

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center with Commissioner Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon present. Staff present were Joseph Saxon, County Manager and Latrice Wilson, County Clerk. Others present were Sheriff Andy Hester, Melissa Reed, Chief Tax Appraiser, Dustin Land, Public Works Director, Janet Winter, Election Superintendent, Dustin Land, Attorney, Ashley Miller, Chamber of Commerce, Director, Many Cole, Charles Dean, Chief Deputy, Marvin Wynn, Donna Wynn, Jim Lumpkin, Coroner, Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Mark Robinson, Fire Chief, Robby Royal, EMS Director, City of Sycamore Mayor, Council and Staff, Chuck Martenn, Shannon Stephens, Recreation Director, Cheryl Denham, Attorney Lester Castellow, and others.

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

Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Appraiser, Melissa Reed, gave a review/update of the Assessor's Office.

Recreation Director, Shannon Stephens, gave an update on activities and events at the Rec. Department.

Public Works Director, Dustin Beaty, gave an update on new software program for Public Works and the citizens of Turner County.

Dustin Land, County Attorney for City of Sycamore, spoke to the Board about issues with the City of Sycamore and the County.

Public Works Director spoke about the pole barn purchase. Mr. Beaty recommended that funds be reallocated back to T-SPLOST until the price of metal go down.

Commissioners discussed suggested names for board appointment to Board of Assessors.

Commissioners discussed selection of County Attorney.

Commissioners discussed opting out of ABM ECM/M&C contract for compliance reasons. Total cost to County for life of contract (14 years at 4% increase) is over \$182,000 and current payment of \$8,343.

Commissioners discussed county facilities ABM/ECM compliance for board to determine requisites for other buildings.

Commissioners discussed timeline for LOST, due by December 2022 and possible retention of LOST negotiator for County.

Commissioners discussed leadership/team goals and objectives meeting for 2022 with facilitators from with ACCG or CVIOG.

Commissioners discussed proposed Holiday Dates for 2022.

Commissioners discussed request from Historical Preservation Committee to have County pay for electric bills for Old Jail.

County Manager, Joseph Saxon, gave an update on the followings:

- (1) Sheriff's Office salaries increases.
- (2) Budget Review February.
- (3) ACCG Annual Conference Attendance-Savannah.
- (4) Software/Sanitation Billing/Financial Reporting updates.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to go into closed session to discuss personnel at 6:46 p.m., 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 return to the regular meeting at 7:15, motion passed by Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

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Dana L. Whiddon, Madam Chair

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

Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk