

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for a combine Work Session and regular Board Meeting with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon present. Staff present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and Brent Hyde, County Attorney. Others present were Mrs. Ashley Miller, Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Robby Royal, EMS Director, Dustin Beaty, Public Works Director, Judge Blake Christian, Mayor Gary Walker, Mr. Mike Tanner, Mr. Ronnie Waters, and Officer Bailey.

Chairman Brad 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 Weaver to adopt the agenda as printed, 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 approve meeting minutes for November 2023 and December 2023 as presented, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: None

Commissioners discussed the Chairman position for 2024.

Commissioners discussed the Vice Chairman position for 2024.

Commissioners discussed re-appointment of County Clerk.

Commissioners discussed re-appointment of County Attorney.

Commissioners discussed liquor by the drink for Ashburn Golf & RV LLC.

Commissioners discussed qualifying fees for FY 2024.

Commissioners discussed SPLOST Resolution.

Commissioners discussed bid for County Property – 616 East Washington Avenue.

Commissioner Nick Denham accepted the Chairman position for 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to appoint Commissioner Dana L. Whiddon as Vice-Chair for 2024, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to re-appoint County Clerk Latrice Wilson, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to re-appoint County Attorney Brent Hyde, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Weaver voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Whiddon opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to allow citizens of Turner County to vote by referendum for liquor by the drink, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Denham and Weaver voting in favor of the motion. Commissioners Calhoun and Whiddon opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to adopt Resolution #2024-01-01 to fix and publish qualification fees for County Offices for the 2024 Elections and authorize 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.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to adopt Resolution #2024-01-02 to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Ashburn, Sycamore, and Rebecca regarding 2024 SPLOST referendum and authorize the Chairman to sign resolution on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Weaver voting in favor of motion. Commissioner Burgess opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to adopt Resolution #2024-01-03 to impose one percent special purpose sales tax (SPLOST) and request call for special election on March 12, 2024 and authorize 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.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to accept bid from Spring Hill Land and Trust in the amount of \$299,000.00 for old hospital property at 616 East Washington Avenue, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to approve Executive Session Minutes for Tuesday, October 3, 2023, Tuesday, November 7, 2023 and Tuesday, November 28, 2023, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Denham adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Nick Denham, Chairman

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk