

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the monthly board meeting with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon present. Others present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk, Mrs. Rebecca Ditto, and other staff, citizens and Mr. Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer.

Chairman Denham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to adopt the agenda and add CASA Agreement, Executive Session and table the approval of Financial Information for March 2024, 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 minutes for May 2024 meetings, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

#### Public Comments: None

Motion by Commissioner Weaver seconded by Commissioner Burgess to accept Aetna as the medical carrier for employee's medical coverage and MetLife for dental & vision, 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 one bid from John Deere and one bid from Yancey for two motor graders for Public Works, 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 Yancey for an excavator 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 Weaver to approve the purchase of a stretcher for Turner County EMS, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver seconded by Commissioner Denham to accept the bid from Tugco Land and Timber LLC in the amount of \$17,500.00 to clear trees at Turner County Airpo11, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, and Weaver voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Whiddon opposed the motion.

Commissioners discussed the County Manager position. No motion was made.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Burgess to the lease agreement between Turner County and Coastal Plain CASA, Inc for a term commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2024, and ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2024, at midnight, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Denham abstained from voting.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to go into Executive Session at 6:14 p.m. to discuss personnel, 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 end the Executive Session at 6:19 p.m. and return to the regular meeting, 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 appoint

Bruce Burgess as interim Fire Chief and EMA Director until the board advertised for the position, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and

Whiddon voting in favor of

the motion.

Public Comments: Christy Brown Ellis asked about the decision on the County Manager position.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

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Nick Denham, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk