

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for a Called SPLOST Meeting with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver (via telephone) and Whiddon present. Staff present was Latrice Wilson, County Clerk. Others present were Ashley Miller, Chamber Director, Janet Winter, Elections Superintendent, Mayor Gary Walker, Sheriff Andy Hester, Dustin Beaty, Public Works Director, Cliff Jordan, Recreation Director, Mrs. Sandy Hester, Mrs. Christie, Mayor Wayne Woodruff and others.

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

Mayor Gary Walker gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Burgess to amend the agenda to add LMIG Project List, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Weaver voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Whiddon opposed the motion.

Public Comments: None

Commissioners discussed SPLOST Projects and percentages for Turner County and the Cities.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to approve SPLOST distribution as follows: City of Ashburn 37%, City of Rebecca 5%, City of Sycamore 7%, Library 2%, and Turner County 49% which includes adding Recreation to rolling stock and adding Recreation to construction under Turner County Projects, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Denham opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Denham to approve 2024 LMIG Project List for widening, leveling and resurfacing of Denham Road beginning at the Irwin/Turner County Line and ending west of County Line Road, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments:

Sheriff Andy Hester spoke stating the Sheriff Office has received a 25,000.00 grant without any matching funds.

Mayor Gary Walker spoke stating his concerns about the population in Turner County.

Councilman Whittle spoke stating his concerns about selling land to foreigners.

Mayor Woodruff spoke stating his concerns about Sycamore's Splost percentage. He stated Sycamore is requesting 10% but will take 9%.

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

Brad Calhoun, Chairman

Attest: _____

Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk