

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the regular board meeting with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon present. Staff present was Latrice Wilson, County Clerk. Others present were Mr. Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Janet Winter, Elections Superintendent, Dustin Land, Chief Deputy Charles Deans, Sheriff Andy Hester, Dustin Beaty, Public Works Director, Jimmy Wynn, Chuck Martenn, Mayor Wayne Woodruff, Councilman Fred Ester, Tony Land, Lea Land, Inv. Jeanie Reckley, Ben McCurdy, Mr. & Mrs. Whitehead, and others.

Madam Chair Whiddon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation.

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

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Denham to approve the minutes of previous meeting for the month of April 2022, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, and Weaver voting favor of the motion.

Public Comment (Concerning Agenda Items). There were no public comments.

Speaker(s):

Mr. Dustin Land spoke to the board about budgeting and spending at the Sheriff's Office.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Denham to approve the date of May 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. as the date to start the process for LOST negotiation and authorize the Chairman to sign letters on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, and Weaver voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to accept the proposal for new software program with Edmunds Gov Tech in the amount of \$65,245.00 effective fiscal year 2022/2023 budget, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, and Weaver voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to reappoint Ms. Juretha McMillian to the Aging Advisory Council to serve a term of three (3) years for Turner County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, and Weaver voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve Executive Session Minutes for Tuesday, April 12, 2022, and Tuesday, April 26, 2022, as printed, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, and Weaver voting in favor of the motion.

County Manager Comments: School Board will revisit proposal for Recreation later.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to allow Sheriff Andy Hester to speak on the agenda, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, and Weaver voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Whiddon opposed the motion.

Sheriff Andy Hester spoke stating his rebuttal against Mr. Dustin Land comments.

Mr. Dustin Land spoke again about the Sheriff's spending and budgeting.

Sheriff Andy Hester spoke again regarding Mr. Dustin Land comments.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to go into Executive Session at 6:21 p.m. for personnel, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, and Weaver voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to return to the regular meeting at 6:33 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, and Weaver voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Burgess to appoint Hall Booth Smith as legal counsel for Turner County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, and Weaver voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Whiddon opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Dana L. Whiddon, Madam Chair

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk