

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the monthly Work Session with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham, Hall and McCard present for the meeting. Commissioner Burgess was not present. Staff present were Horace Hudgins, Interim County Manager, Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and John Holland, County Attorney. Others present were Janet Winter, Elections Superintendent, Mike Coker, Recreation Director, Stevi Thompson, Chamber Director, Brad Gregory, Rane Gregory, Tax Commissioner, Keri Gregory, Sandra Lumpkin, Gail Walls, Shirley Kelly, Linda Geoghagan and Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer.

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

Commissioner Hall gave the invocation.

Commissioners agreed to add a closed session to the agenda.

Commissioners discussed fire ant festival contribution for this year. Gail Walls, Fire Ant Festival Committee Member, spoke asking the Board for funds to help sponsor the fire ant festival for this year. Commissioner Hall had some concerns about the contribution.

Commissioners discussed board appointment for Turner County Development Authority. Stevi Thompson, Chamber Director, spoke stating the board is one board member short of the required five members' board due to Chairman Calhoun being the Board Chairman of both boards now and that this appointment is only through the end of the year. She stated it is the request of the board to recommend Mike Rice as that board member.

Commissioners discussed the Tax Commissioner's Office getting a credit card machine to process payments for taxes and tags at no fee to the County.

Commissioners discussed bid for the Holley Pavilion remodeling. Commissioners agreed that Mike Coker should get a total cost (scope of work) on everything and have available next time.

Commissioners discussed bids for storage building at Recreation Department.

Commissioners discussed donation of vacation (annual) leave from one employee to another. Commissioners agreed that more clarification is needed in order to make sure we are legally taking the right steps and can legally do this.

Commissioner discussed cutting pine trees at the Forestry Plot and Sheriff Office.

Motion by Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner McCard to go into closed session at 6:42 p.m. for the purpose of personnel, motion passed with Commissioner Calhoun, Denham, Hall and McCard voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner McCard to enter back into regular session at 6:49 p.m., motion passed with Commissioner Calhoun, Denham, Hall and McCard voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Calhoun gave an update of County's projects he has been involved with.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Brad Calhoun, Chairman

Attest: _____

Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk