

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for a Called Meeting/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 Mr. Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Mr. Jerry Lewis, Janet Winter, Elections Superintendent, Mrs. Loretta Hilton, SGRC, Mary Lee Green, Superior Court Clerk, Cliff Jordan, Recreation Director, Dustin Beaty, Public Works Director, Charles Dean, Chief Deputy, Mr. Ronnie Waters, Sheriff Andy Hester, Lt. Bailey, Ashley Miller, Chamber Director and Robby Royal, EMS Director.

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

Public Comments: None

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Burgess to enter into the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m. to review Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Turner County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Loretta Hilton with SRGC gave an update on the Hazard Mitigation Plan and asked if anyone had any questions or concerns about the update.

Mr. Robby Royal spoke stating he has reviewed the plan and the County should move forward with it.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Burgess to end the Public Hearing at 6:09 p.m. and return to the regular meeting, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Recreation Director, Cliff Jordan, gave the board an update on Recreation projects/activities.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Burgess to adopt Resolution No # 2023-12-01 a resolution of the Turner County Commission pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 authorizing adoption of the Turner County Hazard Mitigation Plan and authorizing the Chairman to sign resolution on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Commissioners discussed holiday pay for employees.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Burgess to a one-time incentive pay of \$1000.00 to full-time employees and \$500.00 to part-time employees. Funds to be used from Insurance premium (\$30,000.00) and Jail Fund Salaries (\$50,000.00), motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Commissioners discussed setting qualifying fees for 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver seconded by Commissioner Burgess to accept bid from Vail Lawn Service in the amount of \$52,500.00 for grass cutting for Turner County, motion passed

with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun and Weaver voting in favor of the motion. Commissioners Denham and Whiddon opposed the motion.

Commissioners discussed Wine and Liquor License for Ashburn Golf & RV LLC and decided to discuss at a later date due the request of liquor by the drink which requires a referendum before approval.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Burgess to allow the Sheriff to apply for a grant for remote site, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Updates:

Transit 5311 Program Update – name changed occurred but still operates the same for Turner County.

Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comments:

Sheriff Andy Hester thanked the Board for the pay incentive.

Robby Royal thanked the Board for the pay incentive.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to go into closed session at 6:34 p.m. to discuss personnel and real estate, 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 closed session and return to the regular meeting at 6:49 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Brad Calhoun, Chairman

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk