

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the Work Session meeting with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham, and Dana L. Whiddon present. Staff present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and Brent W. Hyde, County Attorney. Others present were Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Dustin Beaty, Public Works Director, Robby Royal, EMS Director, Janet Winter, Elections Superintendent, Ashley Miller, Howard Jordan, Mr. Jackie Johnson and wife, Mandi Cole, Jim Lumpkin, Corne, Ms. Glenda Grant, Ms. Townson and Bruce Burgess, Fire Chief.

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

Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to adopt the agenda as printed, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: None

Representatives from Mercer University School of Medicine presented their mission to expand primary care and health care needs to rural areas in Georgia.

Commissioners discussed office computer backups, updates, and security for county's computers, starting first in the Administrative Office.

Commissioners discussed approval for Chairman James Burgess to begin research and development of the County's website, updates, logo, social media, and provide department heads with social media training.

Commissioners discussed revising HR policies on pay plan, overtime, comp time, disciplinary actions and appeals.

Commissioners discussed House Bill 581, a statewide floating homestead exemption for local government.

Chairman James Hall thanked the staff and first responders for their work during the snow days.

Public Comments: Robby Royal, EMS Director, asked the Board to consider letting Department Heads be involved with modification of the HR policies and procedures.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to go into Executive Session at 6:46 p.m. to discuss personnel, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to end the Executive Session at 6:54 p.m. and go back to the regular meeting, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

James Burgess, Chairman

Attest: _____

Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk