

Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the monthly Work Session with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe E. Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon present. Staff present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and Brent Hyde, County Attorney. Others present were Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Sheriff Andy Hester, Charles Dean, Dustin Beaty, Janet Winter, Edythe Washington, Ashley Miller, Mandi Cole, Sami Mastrario, Cheryl Denham, Bruce Burgess, Robby Royal, Leigh Heard, Jum Lampkin, and others.

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

Commissioners discussed financial information presented for October 2024, November 2024, and December 2024.

Public Comments: None

Commissioners discussed authorizing Resolution for 5311 Transit Grant Application for Turner County.

Commissioners discussed bids for repairs at the old 911 building.

Commissioners discussed the Courthouse A/V system installation with ARPA Grant.

Commissioners discussed DRRP (Disaster Recovery and Redevelopment Plan) meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners discussed the agreement for technical assistance services between Turner County and the Southern Georgia Regional Commission for the Comprehensive Plan for Turner County.

Commissioners discussed getting bids for repairs at the Phoebe Building.

Commissioners discussed Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at the tentative date as the due date for FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budgets.

Commissioners discussed MOU between Turner County and the Board of Education. Commissioners discussed donation of old gym.

Commissioners discussed logo designs for Turner County.

Commissioners discussed purchasing a domain name in the amount of \$995.00 for Turner County.

Commissioners discussed the sales of distilled spirits for beverage purposes by the drink.

Chairman Comments:

1. Chairman Burgess gave an update of his meeting with representatives from Crisp Regional.
2. Chairman Burgess discussed security at the Annex Building.

Public Comments:

Sheriff Andy Hester spoke regarding the security at the Annex Building and other County Buildings.

Ashley Miller spoke about ADA compliance as a concern for new website designs.

Janet Winter spoke asking to consider a domain name with .gov or .org.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to go into closed session at 6:57 p.m. for the purpose of personnel, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe E. Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to end the closed session and return to the regular meeting at 7:03 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe E. Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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James Burgess, Chairman

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

Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk