Ms. Patricia Harris and Mr. Eddie Ireland to the Turner County Board of Family and Children Services for a five-year term effective July 1, 2023.

Commissioners discussed invoice for ACCG Defined Benefit Plan Contribution for FY 2022.

Commissioners discussed applying for 2023 CDBG funding for proposed water, sewer, and street improvements for the Stanford Road Project in Turner County. It has been noted that Sheriff Andy Hester will take no part in any future deliberations or decisions of the Board of Commissioners with respect to the project affecting his property on Stanford Road. The minutes of this scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, will state that the Board of Commissioners is fully and publicly disclosing the potential conflict of interest concerning Sheriff Andy Hester who lives on Stanford Road.

Commissioners discussed Windstream Project for Turner County.

Commissioners discussed website upgrade for Turner County. More information will be provided as more research is gathered and more quotes are available.

Commissioners discussed TIA Projects for Turner County.

County Manager Comments: None

Public Comments: Mrs. Ellis spoke asking about fax lines available for the County and if some lines could be reduced to help with cost savings.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Denham to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation at 6:25 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioners Burgess seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to send the closed session and return to the regular meeting at 6:47 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Calhoun adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Brad Calhoun, Chairman

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk