

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the monthly “Work Session” with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Hall and McCard all present for the meeting. Staff present were Mary J. Wynn, County Manager, Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and John Holland, County Attorney. Others present were Mike Coker, Recreation Director, Raymond Poore, Lynn Davis, Mike Mastrario, Building Inspector & Zoning, Judge Render Heard, Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Robby Royal, EMS Director/Fire Chief, Mary Lee Green, Clerk of Superior Court and Corey Hull, SGRC Representative.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Commissioner Hall gave the invocation.

Commissioners discussed the Turner County Transit Development Plan. Corey Hull spoke stating the SGRC chooses one or two counties a year to write transit plans for new transit services or expanding on current services. These plans do not have to be adopted but they can be used as a guide for local governments and public transit planners to provide transportation services.

Commissioners discussed the Turner County Transit System Title VI Plan. This is a FTA requirement for all 5311 counties who receives federal funds and plan must be adopted by our board.

Commissioners discussed beer and wine license applications for Raymond Poore.

Commissioners discussed bid for concession stand at the Recreation Department. A bid was received from Chuck Bobo to operate the concession stand.

Commissioners discussed rotation of the chairman position.

Commissioners discuss relocating a metal shed with batting cages from the Turner County Middle/High School to the Turner County Recreation Department. All costs for relocation will be paid by the Turner County Board of Education.

Commissioners discuss image agreement between the Georgia Superior Court Clerk’s Cooperative Authority and Turner County Clerk of Superior Court. Chairman McCard asked the County Attorney to write a Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the County.

County Manager’s Report:

Firing Range (at closed Landfill site) – Since 2009 we have been trying to get permission from the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to use the closed landfill as a firing range and a place for the 4-H Shotgun Team to practice. We have received a letter from EPD stating several reasons why the closed landfill site is not suitable for a firing range. Mrs. Lynn Davis and I met recently trying to locate a site for the Shotgun Team to practice and it is possible they will be able to use the City of Sycamore’s Firing Range. I have checked with the construction company (Scruggs) to see if the 4-H Shotgun Team can practice at the Airport this year and they have agreed to while the Airport is closed to the public.

State of the County – I wanted to give an update on the many accomplishments for the past year (2014) the County has been involved in.

1. The financial condition of the County remains good with a positive fund balance at June 30, 2014. The FY 2013-2014 Budget was under by 1%.
2. Airport- The County entered into a contract to extend the runway to over 5000' and widen the runway to 75'. Projected completion (weather permitting) before the end of March.
3. Bussey Road – Completed the widening and resurfacing of over eight (8) miles of Bussey Road (which is one of the longest paved roads in the County). Included in this project was a change at the intersection of Rockhouse Road with Bussey Road.
4. Grants – The County received several grants during 2014: \$17,545.00 to complete a Hazard Mitigation Plan; \$42, 498.00 to purchase tornado sirens for the cities of Sycamore and Rebecca; \$322, 884.40 of Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) funds from the Georgia Department of Transportation to resurface 1.8 miles of Bethel Road, 2.5 miles of Leon Williams Road and ¼ mile of Lakeview Drive; and \$31, 443.75 for relocation costs and some office equipment for the 911 Department.
5. Purchased a new ambulance.
6. Implemented direct deposit for employee payroll (optional for employee).
7. Improvements to Courthouse – Using state inmate labor thereby costing County for materials, supplies and the cost of lead-base paint abatement.
8. Built Warehouse for housing Fire Trucks.
9. Received three (3) 1996 model Fire Knockers at no cost to the County replacing 1970 and 1975 models.
10. Renewed Lease for an additional year with Moultrie Tech for the Turner County Ag Center.
11. Accepted bid for a new roof on the Concession Stand at the Recreation Department. Work on this started this past week.
12. Over \$7,000,000.00 of new construction was permitted in 2014 for new housing units (56) and (11) new houses and buildings.

The County has had a busy year 2014.

Juvenile Court-This month we will highlight the Juvenile Court and are pleased to have our Juvenile Court Judge Render Heard to tell us about Juvenile Court in Turner County.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Denham to go into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. for the purpose of personnel, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Hall and McCard all voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to reenter back into regular meeting at 8:17 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Hall and McCard all voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Sam McCard, Chairman

Attest: _____

Latrice Wilson, Clerk