

The Turner County Board of Commissioners meet on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the monthly Work Session Meeting 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, Pine Gate Renewables Representatives, Dr. David Kicker, Sami Mastrario, Regina Singletary, Janet Winter, Ann Kendrick, Robby Royal, Howard Jordan, Dustin Beaty, Charles Dean, Sheriff Andy Hester, Eric Richter, Ross Kendrick, Lynn Davis, Mandi Cole, Ashley Miller, Bruce Burgess, Brad Christian, Sheldon Smith, Jarrett Kendrick and Family, Mr. Prater, Miss Graddic, 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 Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to add Dr. David Kicker as a speaker and correct the spelling of Jarrett Kendrick name. Motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe E. Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Proclamation: Commissioners presented a proclamation to Jarrett Kendrick for being the winner of Georgia Born and Bred Breeding EWE.

Speakers:

Mr. David Kicker, with Crisp Regional VP Physician Practices, gave an update on the many services they offer here in Turner County. Mr. Kicker also welcomed the opportunity to work with Mercer, but his concern is who will fund the operational loss for the practice if Mercer takes it on?

Representatives from Pine Gate Renewables gave an update on the Rebecca Solar Project.

Mr. Eric Richter, Airport Manager, gave an update on Turner County Airport Projects.

Commissioners discussed building maintenance, repairs, and renovation update of County Buildings.

Commissioners pass on the discussion for Phoebe and 911 Building utilization until a later date.

Commissioners discussed the Liquor Ordinance Updates.

Commissioners discussed MOU for Recreation/GYM Donation Updates.

Commissioners discussed MOU for Animal Control for Turner County.

Commissioners discussed final logo concepts review and now available for public view/vote.

Commissioners discussed advertising for a Grant Writer for Turner County.

Commissioners discussed the GDOT Roundabout.

Commissioners discussed a meeting scheduled for Disaster Recovery Plan for April 16th, 2025.

Commissioners discussed a meeting scheduled for Comprehensive Plan for April 1st, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners reminded Department Heads that Proposed Budgets are due March 31st, 2025.

Training/Conference:

2025 Annual Conference in Savannah Georgia – April 24-27, 2025.

Chairman Comments: None

Public Comments: Mr. Prater spoke briefly about issues at the Turner County Jail. At this time, the County Attorney Brent Hyde advised the board to shut the conversation down because this was not the platform for it.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to go into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel at 7:19 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to end the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting at 7:28 p.m.

County Attorney Brent Hyde voluntarily resigned as County Attorney.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

James Burgess, Chairman

Attest: _____

Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk