

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the monthly Work Session 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 Robby Royal, EMS Director, Janet Winter, Elections Superintendent, Mike Mastrario, Building & Zoning Inspector, Mayor Gary Walker, Dustin Beaty, Public Works Director, Mr. Ronnie Waters, Sheriff Andy Hester, Mr. Hughes, Suzi Mastrario, and others.

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

Chairman Calhoun gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Calhoun welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed Mrs. Cherysh Green-Caldwell, as the new County Manager.

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

Public Comments (Concerning agenda items): Janet Winter spoke stating if the Board is going to increase the spending limit for one department head, then it should be increased for all department heads.

Commissioners discussed beer license for new owners at Ashburn Golf & RV LLC, business located at 3821 Ga Hwy 112 West, Ashburn, Georgia.

Commissioners discussed licenses for beer, wine, distilled spirit for Hughes Industries, business located at 1390 US Hwy 41 South, Ashburn, Georgia.

Commissioners discussed TC Application #23-01 for Jamie Williams, listed as a special exception in an agricultural use zoning district, to cut out a house on a family farm on an undersized lot with existing yard and well and septic.

Commissioners discussed increasing spending limit for Public Works Director from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 before County Manager approval to purchase parts and equipment for Public Works. Commissioner Calhoun suggested increasing spending limit for Department Heads to \$1000.00 and \$2500.00 for Public Works. Commissioner Burgess suggested increasing spending limit for all Department Heads to \$2500.00.

Commissioners discussed Executive Session Minutes for Tuesday, February 7, 2023, Tuesday, March 7, 2023, Wednesday, March 15, 2023, and Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

County Manager Comments:

County Manager Cherysh Green-Caldwell asked for clarification on the budget process. The Board agreed for the County Manager to met with each department head individually and submit the recommended budget to the Board.

Public Comments:

Commissioner Denham informed the Board about replacing or repairing the antenna at the old 911 building.

Commissioner Whiddon welcomed the new Mrs. Cherysh as the new County Manager, and she asked that Department Heads work through Mrs. Caldwell before coming to the Board.

Dustin Beaty, Public Works Director, informed the Board that Chapman Lawn Services was interesting in gras cutting at the Airport.

Sheriff Andy Hester spoke stating to the Board to direct any calls about the Sheriff's Office to his office.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Weaver to go into Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. to discuss Opioid Litigation, 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 end the Executive Session and go back to the regular meeting at 6:32 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Calhoun adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Brad Calhoun, Chairman

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk