

The Turner County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, April 29th, 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 J. Edward Shipp, Interim County Attorney. Others present were Mr. Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Robby Royal, Dustin Beaty, Ashley Miller, Mandi Cole, Sami Mastrario, Joyce Cromer, Ricky Cromer, Diane Wideman, Teresa Smith, Jody Spooner, Mrs. Sandy, Christy Casimiro, Sheriff Andy Hester, Edythe Washington, Library Board Representatives, 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 Burgess 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.

Mrs. Christy Casimiro, Library Manager, gave an update on the proposed FY 25-26 budget request for the library.

Commissioners discussed MOU-Recreation/Gym Donation.

Commissioners discussed IGA- Animal Control with the City of Ashburn Ordinance.

Commissioners discussed Liquor by the Drink Ordinance updates.

Commissioners tabled the discussion for Zoning for Solar Companies due to the Building Administrator being absent.

Commissioners discussed Service Delivery Strategy updates.

Commissioners discussed HR Policy updates.

Commissioners discussed County's Audit updates.

Commissioners discussed Budget Season Preparation.

Commissioners discussed Income Projections/Ticket Backlog.

Commissioners discussed Fund Strategy.

Commissioners discussed Promotions and Vacancies.

Commissioners discussed CD for Victims Assistance.

Commissioners discussed board re-appointment for the Aging Advisory Council Board for Turner County.

Commissioners discussed board re-appointment for Mr. Jerry Lewis to the Turner County Board of Family and Children Services.

Commissioners discussed State Court Office Expansion.

Commissioners discussed Comprehensive Plan updates/Public Hearing scheduled for May 19th, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners discussed logo/website updates.

Commissioners discussed digital files storage for Turner County.

Commissioners discussed bids for equipment for Turner County Road Department.

Commissioners discussed the final Disaster Recovery Plan Meeting scheduled May 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Comments:

Chairman James Burgess informed the board that Turner County is now a Community of Excellence.

Chairman James Burgess gave an update on the ACCG Annual Conference in Savannah, Georgia.

Public Comments: Ashley Miller, Chamber Executive, invited all ladies to attend the Women in Business Luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, May 7th, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to go into Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. to discuss personnel, real estate and litigation, 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 Denham seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to end the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting at 7:52 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 7:52 p.m.

James Burgess, Chairman

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk