

Work Session Minutes

The Turner County Commission met on Tuesday, March 26, 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 Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to adopt the agenda as printed, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to adopt Resolution #2024-03-01 amending the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Defined Benefit Plan for Turner County to allow the Employer to amend the Plan with respect to one or more classes of employees to eliminate the requirement that the sixty (60) months included in the calculation of a Class 2 Participant's Average Monthly Compensation be consecutive and authorize the Chairman to sign resolution on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Calhoun abstained the vote.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to approve Plan Agreement for Defined Benefit Plan for Turner County to amend the Plan with respect to one or more classes of employees to calculate a Class 2 participant's average monthly compensation over a period longer than the previous one hundred-twenty (120) months if necessary to capture the Participant's highest average monthly compensation and authorize the Chairman to sign agreement on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Calhoun abstained the vote.

Mr. Joe Wright provided an update on the current re-val and informed the board on Ms. Kim Hanner's retirement. He also discussed a proposal for appraisal and administrative services in Turner County to fill Kim Hanner's position.

Mrs. Christy Casimiro and Mrs. Sandy Hester provided an update on activities at the library and also requested more funds to support a full-time librarian and for insurance costs.

Public Works Director, Dustin Beaty provided an update on two dump trucks, rumble strips, and the use of additional funds awarded for LMIG.

Public Comments:

Chamber Director, Ashley Miller, thanked everyone for their support with the Fire Ant Festival.

Mayor Gary Walker spoke about the property tax re-val and the increase that may come with it.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to add personnel to the closed session and go into closed session at 6:33 p.m. for the purpose of discussing real estate and personnel, 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 end the closed session at 6:53 p.m. and returned to the regular meeting, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Denham adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Nick Denham, Chairman

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk