

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Hall, Hudgins and McCard present. Staff present were Mary J. Wynn, County Manager, Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and John Holland, County Attorney. Others present were Marie Hudgins, Janet Winter, Elections Superintendent, Robby Royal, EMS Director/Fire Chief, Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer and Pat Ashley, CPA.

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

Commissioner Hall gave the invocation.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to change the regular monthly meeting in February from February 4th to February 11th, 2014 due to the ACCG Capitol Connection Conference in Atlanta. Commissioner Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed, with Commissioner Burgess, Calhoun, Hall, Hudgins and McCard all voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Pat Ashley, Auditor with Meeks Firm, met with Commissioners presenting the FY 2013 audit. He discussed the layout of the audit report and stated we had another increase in fund balance. He also stated we have maintained a very healthy fund balance and we have done well.

Commissioners discussed the contract between Turner County and the Georgia Department of Transportation for construction of the runway extension and widening at the Turner County Airport. There is a local match for the county in the amount of \$25,110.84.

Commissioners discussed direct deposit for Turner County employees.

Commissioners discussed establishing a policy for garbage service with Turner County. Commissioners were presented with two (2) draft copies of policies for Turner County. The Board appointed Commissioner Hall to help County Manager Mary Wynn and County Attorney John Holland with putting together a policy for this service and to get back with the board once the policy is ready.

Commissioners discussed asking for local legislation for an expense account to replace reimbursement expenses for commissioners. Commissioner Hall ask the board to consider asking legislation to replace the mileage reimbursement for commissioners to just a monthly pay out expense account of \$200.00. This expense account will cover all mileage in and out of the county except training in Atlanta and Savannah.

Commissioners discussed a warehouse for fire/rescue equipment.

County Manager's Report as follows:

Airport- County has received contract from Georgia Department of Transportation on the runway extension project. The breakdown of the grant is: Federal Funds-\$452,992; State Funds-\$24,106; and Local Match-\$25,111 for a total of \$502,209.00. This will include 4" asphalt on the runway. It is now time to purchase the mitigation credits for the wetlands at the Airport. There are 20.99 Wetland Credits to purchase and 44 Stream Credits to purchase. The approximate cost is \$60,418.00.

Bussey Road-Almost complete. The remaining work is at the intersection of Bussey Road and Rockhouse Road where the design of that intersection changed, making it safer to the traveling public.

Hazard Mitigation Plan-We worked on this plan for most of the year in 2013 and submitted to Homeland Security for approval. The plan has been approved and the State has paid \$17,545.00 with County's portion \$455.00. The next update for a Hazard Mitigation Plan is set for 2018.

Emergency Management Performance Grant-Turner County has been awarded \$42,498.00 in grant funds through the Emergency Management Agency (Response and Recovery Funds) to use to purchase "tornado sirens" for Rebecca and Sycamore. There is a local match (or in-kind services) in this grant in the amount of \$7,499.00.

Revenue/Taxes-Revenue- is at 68% compared to this time last year at 61.6%. For the year 2012 the Tax Commissioner collected 98% of taxes owed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Sam McCard, Chairman

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk