

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the monthly Work Session Meeting with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver, and Whiddon present. Staff present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and Brent Hyde, County Attorney. Others present were Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmers, Robby Royal, EMS Director, Dustin Beaty, Public Works Director, Richard Golden, Sheriff Andy Hester, Mandy Cole, Taylor, Janet Winter, Elections Superintendent, Jimmy Whiddon, Clifford Jordan, Recreation Director, Ranee Jordan, Rhonda Walker, and Zetta Daniels-Terry.

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

Clifford Jordan, Parks and Recreation Director, gave the board an update on activities at the Rec Department.

Janet Winter, Elections Superintendent, gave the board an update on Early voting turn-out and future election dates.

Commissioners discussed TIA Resolution authorizing Turner County to initiate the process to continue the one cent sales tax in our region before projected date of 2028.

Commissioners discussed bids for Solid Waste Transportation and Disposal Services for Turner County.

Commissioners discussed current trash billing and collections issues.

Commissioners discussed reappointment of Keith Massey to the TCDA Board, term ending December 31, 2022.

Commissioners discussed Cryptocurrency and Data Mining Resolution for Turner County. Commissioners agreed not to move forward with the Resolution but not to allow cryptocurrency in Turner County.

Commissioners discussed Executive Session Minutes for Tuesday, August 2, 2022, Thursday, August 4, 2022, Tuesday, September 6, 2022, Tuesday, September 13, 2022, and Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

County Manager Comments: Commissioner Denham stated he will discuss Flash Food Road at the next meeting.

County Attorney Comments: None

Public Comments: Sheriff Hester spoke as a citizen on the trash billing issue.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to go into closed session to discuss personnel and real estate at 6:31 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to end the closed session and return to the regular meeting at 7:03 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Burgess to hire Mr. John Greene as the County Manager for Turner County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion. Commissioners Calhoun and Commissioner Denham opposed the motion. Commissioner Denham stated he does not have anything personal against Mr. Greene, he just does not think we need a County Manager for that amount of money. Commissioner Calhoun agreed with him.

Madam Chair Whiddon adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Dana L. Whiddon, Madam Chair

Attest: _____

Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk