

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 5th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for a Combined Called “advertised” and Monthly Board Meeting with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe E. Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham, and Dana L. Whiddon present. Staff present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and J. Edward Shipp, County Attorney. Others present were Ben Baker, the Wiregrass Farmer, Regina Singletary, Sheriff Andy Hester, Howard Jordan, Robby Royal, Janet Winter, Clifford Jordan, Dustin Beaty, Bruce Burgess, Jim Lumpkin, and others.

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 Joe Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to adopt the agenda as printed, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Joe Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve Financial Information for March 2025, April 2025 and May 2025 as presented, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Joe Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve Minutes of Previous Meetings for June 3rd, 2025, June 16th, 2025, June 24th, 2025, and July 29th, 2025, as printed, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments (concerning agenda items): None

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Denham to adopt Resolution #2025-08-01 for fiscal year 2025-2026 Budgets as follows: General Fund - \$12,179,800.00; E-911 Special Revenue Fund- \$677,114.00; Drug Education Special Revenue Fund - \$22,000.00; Hotel/Motel Tax Special Revenue Fund - \$1,000.00; Sheriff's Drug Enforcement Special Revenue Fund - \$30,020.00; Real Estate Deed Index Special Revenue Fund - \$10,030.00; Victims Assistance Special Revenue Fund - \$190,200.00; Jail Special Revenue Fund - \$536,000.00; Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Fund (2024-2030) - \$1,083,333.00; Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Special Revenue Fund - \$488,400.00, Law Library Special Revenue Fund-\$1,000.00, and Transportation Special Local Option Sales Tax Fund - \$825,000.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign resolution on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, and Nick Denham voting in favor of the motion. Commissioners James Burgess and Dana L. Whiddon opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to appoint Commissioner Denham as Interim County Manager until the position is filled, motion passed with Commissioners Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, and Nick Denham voting in favor of the motion. Commissioners James Burgess and Dana L. Whiddon opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve FLOST to be added to the November 2025 Election's Ballot, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Denham to approve quote in the amount of \$2,990.00 for an audio system for the BOC meeting room, motion passed with

Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Burgess to accept bid from MCA for camera system at State Court in the amount of \$8,817.00, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Joe Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to assign Tim Wiggins, Building Maintenance, to do the repair work at the Elections Building, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Joe Burgess to support repair work for driveway at the Elections Building, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Joe Burgess seconded by Commissioner Denham to approve quote from Reynolds-Warrant Equipment Co. in the amount of \$312,709.32 for a 50" Ninja Rotary Mower for Public Work, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Joe Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve department heads to turn in unused telephones in their office to help save on the monthly cost, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Joe Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve Executive Session Minutes for the following: (1) Tuesday, June 3, 2025, (2) Tuesday, June 24, 2025, (3) Tuesday, June 29, 2025 as printed, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Comments:

Chairman James Burgess reminded the board about the SDS for Turner County,

Public Comments: Sheriff Andy Hester spoke stating he wanted to give an update on information that was in the paper.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner James Hall to go into Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. to discuss litigation, personnel, and real estate, motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Calhoun seconded by Commissioner Joes Burgess to end the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting at 6:59 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners James Burgess, Joe Burgess, Brad Calhoun, Nick Denham and Dana L. Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Vice Chairman Brad Calhoun

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk