

Regular Meeting Minutes

The Turner County Commission met on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center. Commissioners present were Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon. Also present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and Brent Hyde, County Attorney and other staff, citizens and representative of the media.

Chairman Denham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to amend the agenda for the following: table item #4 Consider approving drug agent for Turner County, add Mr. Jim Lumpkin, add dump trucks for Public Works, and add Executive Session for personnel and real estate and adopt the agenda as stated, 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 approve financial information for November 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 Calhoun to approve minutes of previous meetings for February 2024 as printed, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: None

Commissioners discussed dump trucks for Turner County Public Works.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve board appointments for Mr. Otis Reese and Dr. Kim Massey to the Board of Health for Turner 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 approve board appointment for Mrs. Megan Caton to the library board for a 3-year term, 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 accept bid from Griffin Grading & Concrete LLC in the amount of \$474,250.68 for the 2024 LMIG for widening, leveling, and resurfacing improvements to Denham Road, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Denham opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve fees for Turner County Health Department as presented, 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 Flint Equipment Company to purchase a 2023 John Deere FC15M Flex Wing Rotary Cutter in the amount of \$23,500.00 for Public Works, 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 purchase of a 2024 Kubota L2502DT Tractor 4x4, value \$18,200, 2024 Kubota LA526 loader bucket, value \$6,300, and 2024 Land pride finish mower, value \$3,500 from Perrin Farm Equipment for Turner County Parks & Recreation, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Calhoun opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve Executive Minutes for Tuesday, February 6, 2024 and Tuesday, February 27, 2024 as printed, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Jim Lumpkin, Coroner, gave an update on the call volume and transporting expenses for the Coroner's Office.

Public Comments: Mr. Clifford Jordan gave an update on their trip this past weekend.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to enter into closed session at 6:24 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 Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to end the closed session and return to the regular meeting at 6:48 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Weaver to not renew County Manager, Cherysh Green-Caldwell employment contract and to pay Mrs. Caldwell from March 11, 2024 through March 31, 2024 plus an additional three months of salary and benefits as stated in the employment agreement, motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham and Weaver voting in favor of the motion. Commissioners Burgess and Whiddon opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Nick Denham, Chairman

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk

