

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the regular board meeting with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon present. Staff present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and Hank Pittman, County Attorney. Others present were Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Mike Mastrario, Building Inspector, Mary Ann Sturdevan, Robby Royal, EMS Director, Dustin Beaty, Public Works, Mark Robinson, Fire Chief, Sheriff Andy Hester, Jarvis Finch, Chris Osborne and others.

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

Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to amend the agenda to add Health Department, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to approve financial information for October 2023 as presented, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to approve meeting minutes for January 2024 as printed, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: None

Speaker(s):

Mark Robinson, Fire Chief, stated no report at this time.

Dustin Beaty, Public Works, stated no report at this time.

Mary Ann Sturdevan gave an update on the Health Department.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to go into the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m. to hear comments in favor and not in favor of closing Fire Tower Road.

Mr. Jarvis Finch spoke in favor of closing Fire Tower Road.

Mr. Chris Osborne spoke in favor of closing Fire Tower Road.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to end the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m. and return to the regular, 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 close Fire Tower Road, 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 appoint Mrs. Sherry Rainey to the board of elections for an effective term of February 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve Executive Session Minutes for Tuesday, January 30th, 2024 as printed, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to go into executive session at 6:13 p.m. to discuss real estate, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Burgess to return to the regular meeting at 6:27 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve the purchase of the old Phoebe Building in the amount of \$350,000.00, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Calhoun opposed the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Nick Denham, Chairman

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk