

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe E. Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham, and Dana L. Whiddon present. Staff present were Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk and J. Edward Shipp, County Attorney. Others present were Dustin Beaty, Janet Winter, Penny Thomas, Regina Singletary, Sheriff Andy Hester, Charles Dean, Jeanie Reckley, Blake Christian, Jim Lumpkin, Ashley Miller, Sami Mastrario, Mary Lee Green, Jeanie Reckley, Jessica James, Jonathan Perry, Patrick Warren, Robby Royal, Christy Casimiro, Edyth Washington and Tangie Mckinnley.

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

Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Joe Burgess to add dump trucks for Public Works and approve the agenda as presented, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Joe Burgess seconded by Commissioner Denham to approve financial information for January 2025 and February 2025 as presented, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Denham to approve minutes of previous meeting as printed, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments (Concerning agenda items): None

Motion by Commissioner James Burgess seconded by Commissioner Denham to approve health insurance for Turner County's employees with Aetna for FY 2025-2026 and the County will absorb the cost of the increase, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve board appointment for Ms. Janet Winter as the Election Supervisor/Chief Registrar for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2029, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Joe Burgess seconded by Commissioner Denham to accept bid for resurfacing the road at Turner County Public Works in the amount of \$ 33,750.00, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to transfer ownership of a weather siren located at the intersection of West Willis Street and North Mattie Street to the City of Sycamore, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner James Burgess to approve a stipend of \$50.00 a month or a county provided cellphone to department heads contingent upon department heads signing a phone use agreement with Turner County, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion. Commissioners Calhoun and Denham opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to add FLOST to a referendum on the November 2025 Ballot, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to approve Executive Session Minutes for Tuesday, May 6th, 2025, and Tuesday, May 27, 2025, as printed, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Joe Burgess seconded by Commissioner Denham to approve purchase of dump trucks for Turner County Public Works, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Updates:

- Training – Summer Session Callaway Resort – July 24-25, 2025.
- Upcoming Holidays – Juneteenth and July 4th.
- Budget Public Hearing – June 16, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

Budget Discussion:

1. Chairman James Burgess presented a budget proposal for FY 2025-2026 Budgets.
2. Comments were received by Department Heads/Elected Officials/Staff.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Commissioner James Burgess seconded by Commissioner Whiddon to go into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. to discuss personnel, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to return to the regular meeting at 7:42 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to combine July 1st, 2025, Board Meeting with the July 29th, 2025, Work Session Meeting, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

James Burgess, Chairman

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk