

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 6:00p.m. at the Turner County Agricultural Center for the Monthly Board Meeting with Commissioners Joe Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon present. Staff present were Latrice Wilson, County Clerk and J. Shipp, County Attorney. Others present were Ben Baker, Editor of the Wiregrass Farmer, Jonathan Perry, Blake Christian, Ester Greene, Dustin Beaty, Sheriff Andy Hester, Marquita Hudson, Shameka Tilley, Sarah Cook, Sami Mastrario, Robby Royal, Mandi Cole, Brad Christian, Ashley Miller, Mayor Gary Walker, Janet Winter, Bruce Burgess, James Burgess and Edyth Washington.

Vice Chairman Brad Calhoun called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Burgess to go into Executive Session at 5:57 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Burgess to end the Executive Session for personnel, litigation, real estate and return to the regular meeting at 6:07 p.m., motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Ben Baker gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun adopt the agenda and to add the Rotation of Chairman, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Whiddon accepted the Chair position for the remainder of FY 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve financial information as presented, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to approve minutes of previous meeting for August 5, 2025, and August 26, 2025, as printed, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: (concerning agenda items): None

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to approve Resolution #2025-09-01 authorizing the filing of an application with the Department of Transportation, United States of America, and Georgia Department of Transportation, for a grant under Title 19 U.S.C., Section 5311, and authorize the Chair to sign the resolution on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to approve the Safety Discount Program for FY 2025-2026 qualifying the County for safety discounts on workers compensation and general liability insurance premiums and authorize the Chair to sign safety

verification forms on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to approve the board appointment for Ms. Juretha McMillian to the Regional Advisory Council for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for Turner County.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Burgess to approve letter of representation and public adjuster contract between Turner County and Nobul, LLC and authorize the Chair to sign letter of representation on behalf of the County.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to adopt Resolution #2025-09-02 regarding the vacation of District 2 seat of Turner County Board of Commissioner and authorize the Chair to sign resolution on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioner Burgess, Calhoun, Denham and Weaver voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Whiddon opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve to pay legal services for Commissioner Allen Weaver, motion passed with Commissioner Burgess, Calhoun, and Denham voting in favor. Commissioner Whiddon opposed the motion and Commissioner Weaver abstained from voting.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to adopt Budget Resolution #2025-09-03 to approve Budget Amendments for FY 2024-2025 and authorize the Chair to sign resolution on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to approve contract for construction of Airport between Georgia Department of Transportation and Turner County for apron and taxiway design and relocate precision path approach indicators (PAPIs) in the amount of \$137, 290.00 and authorize the Chair to sign contract on behalf of the County, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to approve changing office hours for Administrative Office and other County Offices from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., closing half of day on Fridays, advertising 30 days, change effective November 3, 2025, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Denham and Weaver voting in favor of the motion. Commissioners Calhoun and Whiddon opposed the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Burgess seconded by Commissioner Weaver to approve Executive Session Minutes for Tuesday, August 5, 2025, and Tuesday, August 26, 2025, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Chairman Comments: Mercer Update.

Public Comments: Commissioner Calhoun reminded Department Heads to turn in unused telephones in their office. Commissioner Calhoun also stated that the County is now a member of Georgia 811 which is a non-profit organization by Georgia Underground Facility Protection Act.

Motion by Commissioner Whiddon seconded by Commissioner Calhoun to go into Executive Session at 6:21 p.m. to discuss personnel, litigation and real estate, motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Denham seconded by Commissioner Weaver to end the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting at 6:32 p.m.; motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Calhoun, Denham, Weaver and Whiddon voting in favor of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Dana L. Whiddon, Chair

Attest: _____
Latrice L. Wilson, County Clerk