

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for the Monthly Session and Regular Board Meeting held at Turner County Agricultural Center with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Hall present. Commissioner McCard was not present. Staff present were Joseph Saxon, County Manager, Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and John Holland, County Attorney. Others present were Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Robby Royal, EMS Director, Jan Winter, Elections Superintendent, Lynn Davis, Extension Coordinator, Sandra Spradley, Lester Green, Brad Gregory, Sheriff Andy Hester, Raymond Poore, Mark Robinson, Bill Tompkins and Dustin Beaty.

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

Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation.

Mr. Lester Green presented the annual forestry report.

Commissioners discussed appointment of Chairman for 2020.

Commissioners discussed appointment of Vice-Chairman for 2020.

Commissioners discussed re-appointment of County Clerk.

Commissioners discussed re-appointment of County Attorney.

Commissioners discussed setting qualifying fees for 2020 Elections.

Commissioners discussed bid for a new ambulance for Turner County EMS.

Commissioners discussed Turner County Title VI Plan for FTA Compliance for 5311 Transit Program.

Commissioners discussed CDBG Disaster Mitigation Grant.

Commissioners discussed Annexation of lot 039A 002 into the City of Sycamore requested by property owner Rashid Sandhu.

Commissioners recognized Mrs. Lynn Davis for being selected as the Southern Region Winner of the National Association of Extension 4-H agent. Mrs. Davis worked with three focus groups to promote literacy campaign centered on the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Commissioners also recognized Mrs. Sandra Spradley for receiving a national award from the National Association of Extension 4-H agents for her educational outreach program known as MYPI (My Preparedness) for teens.

Commissioners discussed bids for service truck at Road Department.

Commissioners discussed bids for renovating property at 228 East College Avenue to rent to CASA.

Commissioners discussed increase in base compensation for County Commissioners, to include increase in supplement increase for BOC Chairman, effective January 01, 2021.

Work Session ended at 6:35 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to take a 5-minute break before going in "New Business", motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Hall voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to appoint Commissioner Burgess as Chairman for 2020, motion did not pass. Commissioners Burgess and Hall opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Hall to appoint Commissioner Hall as Chairman for 2020, motion did not pass. Commissioners Calhoun and Denham opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Hall to appoint Commissioner Denham as Chairman for 2020, motion passed with Commissioners Calhoun, Denham and Hall voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Burgess opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Denham to appoint Commissioner Hall as Vice-Chairman for 2020, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Hall, and Denham.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Hall to reappoint, Latrice Wilson, as County Clerk, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Hall voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to reappoint, John Holland, as County Attorney, motion passed with Commissioner Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Hall voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to adopt the agenda as printed, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Hall voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Denham to approve financial information for November 2019 as presented, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Hall voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve minutes of previous meeting as printed, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Hall voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Hall to adopt Resolution # 2020-01-01 to set and publish qualification fees for the County Offices for the 2020 Elections as follows: Sheriff \$ 1407.54, Clerk of Superior Court \$1229.03, Tax Commissioner \$1229.03, Probate Court \$1229.03, Chief Magistrate Court \$1229.03, Coroner \$343.26, State Court Judge \$1772.76, State Court Solicitor \$ 1685.80, County Commissioner \$180.00 and Board of Education Member \$90.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign resolution on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Hall voting in favor of the motion.

Motion Commissioner Calhoun seconded Commissioner Burgess to accept bid from Custom Truck & Body Works in the amount of \$ 175,883.00 for a new ambulance for Turner County EMS. USDA Funds will be used to help fund this project. Motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Hall voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve Title VI Plan for Turner County to meet the requirements of the FTA guidelines to operate Turner County Transit Program, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Hall voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve the CDBG Disaster Mitigation grant and authorize County Manager and EMA Director to complete Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign grant application on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Hall voting in favor of the motion.

No action required from the board regarding annexation of lot 039A 002 into City of Sycamore requested by property owner Rashid Sandhu.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Hall to accept bid from Southland Ford in the amount of \$26,682.00 for a new service truck for Turner County Road Department, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Hall voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to table item # 12 “Consider bids for renovating property at 228 East College Avenue to rent to CASA” to get more information on lead abatement, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Hall voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve increase in base compensation for County Commissioners, to include increase in supplement increase for BOC Chairman, effective January 01, 2021, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Hall voting in favor of the motion.

County Manager Comments: There were none.

Public Comments: There were none.

There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Nick Denham, Chairman

Attest: _____

Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk