

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the monthly Board Meeting with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon present. Staff present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and Mr. Hank Pittman, Attorney. Others present were Mr. Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Janet Winter, Elections Superintendent, Mrs. Lea Land, Mrs. Judy Whitehead, Mayor Wayne Woodruff, Mrs. June Johnston, Mark Robinson, Fire Chief/EMA Director, Mr. Tony Land, Robby Royal, EMS Director, Mr. Jim Whiddon, Magistrate Judge, Blake Christian, Mr. Chuck Martenn, Bill Tompkins, Dustin Beaty, Public Works, Chief Deputy Charles Dean, Sheriff Andy Hester, Clifford Jordan, Recreation, Mr. Dustin Land, and others.

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

Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve Financial Information for February 2022 and March 2022 as presented, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve minutes of previous meetings (May 2022) as printed, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments (Concerning Agenda Items): None

Mr. David Irwin, Mauldin & Jenkins, gave an update on the County's FY 2021 Audit Report.

Sheriff Andy Hester spoke to the Board about adding additional staff and traffic units to bring in more revenue for the County.

Old Business: None

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to accept bid from Reeves Construction Company in the amount of \$481,708.34 for resurfacing improvements to Roby Reeves and Warwick Hwy only and authorize the Chair to sign agreement on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Weaver, and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Denham opposed the motion.

Motion Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve the Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement for FY 2022-2023 in the amount of \$80,977.24 and authorize the Chair to sign agreement on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver, and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve board appointment for Robby Royal, EMS Director, to represent Turner County on the Southwest Georgia Region 8 EMS Council and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve medical insurance coverage with Cigna for FY 2022-2023, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion. Commissioners Denham and Weaver opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to amend Turner County Holiday Schedule to add Juneteenth Holiday, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Calhoun opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve paying invoice from MCR Elevator Repair, Inc. for repairs at the Courthouse in the amount of \$24,250.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign agreement on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve Resolution # 2022-06-01 for budget amendments to amend FY 2021-2022 budget in the amount of \$525,870.20, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to accept bid from AEST Fire & Safety for turn out gear for Turner County Fire Department in the amount of \$87,969.54, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to change the July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Board Meeting to combine with June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Work Session Meeting, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Commissioner considered approving a Budget Plan/Strategy for FY 2022-2023 Budgets. No action taken on this item. Commissioner Calhoun suggested the Board just meet and go through each budget. The next budget meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

County Manager Comments: None

County Attorney Comments: Mr. Hank Pittman thanked the Board for appointing their firm.

Public Comments: None

Additional comments from the Madam Chair Whiddon:

- 1) Solid Waste Fund – contract ends February 2023- come up with plan on how to proceed and Public Hearing on FY 2022-2023 Budget – June 16, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

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Dana L. Whiddon, Madam Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk

