

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 5, 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. Staff present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and Brent Hyde, County Attorney. Others present were Sheriff Andy Hester, Dustin Beaty, Mrs. Mandi Cole, Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, and Mrs. Cheryl Denham.

Chairman Denham 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 and add a closed session for litigation, personnel, and real estate and add County Manager position, 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 financial information for July 2024 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 minutes of previous meetings: October 1st, 2024 and October 29th, 2024 as printed, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to appoint Commissioner Dana L. Whiddon to the Library Board for a three-year term, 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 accept bid from Nicky's Janitorial Service, LLC in the amount of \$35,000.00 for janitorial cleaning services for Turner County, 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, October 29th, 2024 as printed, 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 advertise for the County Manager Position, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Calhoun opposed the motion.

Public Comments: Sheriff Andy Hester spoke about bonuses and raises for employees.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to go into closed session at 6:06 p.m. to discuss personnel, real estate and litigation, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to end the closed session and return to the regular meeting at 6:18 p.m., 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 give a one-time merit pay to all employees for two weeks salary and a 3% salary increase effective first pay period

in January 2025, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Nick Denham, Chairman

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk